

Chinese Basic Strokes — Writing Practice

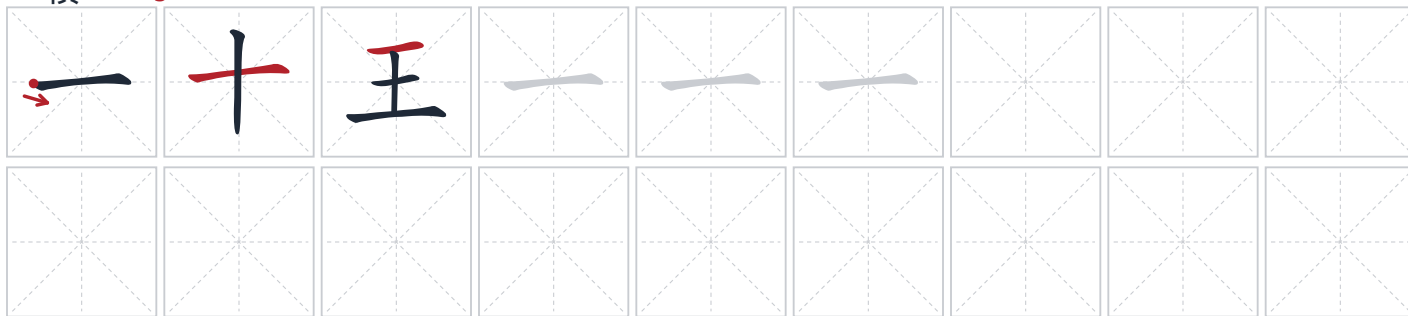
How to use this sheet: the first cell of each row shows the stroke inside its model character, with a red arrow marking where the pen goes down and in which direction it moves. The red-highlighted cells show the same stroke in other characters. Trace the grey strokes first, then write the stroke yourself in the empty cells. Write each stroke in one smooth motion — hooks and turns are part of the stroke, not separate strokes.

Part 1 · Basic strokes

The six single-motion strokes. GB classification folds 提 (tí) into 横 and 捺 (nà) into 点, but school teaching keeps them apart — they look and move differently.

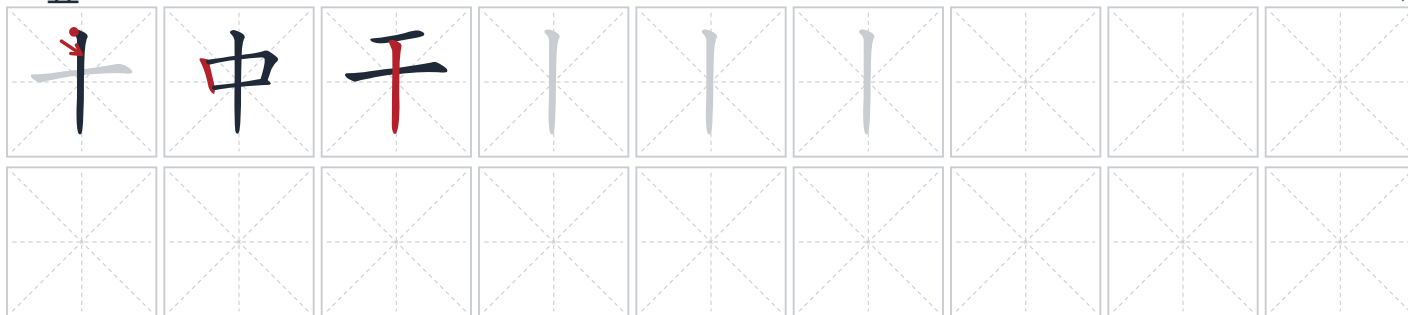
1. 横 héng · horizontal stroke

stroke 1 of 一



2. 竖 shù · vertical stroke

stroke 2 of 十



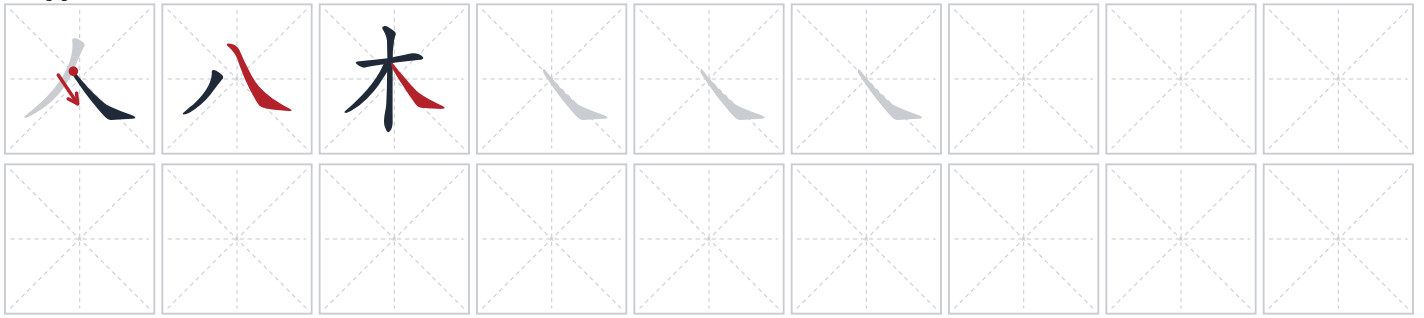
3. 撇 piě · left-falling stroke

stroke 1 of 人



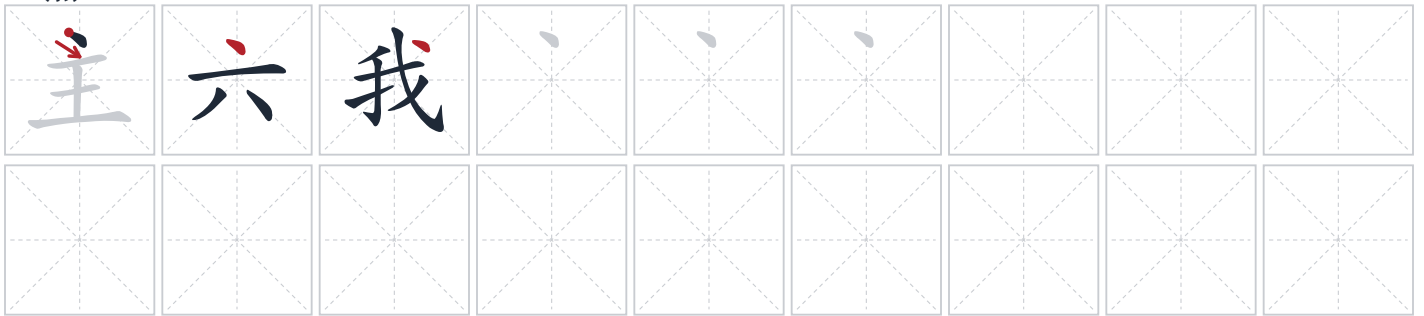
4. 捺 nà · right-falling stroke

stroke 2 of 人



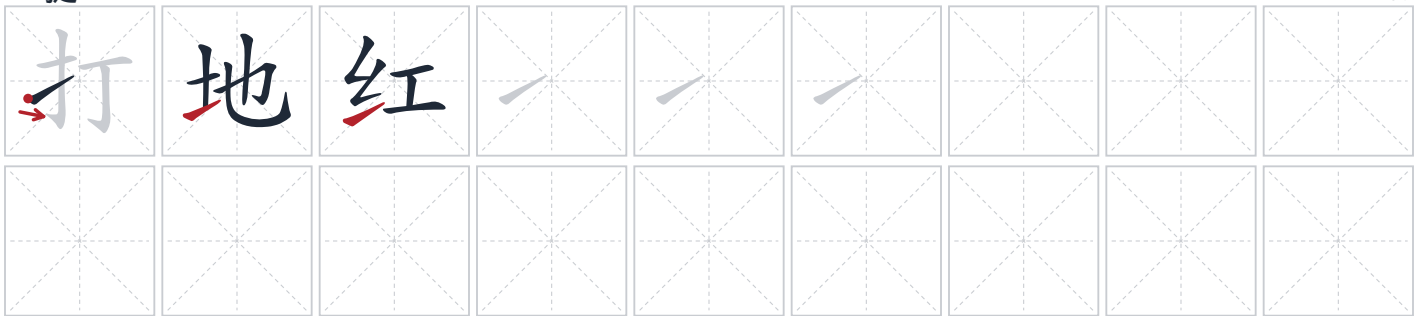
5. 点 diǎn · dot

stroke 1 of 主



6. 提 tí · rising stroke

stroke 3 of 打

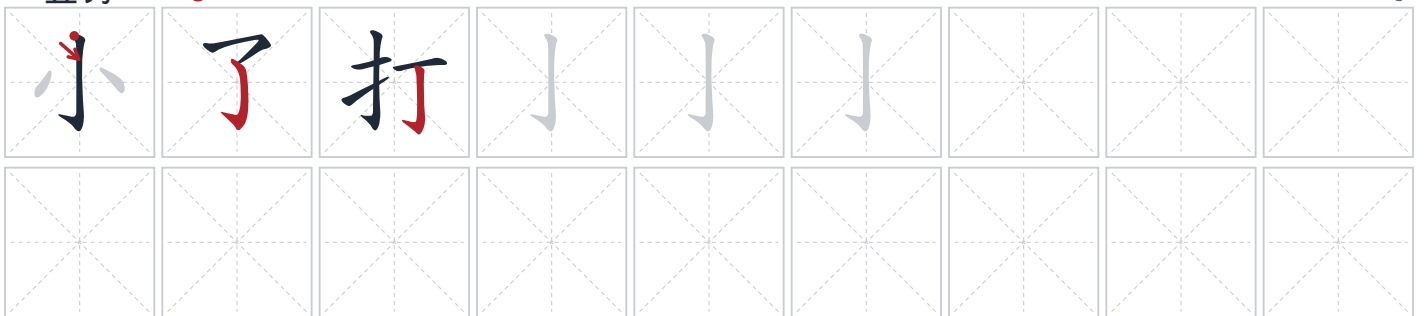


Part 2 · Strokes with hooks

A hook (钩) is a small flick at the end of another stroke — the only stroke part written with a snap of the wrist, never a separate stroke of its own.

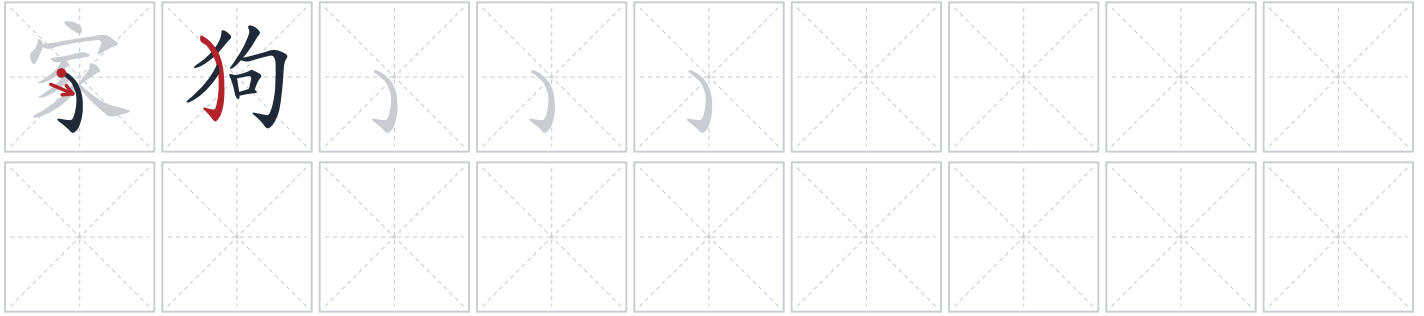
7. 竖钩 shù gōu · vertical hook

stroke 1 of 小



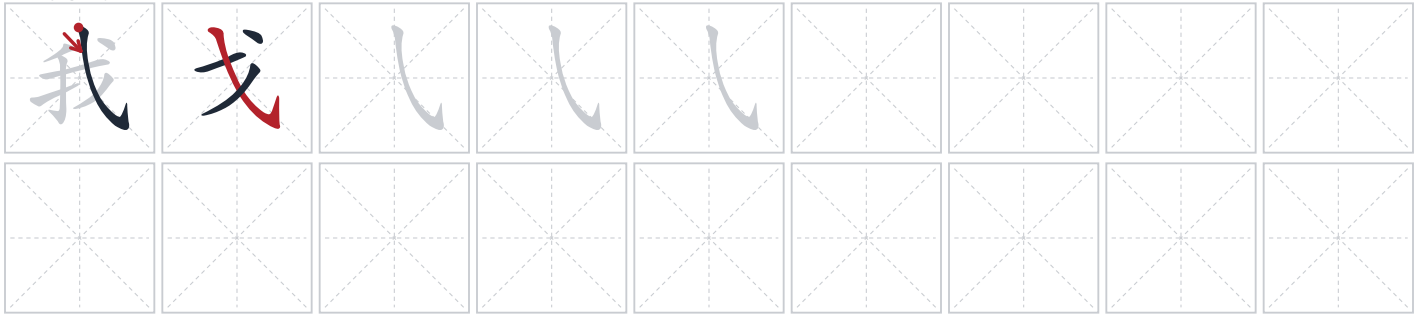
8. 弯钩 wān gōu · curving hook

stroke 6 of 家



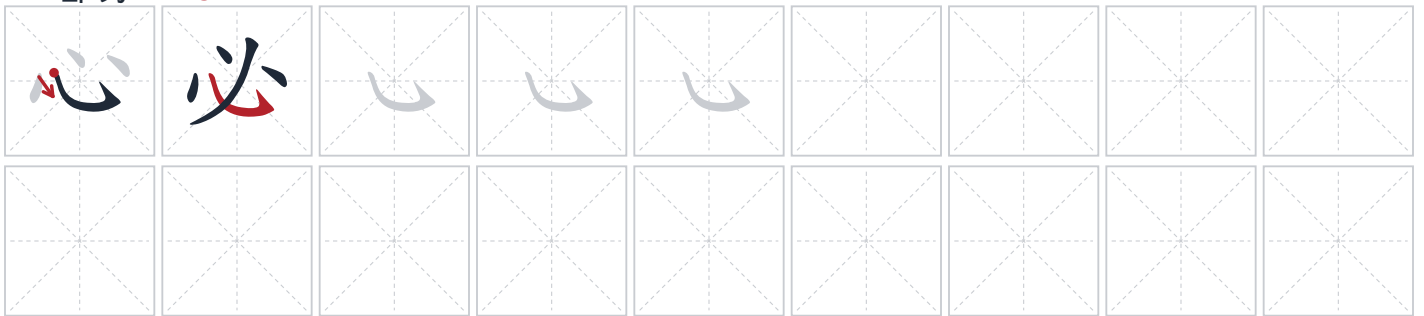
9. 斜钩 xié gōu · slanted hook

stroke 5 of 我



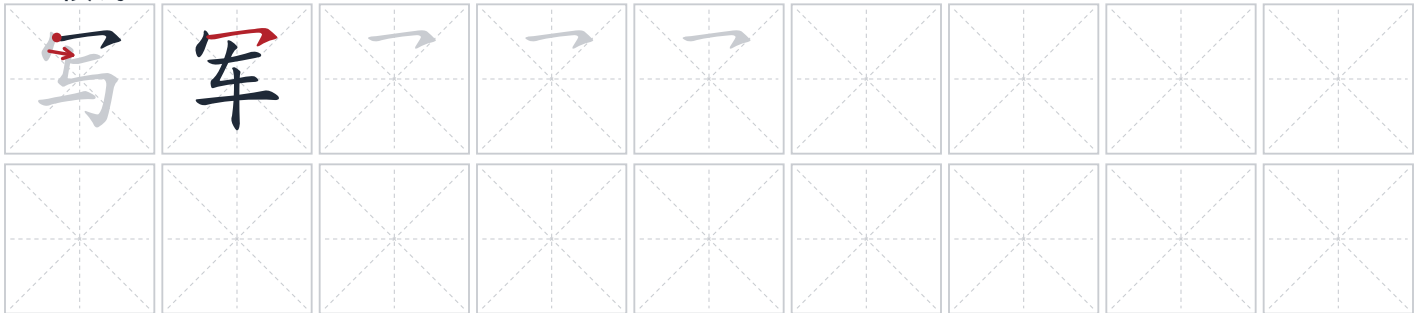
10. 卧钩 wò gōu · lying hook

stroke 2 of 心



11. 横钩 héng gōu · horizontal hook

stroke 2 of 写

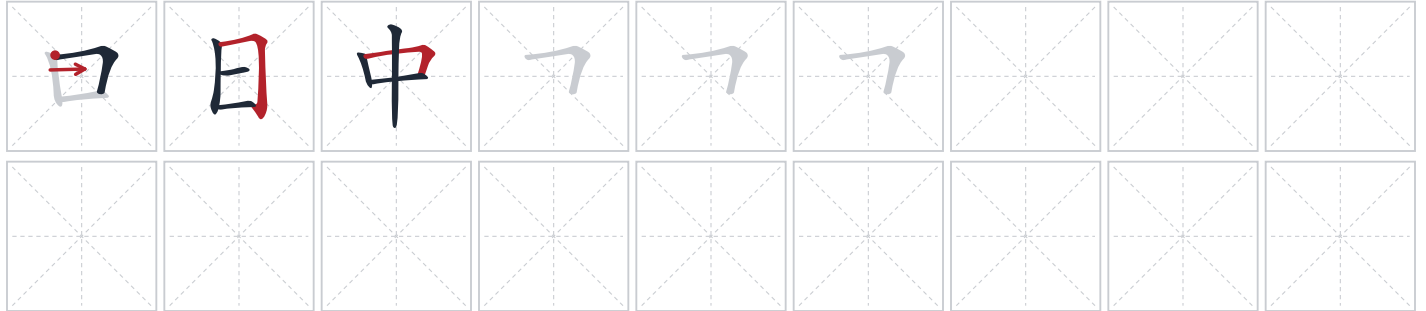


Part 3 · Turning strokes (折)

Compound strokes written in one motion with a change of direction. The turn is part of the stroke — the pen does not leave the paper.

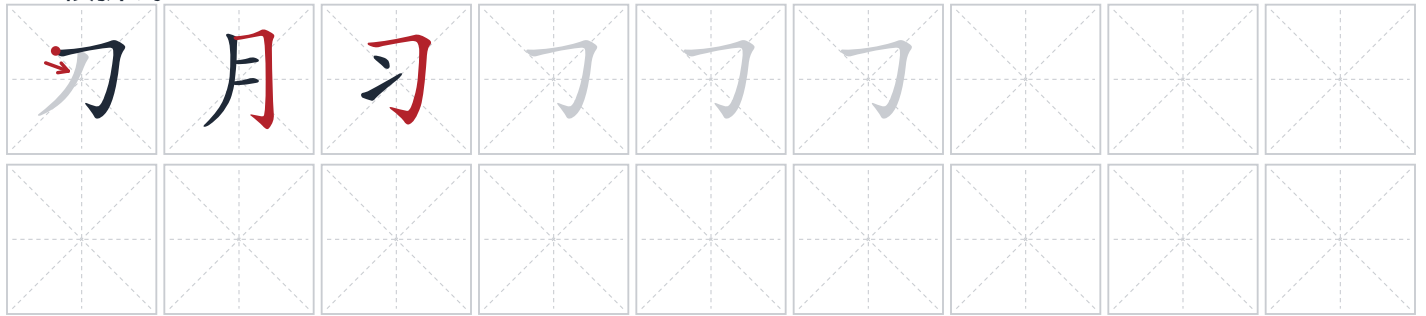
12. 横折 **héng zhé** · horizontal + vertical turn

stroke 2 of 口



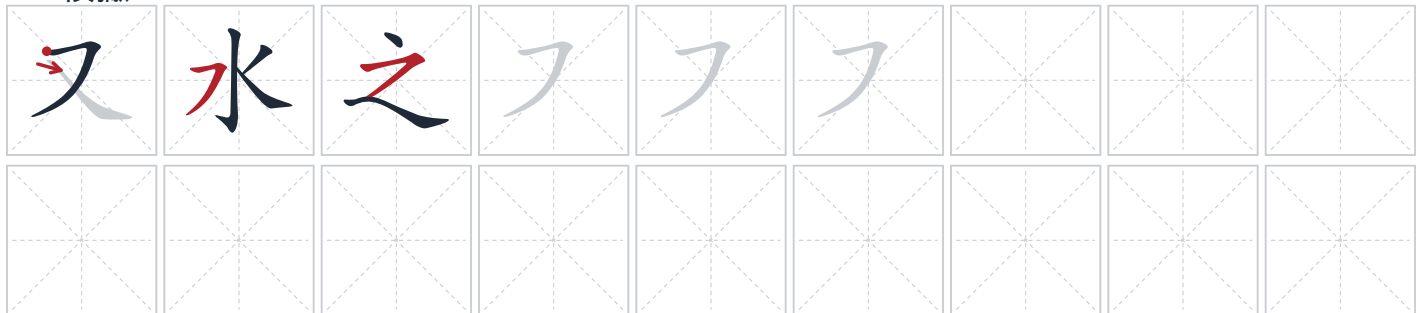
13. 横折钩 **héng zhé gōu** · horizontal turn + hook

stroke 1 of 刀



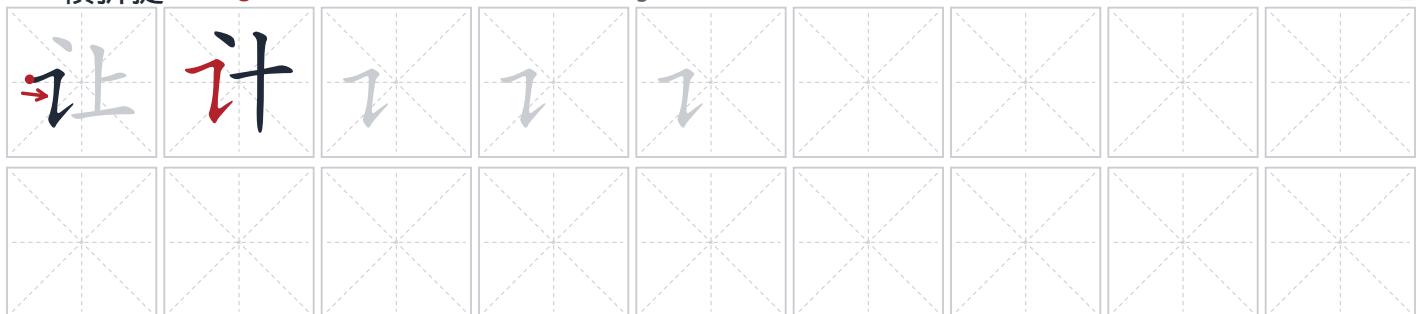
14. 横撇 **héng piě** · horizontal + left-falling

stroke 1 of 又



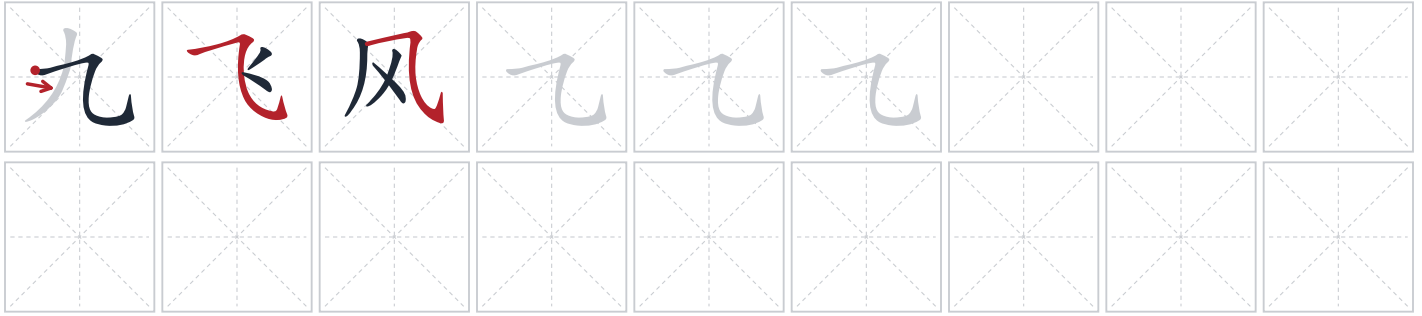
15. 横折提 **héng zhé tí** · horizontal turn + rising

stroke 2 of 让



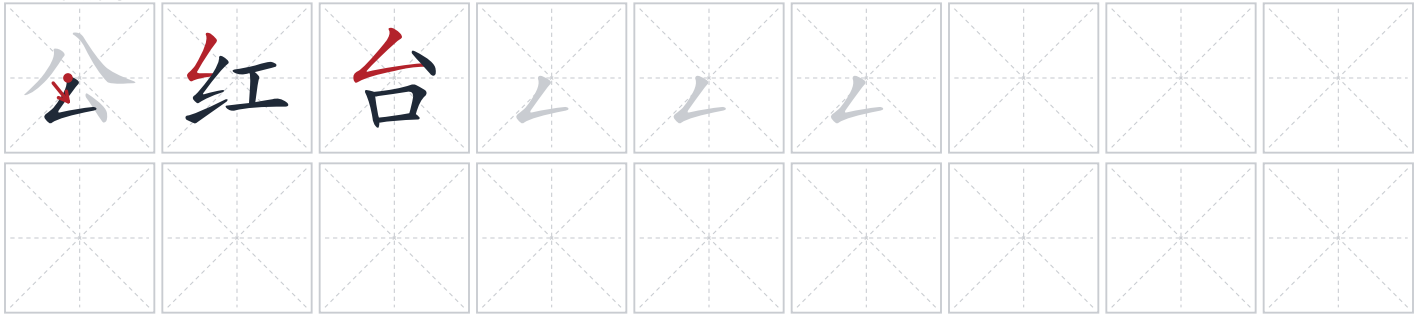
16. 横折弯钩 **héng zhé wān gōu** · horizontal turn + curve + hook

stroke 2 of 九



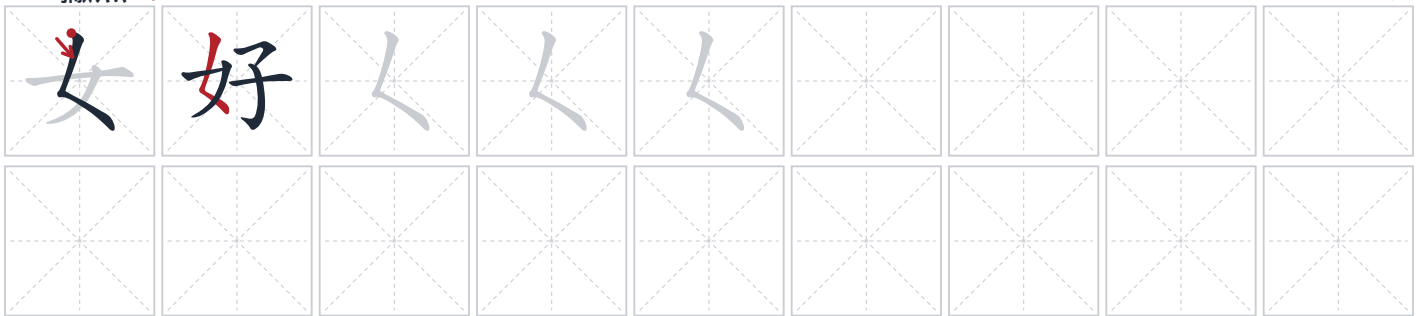
17. 撇折 **piě zhé** · left-falling + turn

stroke 3 of 公



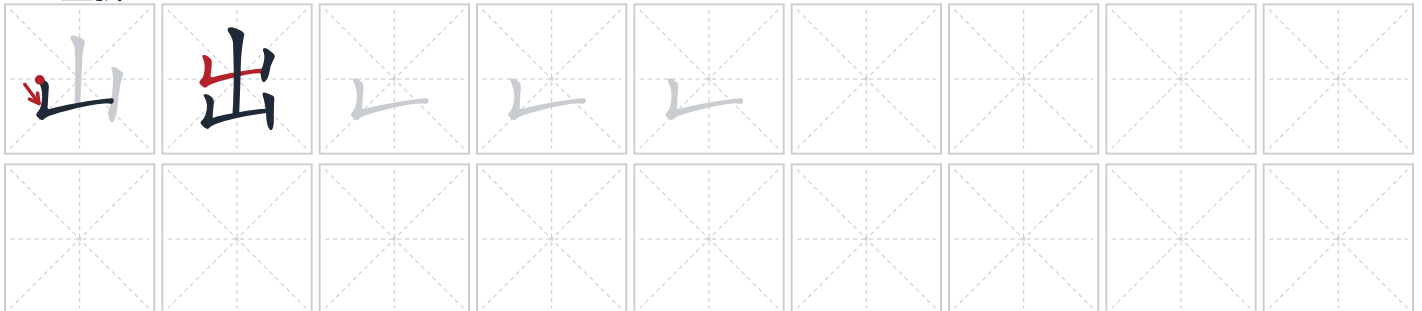
18. 撇点 **piě diǎn** · left-falling + dot

stroke 1 of 女



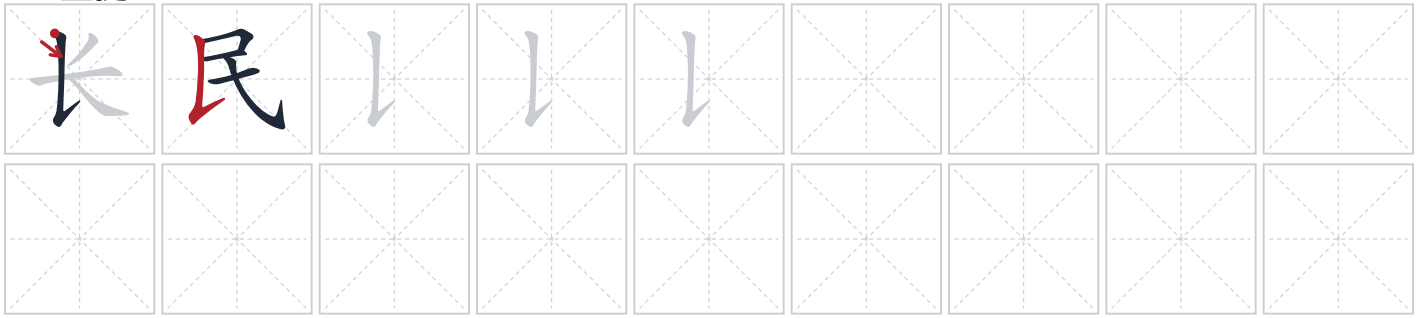
19. 竖折 **shù zhé** · vertical + horizontal turn

stroke 2 of 山



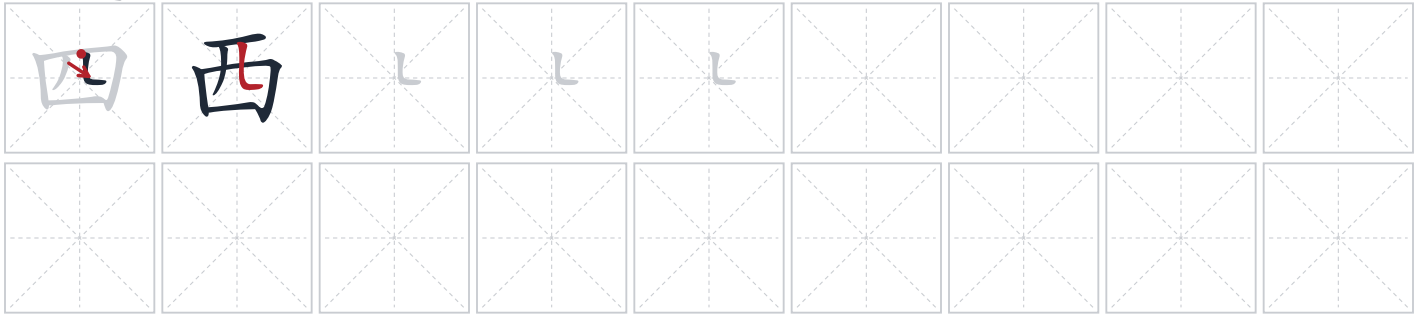
20. 竖提 shù tí · vertical + rising

stroke 3 of 长



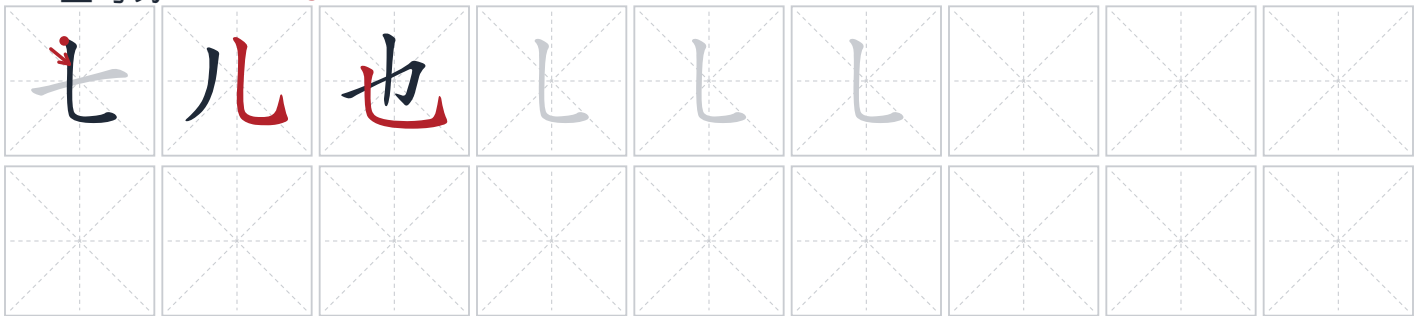
21. 竖弯 shù wān · vertical + curve

stroke 4 of 四



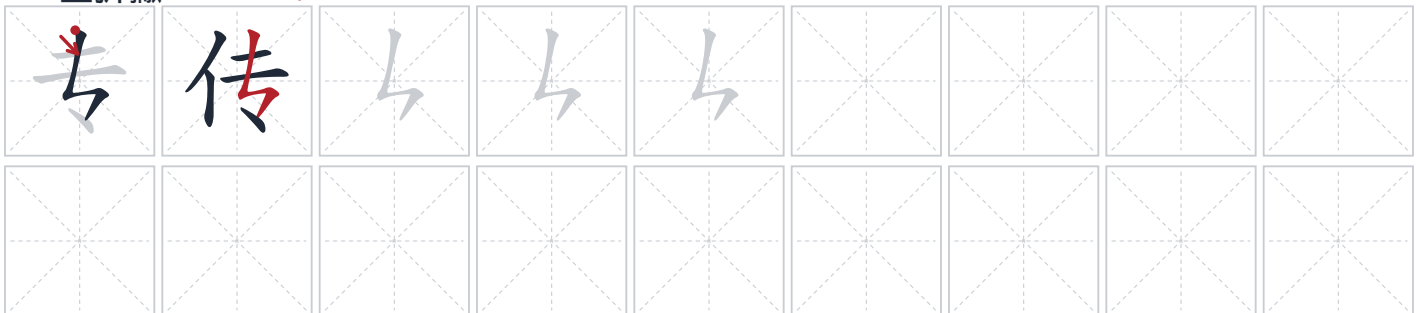
22. 竖弯钩 shù wān gōu · vertical + curve + hook

stroke 2 of 七



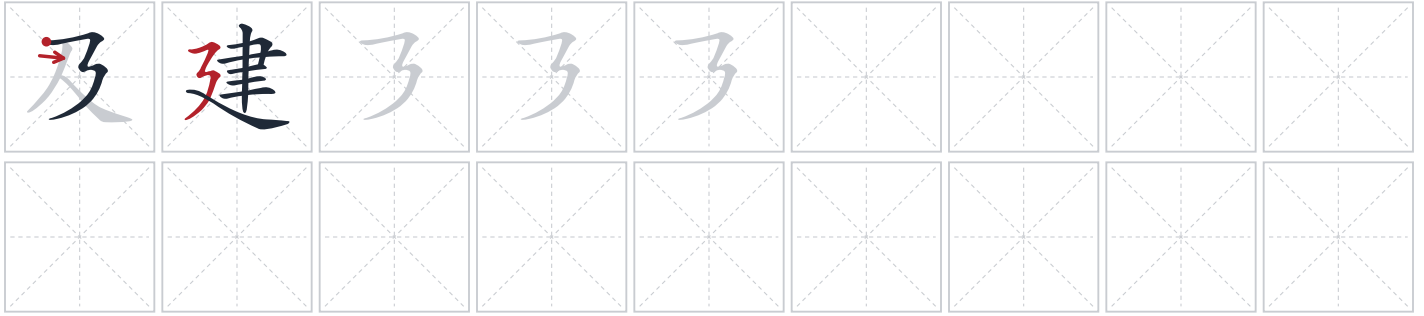
23. 竖折撇 shù zhé piě · vertical turn + left-falling

stroke 3 of 专



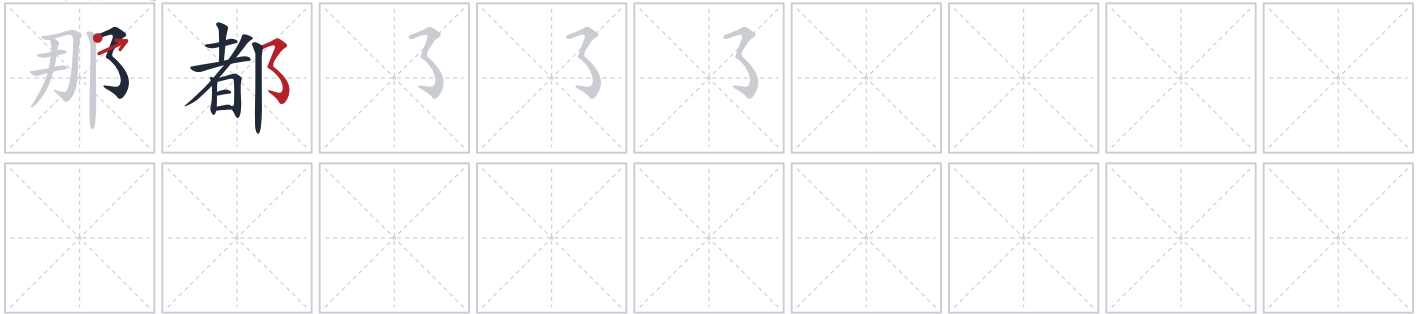
24. 横折折撇 **héng zhé zhé piě** · horizontal turn + turn + left-falling

stroke 2 of 及



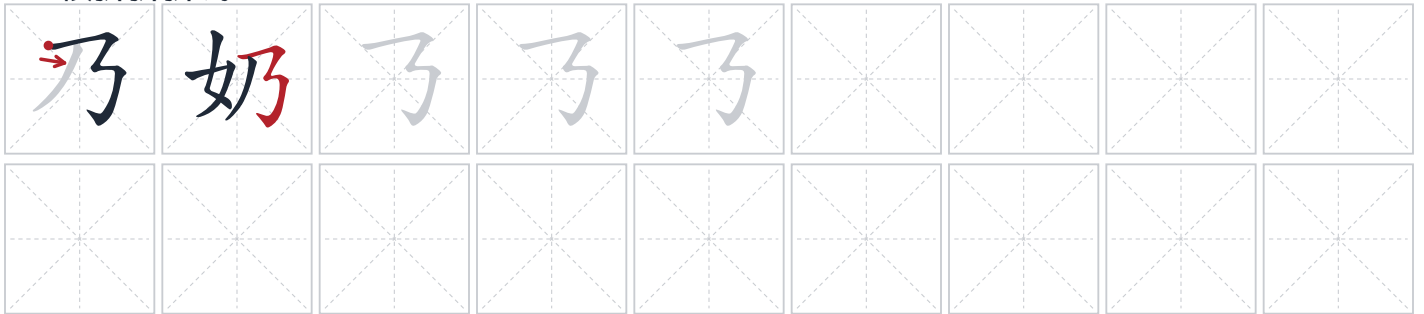
25. 横撇弯钩 **héng piě wān gōu** · horizontal + left-falling + hook

stroke 5 of 那



26. 横折折折钩 **héng zhé zhé zhé gōu** · horizontal turn + turn + turn + hook

stroke 1 of 乃



27. 竖折折钩 **shù zhé zhé gōu** · vertical turn + turn + hook

stroke 2 of 与

