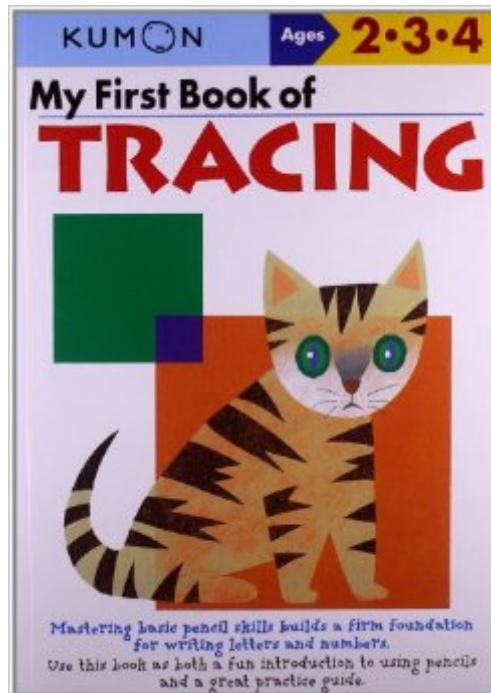


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# My First Book Of Tracing (Kumon Workbooks)



## Synopsis

This is the first Kumon Workbook in our series. Within, children have the opportunity to practice basic pencil-control skills. All the exercises include colorful, pleasing pictures that children will enjoy drawing. Children start by tracing straight vertical lines, and gradually move to drawing more challenging curved, zigzag, and diagonal lines. Through these exercises children will acquire the ability to use a pencil easily.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

I looked at many workbooks in the book store before settling on this one, and I'm glad I did! It starts out with basics - connecting pictures and drawing straight lines horizontally and vertically - using very cute, clear graphics. It then progresses to diagonal lines, curved lines, zig zags, more complex curves, lines that cross over each other, etc. In this way, it gradually builds writing skills in a way that is fun for children. I also love that the paper is thick and high quality, the colors are vibrant, and the accompanying pictures are detailed and well-done. My 3 year old son loves this workbook and asks to do it almost every day. I have a hard time keeping him to 2-3 pages each day - he'd sit and do the entire book if I let him! If I try to have him draw lines on paper, he loses interest quickly, but he loves drawing lines in this book to make a train get to the end of it's route or to show an ant how to get to his friend around several pieces of fruit. I can see a definite improvement in his pencil skills

as a result of this book. The only improvements I'd make is to have it bound with a spiral binding or to have the pages be designed to rip out. My son had trouble at first holding the book open and drawing at the same time. Other than that, the material itself was wonderful! I definitely recommend it!

Every day my 2 year old says, "Book, book." We sit down and I show him how to hold the pencil, I steady his hand and he pulls the pencil in the proper direction (90% of the time). It's exciting for both of us. The pictures are beautiful and he loves looking at them. Also the pages are very thick, which keeps them from being easily destroyed.

I recommend this book for anyone who would like to help their child develop pencil skills. Do not worry if your child does not immediately excel with this book, just remember all children develop differently and reach the point where they can follow instructions and do workbook skills at different times. Hold off for a while if needed and re-introduce once in a while until the child is ready. Once the child is ready - you will be surprised how interested in the book they become and how quickly their skills improve. I advise following the workbook instructions that you not let the child do more than 2 pages per session because if they are left wanting to do more they will eagerly come back to it the next time. I bought this book for my daughter when she was almost 3 but discovered she was not quite ready for it. She would follow the instructions sometimes, struggling to follow the paths, but many other times she was not interested in trying to follow the lines and would start scribbling on the pages, perhaps out of frustration that she was not quite ready for it. We continued to provide plain paper, coloring books, pens, pencils, markers, and crayons for her to work on her skills individually. Meanwhile we worked very slowly in the book only working in it every once in a while until recently (around 3 1/2 ) when her interest and ability clicked with the book and now it is her second favorite "project book". (See the Kumon cutting book for the favorite!) I am very happy with the progressive nature of the book and even though it took my child some time to work through the first half of the book, she is cruising along and we are only a couple of pages from the certificate of achievement at the end. I have the next books ready to go, Uppercase Letters, Number 1 - 30, and Mazes, and she was really excited when they were delivered. She can't wait to get her certificate and start in on the new ones.

I always start my children with this book when I am ready to begin homeschooling preschool. I start them at age 4. My son just finished this book and my daughter did this book at 4 as well. They loved

this book. By the end of this book they were more than ready to start learning to write their ABCs or 123s. The illustrations are very kid friendly and they loved the exciting "mazes" and other tracing practices. We did 3 pages (front and back) a day and they always wanted more. This is a great introduction to writing and pencil control. The book also works up from wide and easy space to trace in to more narrow and complex. It goes at a perfect pace for the young learner. Update 1/23/15: I still love this book. I have now bought and used it for everyone one of my 4 children over the years. It still remains the best book out there for teaching children to write.

I bought this workbook for my 4-year old boy with special needs. Now, we practice tracing with his index finger. Next, we'll move up to tracing with a small colored pencil. The only issue that I have with the workbook is that some pages have too many pictures on a page.

I have two kids at the ages of 4 and 2. It is easy to find activity books for my elder but not that easy for the younger. Because, no matter what the books say in terms of the target age, the activities are often too hard for toddlers to understand or perform. However this book, truly is a great activity book for 2 years onward. It has 80 pages of activities printed on high quality paper and most of them are doable by a 2 years old, of course with adult supervision and help. The activities focus on following a path with a pencil which help the kids develop fine motor skills. There are easy ones like following a straight or close to straight line or more challenging ones like following a path with turns, curves and spirals (but not as complicated as mazes in which you need to choose between alternative paths). I think 2-3 years olds would benefit the most from this book, anyone older may find it too easy. I am happy for the purchase

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