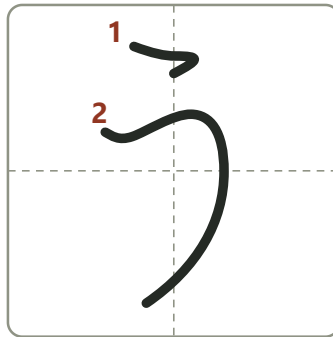
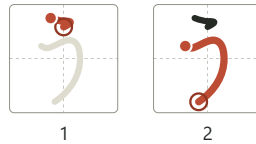


う · u

U in hiragana is う. Unlike ら, its second stroke has no line down the left.



Writing model



Write it, stroke by stroke.

1. Starts left of center, near the top; slants down right, then turns back.
2. Starts left, above the middle; rises right, curves round, sweeps left. — sweep (はらい)

Sources differ on how stroke 1 ends, so no ending is marked: copy the model.

Watch for: Stroke 1 is flat and stroke 2 turns at a sharp corner at the top, so う looks like ら, the katakana ra. **Fix:** Slant stroke 1 down to the right, and keep the top of stroke 2 a round curve, as in the model.

うえ · ue · above; on top

うみ · umi · sea; ocean

うち · uchi · home; house

Trace, copy, then cover the model and write from memory.

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