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Everyday Japanese, one walk at a time

Hiragana: the な row

なにぬねの



な na

Na-na-na!

Sounds like nah.

Na-na-na! A singer at a microphone: the cross is the microphone stand with its arm, the little stroke is a music note floating up, and the loop is the cable coiled on the floor.





に ni

Knitting!

Sounds like knee, but shorter.

Knitting! The tall stroke is a knitting needle, and the two short strokes are rows of knitting hanging from it.





ぬ nu

Noodles!

Sounds like the noo in noodles, but shorter.

Noodles! Lifted from the bowl with chopsticks: the curly strokes are the noodles, and the extra curl at the end is one noodle dangling.





ね ne

Net!

Sounds like the ne in net.

Net! A fishing net: the tall stroke is the pole, the loop is the net, and the little curl at the end is a fish flipping its tail.





の no

Piano!

Sounds like no, but shorter.

Piano! A grand piano seen from above: the loop is its curved body, and the stroke down the middle is the stick holding the lid open.



Writing practice: trace the grey letters, then write your own



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