How to Present Written Homework

Use standard US Letter paper (8.5" × 11") or a close approximation. Clearly print your name, the homework number, the recitation section number at the top of the first page. Staple your solution in the upper left corner. Do not use paper clips, tape, glue, etc. Do not try to keep pages together by folding or tearing. You will lose points for bad handwriting. If we can't decipher what you wrote, you will get no credit.

When grading your written homework, we will focus on the logic and presentation of your solution and on your final answer. A good solution should contain the following elements:

1. a statement of the problem (don't re-write the problem), saying "given: v,l, find: t" is enough if we all understand that v stands for velocity, l stands for length, and t for time.
2. a sketch (if appropriate; appropriate for the majority of problems with motion, forces, etc).
3. derivation of your symbolic answer, and the symbolic answer itself. This should be the relationship between the unknown quantity and known quantities from p.1.
4. your numerical answer with units