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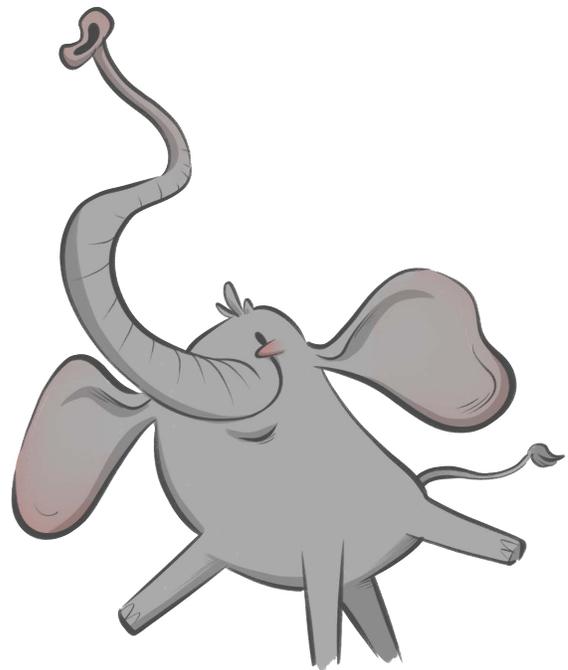
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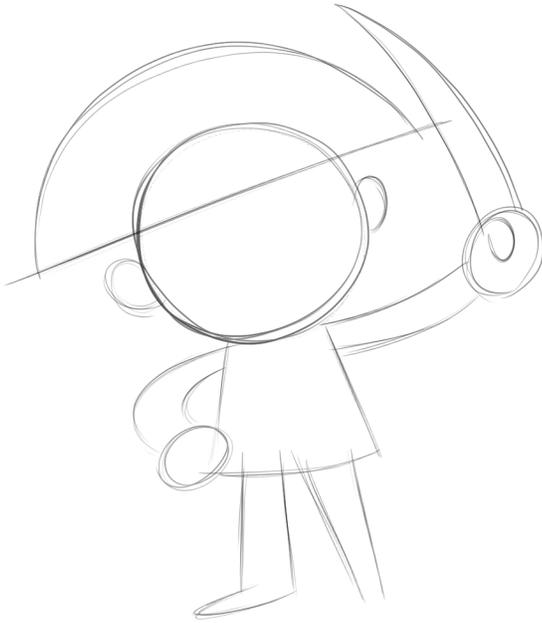


10 Tips for Cartooning

1. Draw so lightly that you can barely see the image, then slowly get darker.
2. Use simple shapes to work out the overall composition and get the pose right before adding any details.
3. The eraser is your friend. Make frequent use of it. (Also, buy a gum eraser).
4. Listen to that voice in the back of your head. If something doesn't feel right, redraw it.
5. There is no substitute for repetition. Draw the same things over and over. You'll learn something each time.
6. Keep a mechanical pencil for thin lines and a 4B (or similar thick and dark pencil) for thick lines.
7. Don't focus on individual lines. Rather, focus on the entire drawing, even as you're making each line.
8. Stay loose and relax as much as possible.
9. Turn your paper when it helps you draw a line.
10. Use both thin and thick lines to add contrast and interest.
Contrast is one of the most important qualities of good drawing.

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Pirate



Step 1: Using simple shapes, lightly lay out your pirate. Don't worry about the details right now.



Step 2: Begin adding details like facial features and clothing. Refine the shapes.



Step 3: Finish adding the details and further refine the shapes so that everything looks good together. Trust your eye and don't be afraid to erase if something isn't working.



Step 4: Erase any lines you don't need. Then, draw the final image with nice, dark lines. Focus on making your lines and shapes look great.

Warrior



Step 1: In a way that is comfortable for you, lay out the basic shapes and forms until they please the eye.



Step 2: Refine the shapes and begin to design the clothing and armor, Keep it loose.



Step 3: Complete the details and further refine the shapes. This is your last chance to erase and get all the forms right.



Step 4: Draw the final dark lines and erase anything unnecessary. Use a variety of line thicknesses to add interest and dimension.

Alien



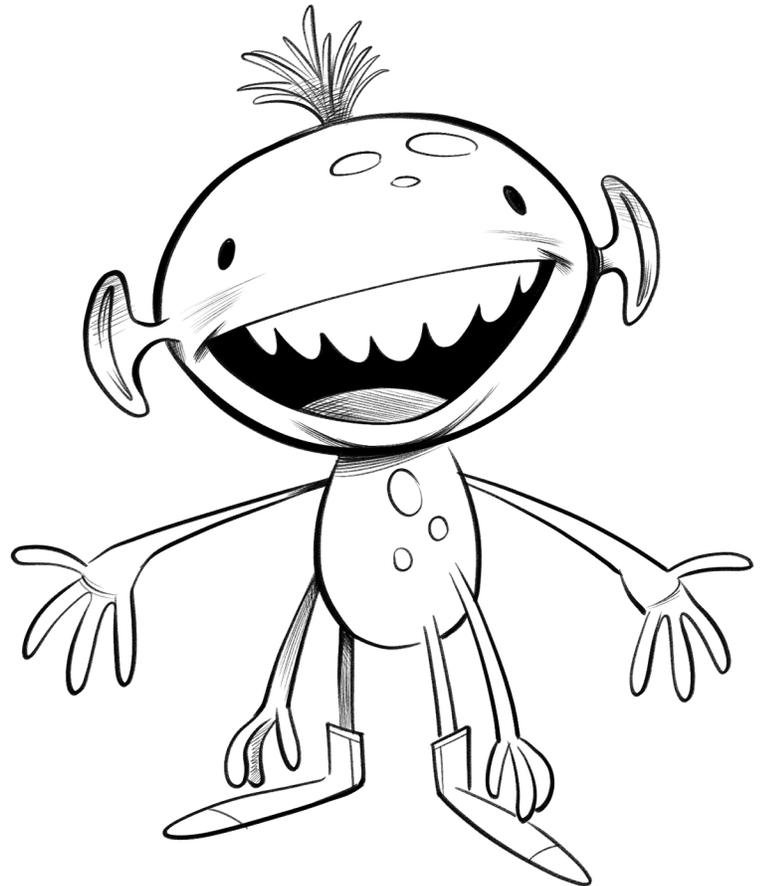
Step 1: Lay out the basic shapes and set up the pose. If the pose doesn't feel right, erase and redraw.



Step 2: Add features and refine shapes. The eyes should be thin ovals, not circles.



Step 3: Add details to hair, ears and teeth. Make any final changes if you're not happy with the forms or positions.



Step 4: Clean up the layout and redraw with dark lines. Add shadows and use thin lines to create 3D forms. Use both thick and thin lines in the drawing.

Mermaid



Step 1: Draw the basic shapes and establish the curve of her body and tail.



Step 2: Begin designing her look, adding features and clothing. Refine shapes.



Step 3: Add details and make sure every part of the drawing has a flow and balance.



Step 4: Erase anything unnecessary and put down your final dark lines. Use thin lines to add color to the cheeks and nose.

Cowboy



Step 1: Lay out the body, hat and clothing shapes. Keep everything simple.



Step 2: Add details, refine shapes and make sure the posture is correct.

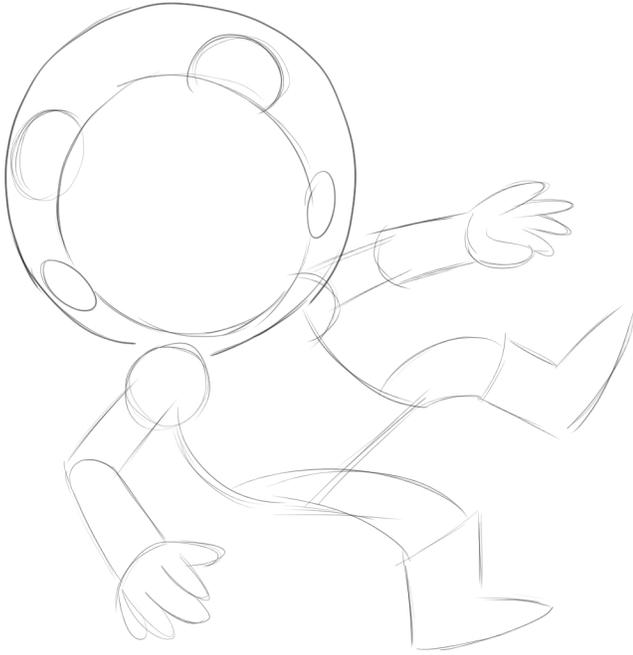


Step 3: Get rid of the lines you don't need while further refining shapes and adding the final details.



Step 4: Add dark lines and final details like the pattern on the shirt, boots, chin hair and shading. Try to create good 3D form.

Astronaut



Step 1: Lay out the basic shapes. Don't worry if the circle isn't perfect, we'll fix it later.



Step 2: Add details and facial features. Make your character seem to float.

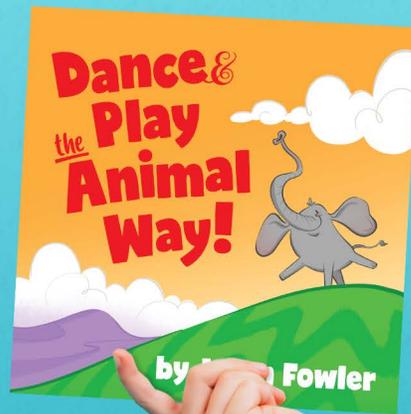


Step 3: Refine shapes and add final details to the space suit. Erase all unnecessary lines.



Step 4: Add the final dark lines. Scribble the lines in her hair and add shadows. Feel free to trace a round object to make the big circle.





Our kids get plenty of screen time nowadays, sometimes at the expense of physical activity.

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