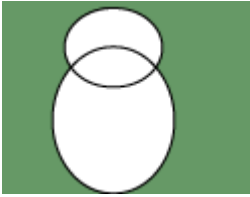


HOW TO DRAW A...HAMSTER



The hamster is one of the cutest and easiest characters to draw.

Start by drawing a large circle for the body and a smaller circle for the head.



The ears, arms and legs are also a combination of circles and lines.

Draw a small oval for each ear, connecting the top of each oval to the head with a straight line.

Draw two more ovals over the middle of the body for paws and another set of ovals for his feet.

Connect the paws and feet to the body with curved lines.



In this step you can add some detail on his paws and face.

An upside down triangle with two curved lines makes the nose and mouth. Add some longer curved lines for the whiskers.

Two ovals make the eyes.



Your hamster is almost ready.

Add some color and expression to bring your hamster to life.

WELL DONE!

HOW TO DRAW A...RAT



Our rat is one of the cutest and easiest characters to draw.

Start by drawing a large circle for the body and two smaller overlapping circles for the head and snout.



Draw two small circles for ears. Another two ovals over the middle of the body make the paws.

Add another two ovals for the feet. You can connect the paws to the body with curved lines.

Don't forget your curvy rat-tail!



Next, clean off some of the lines you don't need.

Add some longer curved lines for the whiskers and a little black dot for the end of the snout makes a nose.



In this step you can add some detail on the paws and face.

A tiny rectangle gives this rat some teeth.

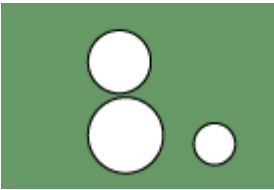
To draw the eye, start by drawing the large, outside circle. Inside that, draw another circle leaving the centre clear.



Next, add some color and expression to bring your rat character to life.

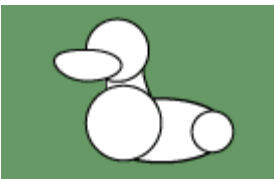
WELL DONE!

HOW TO DRAW A...DOG



Start by drawing three circles.

The top circle for the head, below that a larger circle for the dog's shoulders and the smallest circle for its hind legs.



Next, draw an oval across the head to create a muzzle.

Make the neck by joining the head to the shoulders.

Then draw some joining lines between the shoulders and the hind legs to make the body.



Time to draw in the legs. Now dog legs can be tricky, especially the back ones, so try copying the bumps and curves in the picture. Include some ovals at the bottom for paws.



Now add the ears and a tail. The ears are two triangles with a line down the middle and the tail is a curvy line, whatever length you like.



Remove some of the lines that you don't need.



For your dog's face, add the eyes and an upside down triangle for the nose.

Draw a few lines onto the paws for detail.



With some color your dog is finished. Woof!

HOW TO DRAW A...BIRD



Birds are cute and easy to draw. Try drawing this one.

Start by drawing a large circle for the body. Then draw a sort of squashed circle over the top of the body for the head.

The wings and crest are next.



The wings are made by drawing ovals on either side of the bird's body. You can make the ovals come to a point at the end to give the wings some shape.

The crest is made by drawing two straight lines at the front and back of the head and joining them with a curve. See if you can follow the drawing.



The bird's beak is made by drawing a kind of hook-shape. You can make the beak as curvy or straight as you like. Draw a semicircle underneath to form the bottom part of your beak.

Draw a couple of rectangles for legs, and oval shapes for the feet. We can add some detail to this later.



Next draw a couple of semicircles joined together as the background for your bird's eyes. Add some detail to your feet.

Now we add the tail. Birds have tails of many different shapes so feel free to experiment. This bird has an upside down V shape for a tail.

You might like to erase some of the long curve of your bird's crest and replace that with a wavy line.



Add some lines to your tail and expression to the eyes and your bird is ready for coloring in.



Extra semicircles inside the eyes give your bird more expression. Add some bands to its legs and it's ready to color in.

Add plenty of shading on the head, crest, wings and tail and you've got your bird - WELL DONE!

How to draw a seahorse



The seahorse looks like a complicated character but is really just a combination of circles and wavy lines.

Start by drawing a big circle for the head and a smaller one below it for the tail. Add some curved lines between the two for the body.



Let do the tail first as that's the tricky part. Follow the picture by drawing a spiral shape inside the smaller circle.



Next erase the some of the lines of the circle you no longer need for your tail.

Then draw in a wavy line all the way down the back of your seahorse, from head to tail. This will become its fin.



Add a smooth rectangle will make the snout - remembering the upturned nose. Triangle shapes on either side of body will become the seahorse's flippers.

Next to add some detail and character to the face.



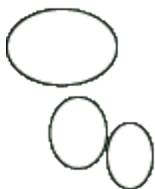
Draw a large oval for the eye, inside that draw a smaller oval, you can also add a tiny dot for the very inside of the eye if you like. A few lines on the flippers and our seahorse is starting to take shape.



Time to give your seahorse color. Add some shading to the fin down the seahorse's back. You might like to split it into two just like the drawing.

Colored spots on the head and tail look like scales, two small circles for nostrils and some more shade to the fins and neigh - your seahorse is away!

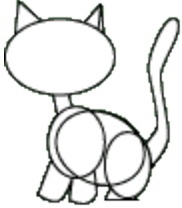
HOW TO DRAW A...CAT



Our cat looks complicated but is simply a combination of ovals and triangles. Start with 3 ovals. One for the head a slightly smaller one for the shoulders and smaller again for the hind legs.



Make the neck by joining the head to the shoulders. Draw another circle to join the shoulders and hind legs making a nice round cat body.



Next draw in some cat legs, making the paws nicely rounded. Draw two triangles for the ears. Drawing a line down the middle of the triangle turns the ear to the side. Add a wiggly line for a tail. CUTE!



Now is a good time to remove some of the lines you don't need. You can add two dots for eyes, a triangle and two curved lines make our cat's mouth.



Add the whiskers and a collar.



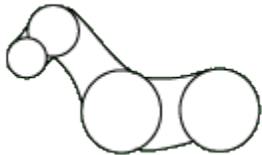
Then give your cat's coat some color and it's ready to purrrrrr.

HOW TO DRAW A...HORSE



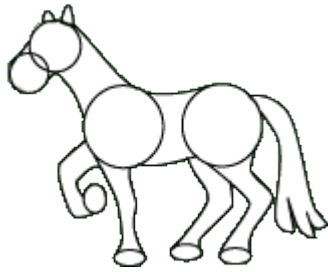
Start by drawing two overlapping circles for your horse's head.

Below that draw a larger circle for the shoulders and another for its hindquarters



Next, draw some joining line on the head to create a muzzle.

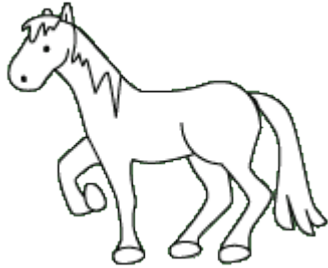
Make the neck by joining the head to the shoulders. Then draw some joining lines between the shoulders and the hindquarters to make the body.



Onto the legs.

Horse legs can be a bit tricky so try copying the bumps and curves on the picture. Include some ovals at the bottom for hooves.

Draw two triangles for the ears make the closest one the bigger. Then draw on the tail. You can make it as long and wavy as you like.



Clean off some of the lines you don't need.

Add a couple of circles for the eye and nose. And let's not forget to add in the mane.

You might like to square off the bottom of your horse's hooves



Add some color to your horse and it is finished.

This one is a chestnut with white blaze and muzzle.