

MIMS HOUSE CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week, May 3-9, is marking its 101st year of celebrating kids and reading. Since 1944, the Children's Book Council (CBC) has lead the celebration, with an online home at EveryChildAReader.net. The CBC has created some super resources to get kids involved in reading. Mims House Books (MimsHouseBooks.com) is thrilled that six of our books are included in the celebration.

2021 Theme: READING IS A SUPERPOWER! "Because they grow into the books they read."

We need to encourage kids to read new genres of books, to read widely!
Why? Research suggests that we develop a life-long preference for certain genres by 5th grade!

As an adult, will your child read mysteries, historical, thrillers, romance, or nonfiction? The genres they read in elementary school will affect their lifetime of reading.

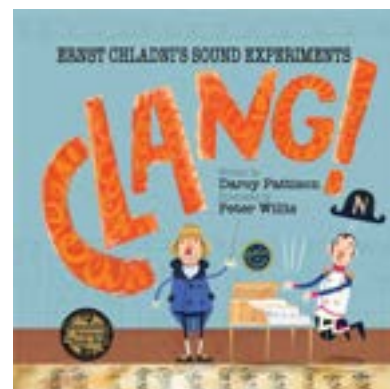
Mims Books Challenge #1: Explore the Characters Draw Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte



The CBC asked 18 illustrators to develop a drawing sheet for kids. Mims House illustrator Peter Willis brought Napoleon to life in his illustrations for CLANG: Ernst Chladni's Sound Experiments. Now, he's created a simple drawing activity so kids can draw Napoleon, too.

Ernst Chladni WAS invited to show his sound experiments to the French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

What if an Emperor invited you to perform science experiments for his family? German scientist



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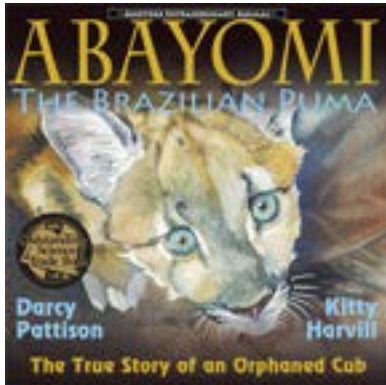
Mims Books Challenge #2: Environment & Climate Books

Learn About Wildlife Corridors

Remember that we need to encourage kids to read widely while in elementary school! Today's SuperPower Reading Challenge is to read books about the environment.

Scientists today use corridors to help species survive. A wildlife corridor is like a hallway between two habitats. The habitat might be a stand of woods or a swamp. The corridor lets individual animals travel back and forth between the habitats. This is important because isolated groups may die out, or become genetically unstable. When individuals travel between local habitats, they keep the population healthy.

We build corridors by making bridges or tunnels, over or under a road. Or, we create a protected strip of land along a river where wildlife can travel safely. Read about the Florida Wildlife Corridor: <http://floridawildlifecorridor.org/> Think about where corridors are placed. What would happen if a corridor is placed in the wrong area?



In the Mims House book, *Abayomi, the Brazilian Puma: The True Story of an Orphaned Cub*, a puma (mountain lion) family lives within sight of skyscrapers. Because it didn't have wildlife corridors, the mother puma is trapped and dies, leaving her cub as an orphan. Read the poignant story of Abayomi, a wild puma cub who is orphaned.

NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book

Mims Books Challenge #3: Science & STEM Books

Sometimes science takes a long time!

It's time to challenge kids to read some nonfiction - Science & STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) books!



Mims House has two bookw on the Children's Book Week Science and STEM Booklist!

A Little Bit of Dinosaur received a starred Kirkus review: "...entertaining tale... A science-centric winner, especially for young dinosaur lovers."

STORY SETTING

Ask kids to think about the setting of this story. Why would the author start the story in Colorado and end in Arkansas? Discuss your ideas.



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After discussion, read these facts to help you understand the story setting.

FACT: Where in the US have dinosaur fossils been found?

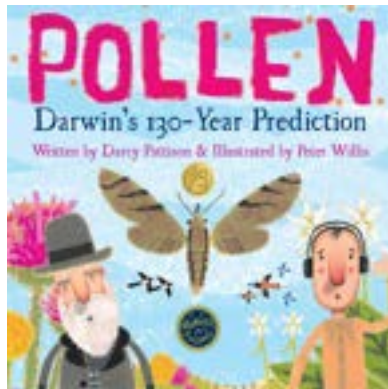
Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas. This area is the best source of dinosaur fossils in the world.

The very first T. Rex fossils (a few scattered teeth) were discovered near Golden, Colorado in 1874.

FACT: Where are the headwaters of the Arkansas River? See the map on pp. 10-11 of the book. The Arkansas River runs from the Rocky Mountains of Colorado through Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and empties into the Mississippi River.

Discuss why the setting for the story works.

(T.Rex's once lived in Colorado, and the Arkansas River could plausibly carry a calcium atom from a T.Rex down river.)



POLLEN: Darwin's 130-Year Prediction

- Junior Library Guild Selection
- Kirkus Review - *Starred*
- SLJ Review
- Eureka! NonFiction Book Award Honor – California Reading Association
- 2020 NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Book
- “...an inviting story...” Publisher’s Weekly

Darwin predicted that the Madagascar star orchid would be pollinated by a giant moth. 21 years later, in 1903, two etymologists, or insect scientists, published a new book about moths. Baron Rothschild and Karl Jordan described a new species of Madagascar hawk moth (*Xanthopan morgani praedicta*). It had a very long proboscis (straw-like mouth), long enough to pollinate the star orchid.

However, no one had actually observed the pollination happening.

POLLEN: Darwin's 130 Year Prediction is the story of the star orchid and the hawk moth and how scientists eventually proved that the moth pollinated the orchid. It only took them 130 years!

In other words, scientists stand on the shoulders of the giants in science who went before them. It's important to know the history of science and to learn about the scientific experiments and studies of previous generations of scientists. Each generation builds on the work of the previous as they work to answer questions about the world around us.

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Mims Books Challenge #4 : Arts Books

Creativity through drama.



Visual and performing arts is the focus of the next #SuperPowerReading challenge. The reading list includes biographies of artists, books about certain art pieces, and books about drama.

WHEN KITTENS GO VIRAL is set in a world where cats have a cat-to-human speech translator. Because of this, they control their own video production and started KittyTube. The kitten stars live in Kittywood, their version of Hollywood. And on a night of destiny, a special kitten is born. What kind of acting will she pursue? Will she be a water cat? A food cat? A chase cat?

This novel for ages 8-12 is a fast, fun read!

"...Pattison's characters delight..." Kirkus Reviews



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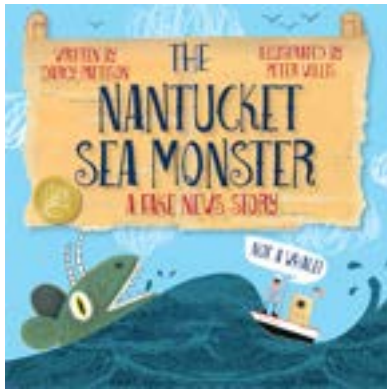
Mims Books Challenge #5: Humanities or Social Studies

Read a true fake-news story. Learn about the role and responsibility of a free press.

Today the reading challenge is to read some humanities books. Say what? What are the humanities, anyway? It's the study of humans and includes topics such as English, foreign languages, history, art history, religion, philosophy, regional studies, or ethnic studies. In short, it's a very broad look at social studies.

What is fake news?

For the last five years, fake news has been a hot topic of conversation. But it's hard to explain to kids - until now.



THE NANTUCKET SEA MONSTER: A Fake News Story is a nonpolitical look at an event that created fake news. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade balloons were created by Tony Sarg, who kept a summer home on Nantucket Island.

- A Junior Library Guild selection
- An NCTE 2018 Notable Children Book in Language Arts
- Translated into Korean

Kirkus Review: ". . . the wry, playful delivery . . . keeps things entertaining, brilliantly inviting discussion about hoaxes while remaining kid appropriate.

. . . A thought provoking story with timely resonance."

Do you believe everything you read in the newspaper?

Early in August 1937, a news flash came: a sea monster had been spotted lurking off the shore of Nantucket Island. Historically, the Massachusetts island had served as port for whaling ships. Eyewitnesses swore this wasn't a whale, but some new, fearsome creature. As eyewitness account piled up, newspaper stories of the sea monster spread quickly. Across the nation, people shivered in fear.

Then, footprints were found on a Nantucket beach.

Photographs were sent to prominent biologists for their opinion. Discussion swirled about raising a hunting party. On August 18, news spread across the island: the sea monster had been captured. Islanders ran to the beach and couldn't believe their eyes.

This nonfiction picture book is a perfect tool to discuss non-political fake news stories. Back matter discusses the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Quotes from Thomas Jefferson make it clear that fake news has always been one of the costs of a free press. A Timeline lists actual events in the order they occurred. A vocabulary list defines relevant words.

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A short documentary film, drawing from some of the research in *The Nantucket Sea Monster*, is available on WGBH's American Experience website, "The Gift of Tony Sarg." Author Darcy Pattison is briefly interviewed on this film.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/gifts-tony-sarg/>

TO DISCUSS:

Was the publicity stunt right or wrong?

A Free Press and the Fake News

Freedom of the press is guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. From the beginnings of the United States, statesmen understood that a free press was important. Reporters could study and report about what the government was doing. It means that politicians can't do whatever they want, because they might get caught. Instead, they must follow the law like everyone else. Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd U.S. President and the author of the Declaration of Independence put it like this:

“Where the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe.”

However, when the press is free to print what it likes, sometimes it will print things that are false. Some laws make sure the press doesn't write slanders. Slander means you write a lie about someone. Otherwise, newspapers can print what they like.

Thomas Jefferson also wrote:

“Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper.”

From the beginning of the United States, free press has printed both truth and lies. When things are working right, there's more truth than lies. Sometimes, though, like in the story of the Nantucket sea monster, editors will deliberately print something false. At the time, the editor said the articles were false because 1) no one was hurt, and 2) Macy's company didn't commercialize the event. However, they freely admit that the publicity for Nantucket Island was worth thousands of dollars.

Was the publicity stunt right or wrong?

Vocabulary

Hoax - An event planned to fool people.

Publicity stunt - Being mentioned a lot in the news media. The media could be newspaper, radio, television, or online.

Publicity stunt - An event planned to get public attention or for marketing purposes.

Credibility - A story or statement that is believable or trust worthy.

Free press - The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution says that Congress can't pass laws that limit what a newspaper can write. We say this guarantees a "free press." In other words, newspapers are free to investigate and write about whatever stories they want.

Hoax - Writing a lie about a person.

Thomas Jefferson said, "When the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe."

But later, he wrote, "Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper."

What is the role and responsibility of a free press in a country's government?

We hope you'll have a fun Children's Book Week - and will read widely this summer!

Happy Reading!

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/gifts-tony-sarg/>

Darcy Pattison



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Character Drawing Book

Children's Book Week 2021

Reading is a Superpower

Coloring



Art concept by Christine Battuz

Characters from "the heart of mi familia" by Carrie Lara

Published by Magination Press (2020)



Let's Draw a **FACE**



START with a circle. It doesn't have to be perfect.



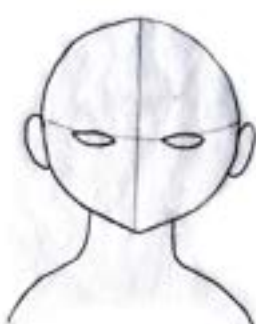
Add a little neck.



Perhaps some shoulders. A light guideline down the center of our face.



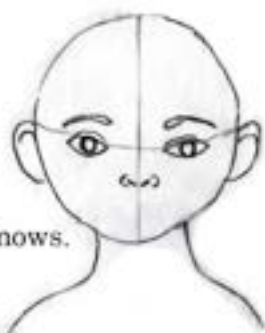
Another light guideline across.



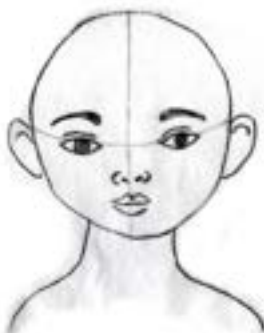
The eyes. These are shaped like almonds. Add some ears.



Some eyebrows and pupils.



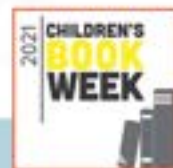
a nose knows.



Mouth and hairline.



TRY DIFFERENT:
Ears, eyes, noses, mouths and hair!
The possibilities are endless!



Hello!
I'm new here

A welcoming story



Some tips:

- Your lines don't need to be perfect.
- Practice drawing Habiba a few times. Each time it will be easier.
- Try using different colors for her clothes. Be creative!
- Draw the outlines lightly or use a light colored pencil if you don't want heavy black lines in your drawing.
- After you draw Habiba, try making a self portrait! Use a mirror or a picture of yourself as a guide.

How to draw Habiba

Habiba is from Somalia and is very excited to make new friends in her new home.

Let's draw her together!

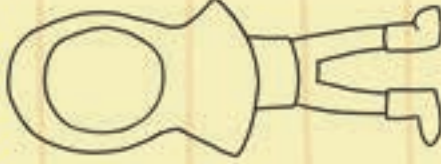
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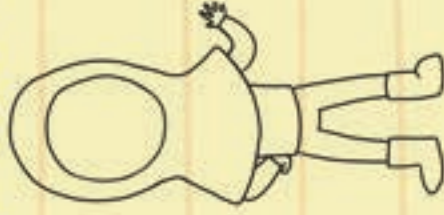
2. Add her torso.



3. Then draw her legs and cool boots.



4. Add her arms and hands. She is now saying Hi!



5. Add her eyes, brows, nose and smiley mouth.



6. Draw her hair and add details to her clothes.



7. And of course, add some color!



Find Habiba and her friends in:



A book published by City of Light Publishing



Watch our
video tutorial



with artist
María José Campos



1. Draw a circle, with the bottom open.



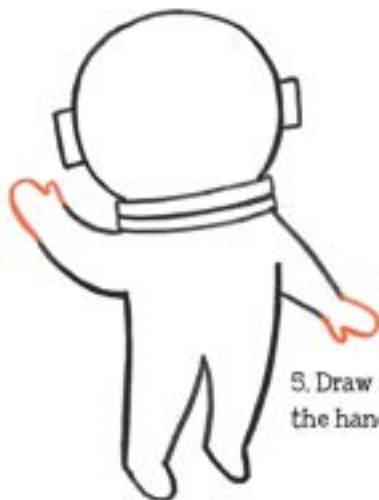
2. Close the gap with two thin rectangles. Add "ears" to both sides of the circle. You got a helmet!



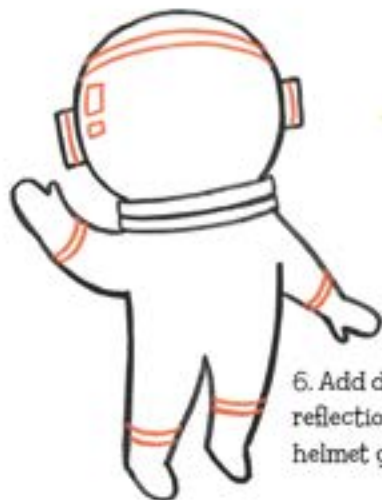
3. Draw in legs and body.



4. Draw in the arms.



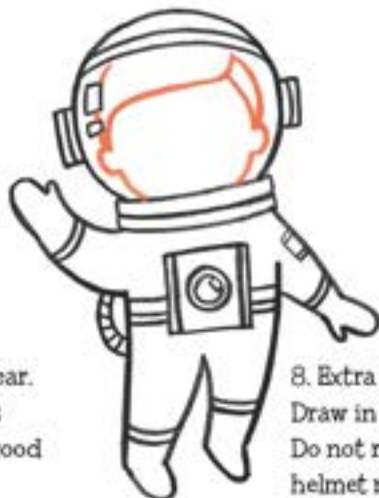
5. Draw in the hands.



6. Add details and reflection on the helmet glass.



7. Draw in the gear. The Astronaut is looking pretty good here already.



8. Extra Challenge: Draw in the head! Do not run into the helmet reflection.



9. Add the face and stars. Viola!

How to Draw an Alligator

by Jay Winter Collins - Illustrator, Rhoda the Alligator by Governor Bob Graham / Mango Press 2020

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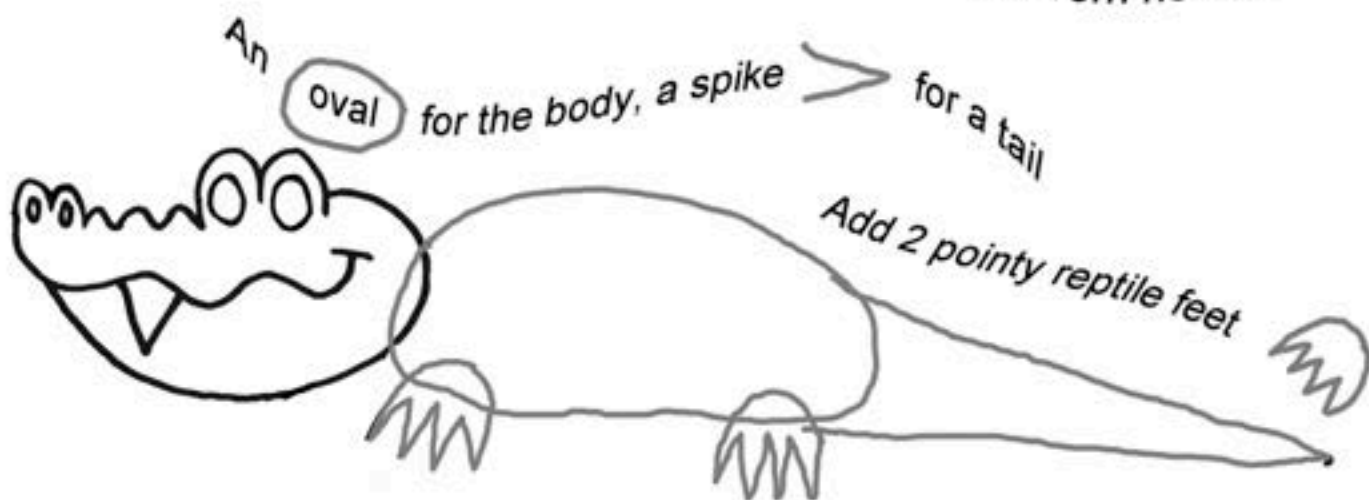
2 circles for the nostrils, 2 circles for the eyes



A snaggle tooth, a bouncy grin



A swoosh-like line from head to chin

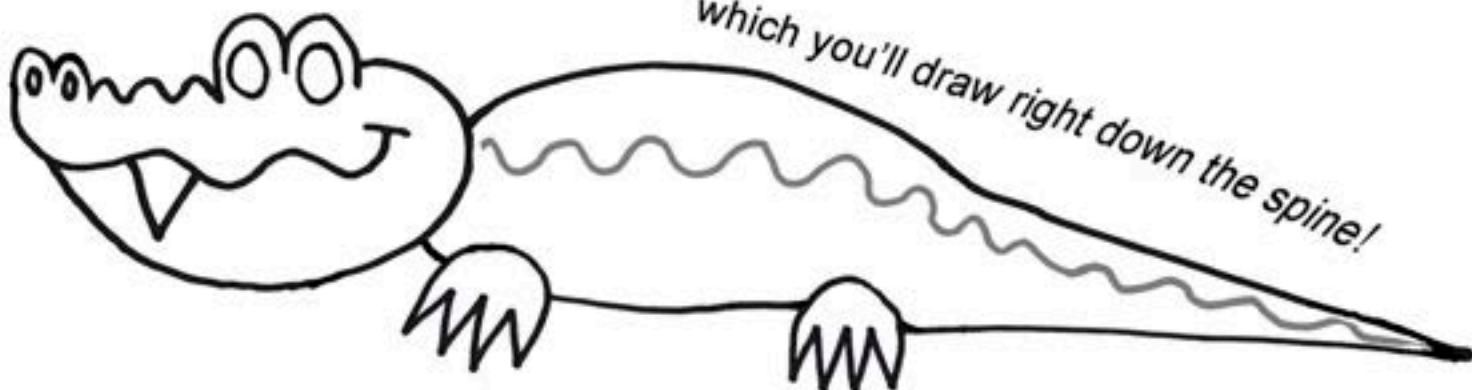


An oval for the body, a spike for a tail

Add 2 pointy reptile feet

Now your Gator is complete!

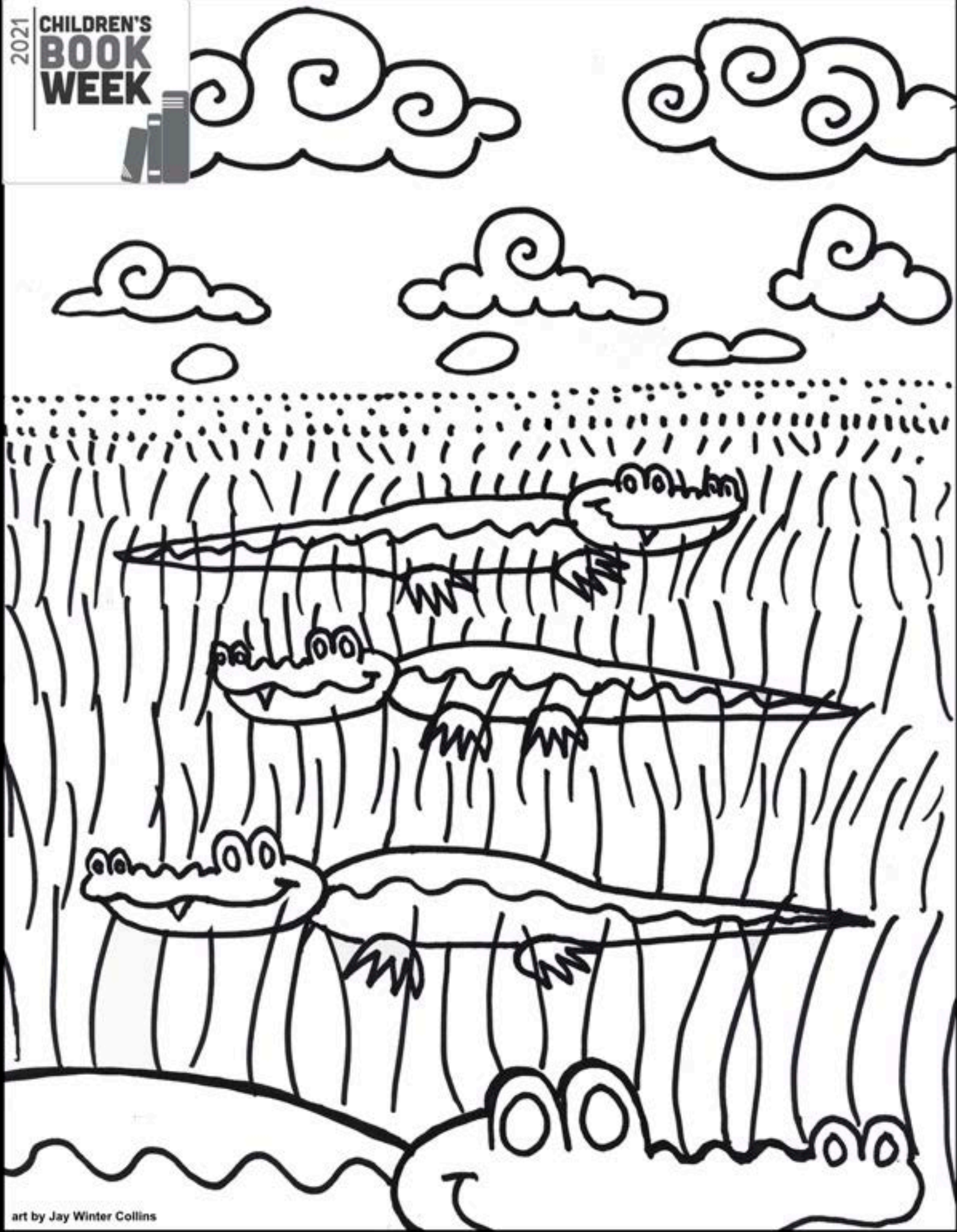
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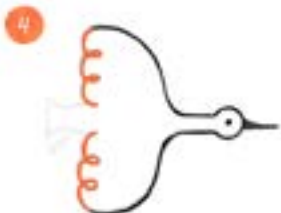
which you'll draw right down the spine!

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let's draw a **GOOSE!**

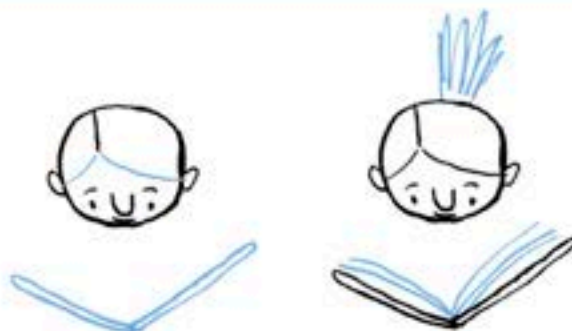


You did it!

Art and concept by Sophie Diao
Bar-headed goose from I AM THE WIND,
Page Street Kids

IMAGINARY WORLDS

You can visit any world you wish when you read a book. Learn to draw a character from *No Buddy Like a Book*, and draw her visiting any world you wish. Does your imaginary world have imaginary plants? Imaginary animals? Is it in outer space? Let's find out. Start by drawing a circle.





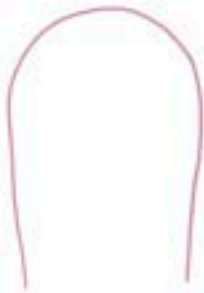
HOW TO DRAW MINDFUL MO



ART AND CONCEPT BY EUNICE & SABRINA MOYLE OF HELLO!LUCKY
MINDFUL MO FROM "SLOTH & SMELL THE ROSES", PUBLISHED BY ABRAMS

Mindful Mo steps readers through the key ideas of mindfulness and self-compassion with warmth and humor.

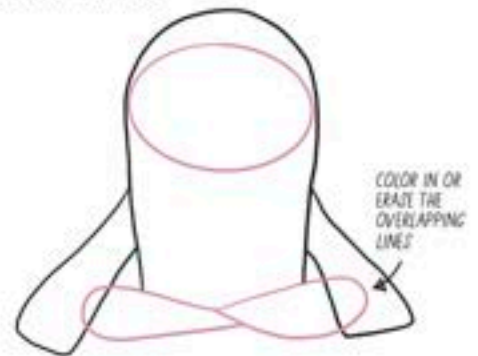
1. DRAW A HORSESHOE SHAPE



2. ADD THE ARMS



3. ADD THE LEGS (THEY ARE A BIT LIKE A SIDEWAYS 8) AND AN OVAL FOR THE FACE



4. ADD THE CLAWS



5. ADD DASHED LINES FOR FUR - USE THE BODY COLOR FOR THE EDGE FUR AND A DARKER COLOR FOR THE BODY FUR



6. ADD FACE DETAILS: TWO OVALS FOR THE EYE SPOTS AND A CIRCLE FOR THE NOSE



7. DRAW PUPILS, NOSTRILS, AND SMILE



8. ADD A LINE OF FLOWERS AND LEAVES FOR THE CROWN



9. TA DA!



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How to draw Little Bat!

from Brian Lies's bat books, including *Bats at the Beach*, *Bats at the Library* and *Little Bat in Night School*

Step 1: draw an oval with one pointy side



Step 2: ears, eyes, mouth and nose fur



Step 3: back fur and floaties



Step 4: top, thumb and front of wing



Step 5: wing bones and tail



Step 6: draw book



Step 7: whiskers, eyebrows. Erase some inside lines!



When you've drawn Little Bat, draw the cover of *your* favorite book on the book he's reading!

I recommend sketching with pencil, rather than pen—you can start light, and go back over your lines when you're happy with them. *Practice makes better.*

Happy drawing!

Brian Lies



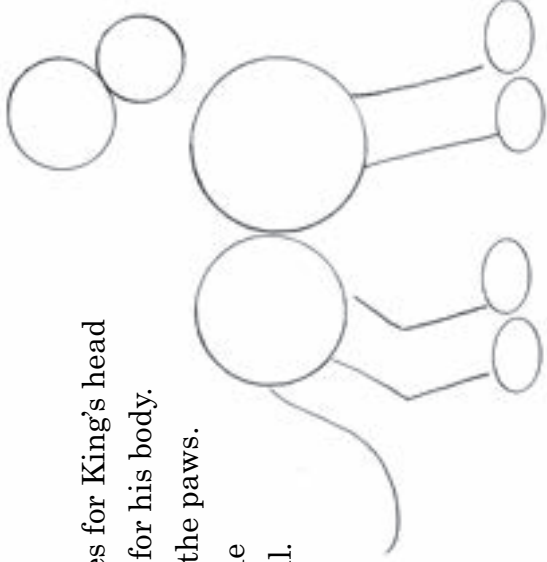


Step 1

Draw two circles for King's head and two circles for his body.

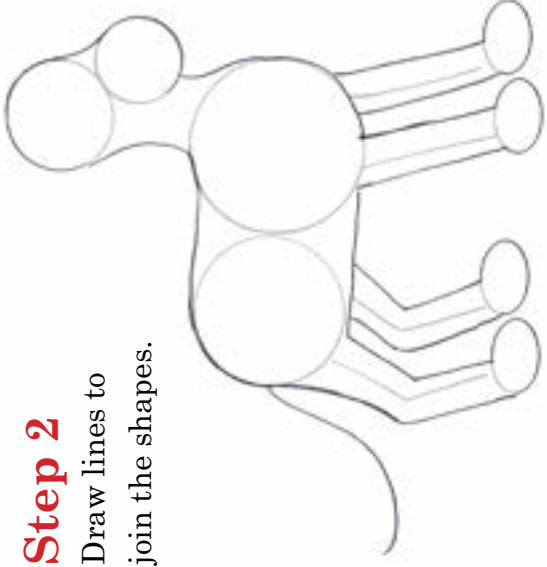
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legs and the tail.



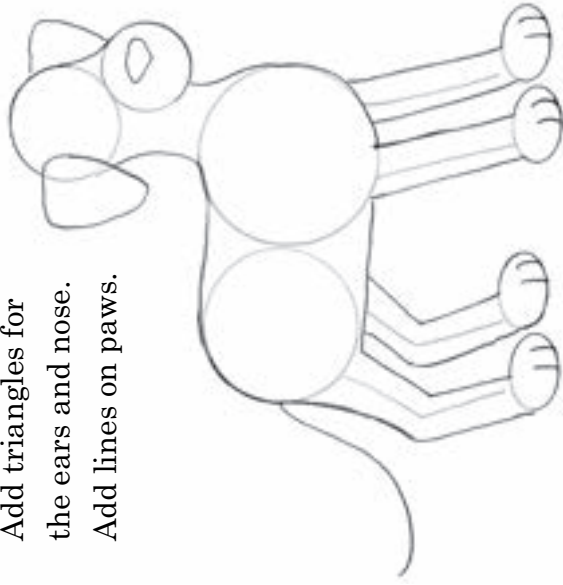
Step 2

Draw lines to join the shapes.



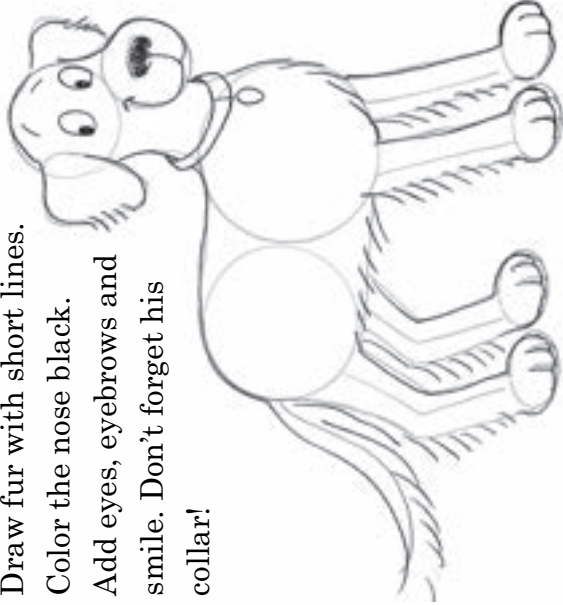
Step 3

Add triangles for the ears and nose. Add lines on paws.



Step 4

Draw fur with short lines. Color the nose black. Add eyes, eyebrows and smile. Don't forget his collar!



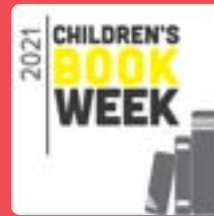
Step 5

Now add color!





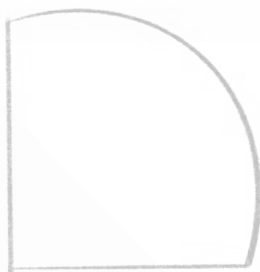
HOW TO DRAW THE DRAGON



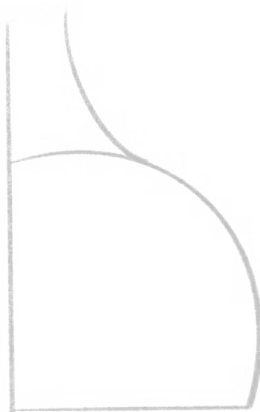
BUSHEL
& PECK
BOOKS™

from *My Father's Dragon*, by Ruth Stiles Gannett
with new color paintings by Helena Pérez García

1. Draw a quarter of a circle.



2. Add two lines for the neck.



3. Draw the head and the tail.



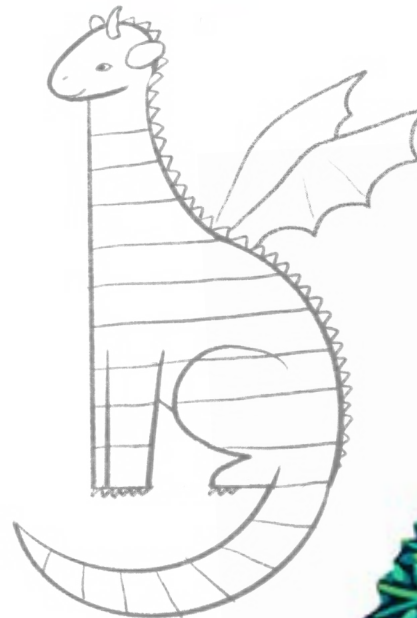
4. Draw the legs.



5. Add the eye, nose, mouth, horn, ears, hooves, and scales.

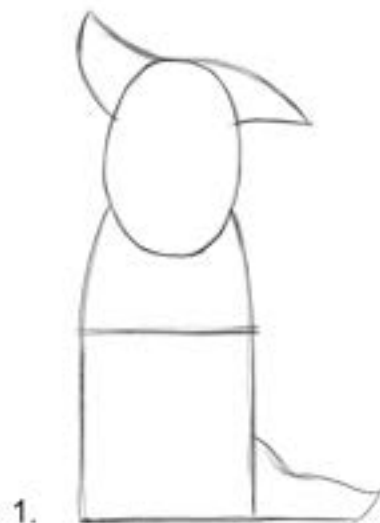


6. Draw the stripes and the wings.





Jasper by Guy Porfirio
From the picture book
The Worst Christmas Ever



1. Draw the shape of Jasper, including the head, midsection, ears, and tail.

2. Draw in the facial and chest fur. Draw in the front legs.

3. Draw the eyes, nose, snout, and mouth.

4. Erase the overlapping facial fur. Draw in the nostrils, tongue, corners of the mouth; bottom lip, dog tag, left back leg, and paws.

5. Using the outline from step one, draw in all the fur lines; the ear, and right back leg.

6. Erase the outline from step one to reveal the correct shape of Jasper.



How to Draw a Fairy

Art and concept by Jessica Roux.
Holly Blue Fairy from *A Natural History
of Fairies* by Emily Hawkins (Quarto).



1. Draw the head. You can give your fairy short hair, long hair, or no hair! Make sure you add ears, too, so your fairy can hear everything around them.



2. Add in your fairy's facial features: eyes, nose, mouth, and any other details you might want to include.



3. Draw the top of the fairy's clothing. Fairies make their clothes out of leaves, flower petals, and more!



4. Add in the arms.



5. Draw shorts, pants, or a skirt.



6. Next, draw your fairy's legs.

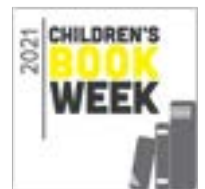
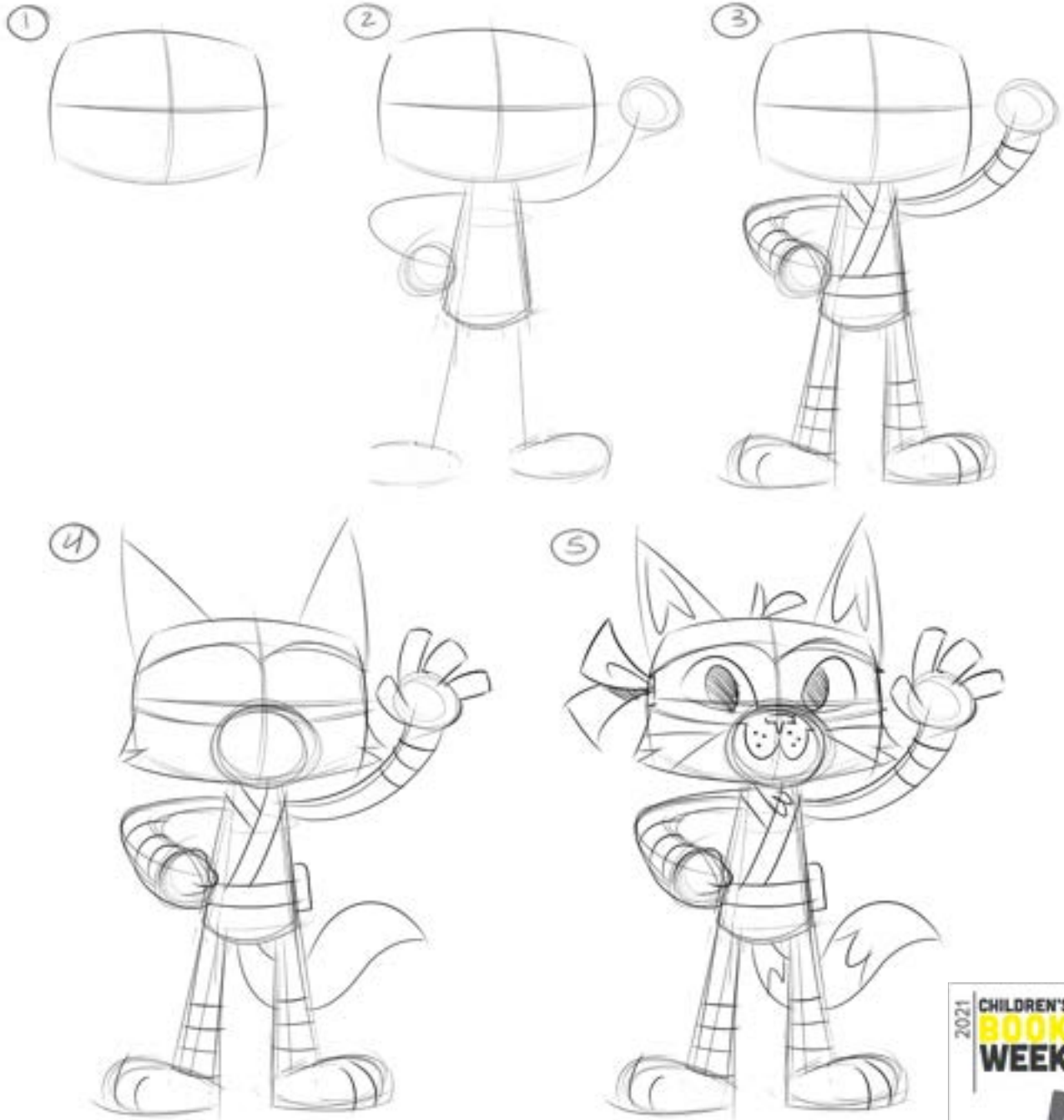


7. Draw your fairy's wings. Add in spots, stripes, or patterns, and have fun with it!



How to draw **CAT NINJA**

by Chad Thomas



How to draw

ELIZA

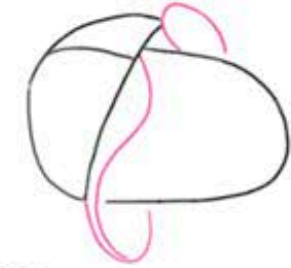
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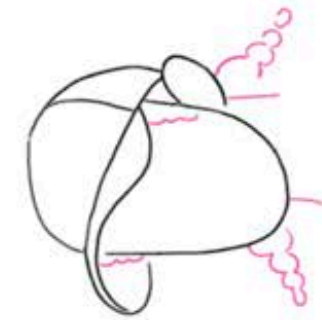
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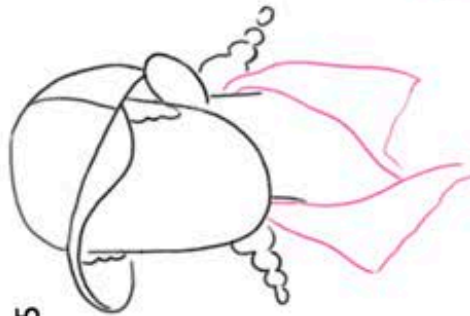
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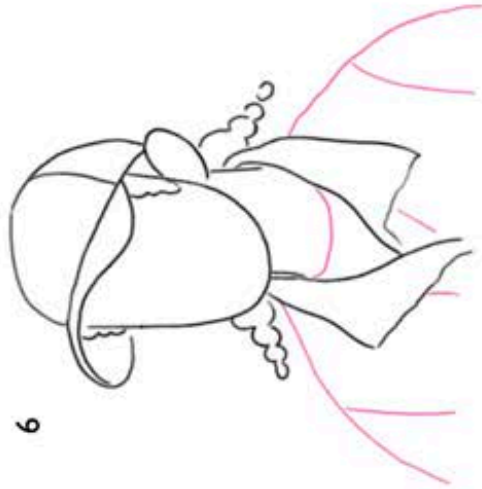
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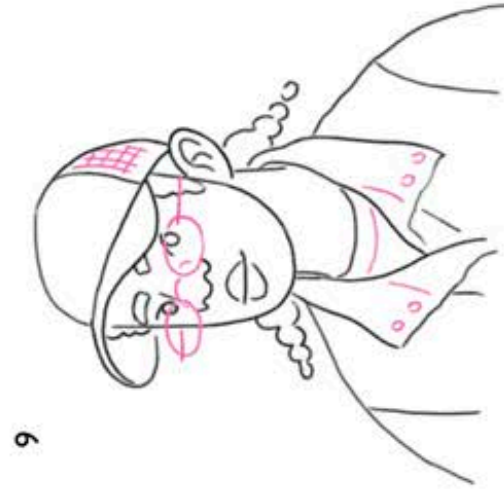
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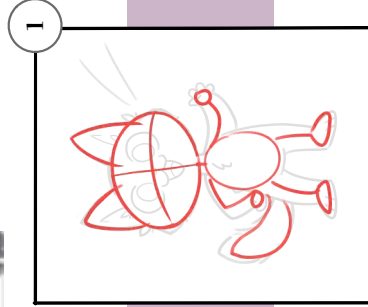


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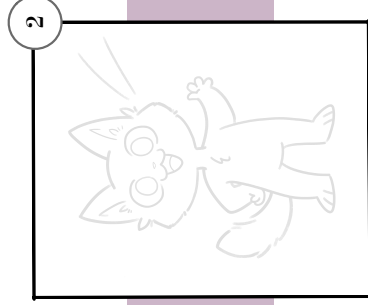
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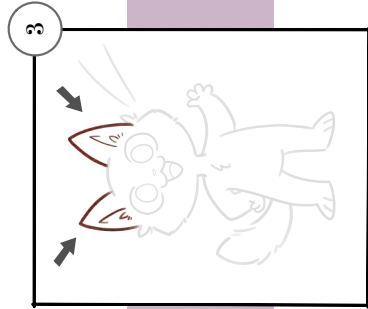
We hope you enjoy this step-by-step guide to drawing KeeKee, the star of KeeKee's Big Adventures. Use the KeeKee outline on the next page as a guide.



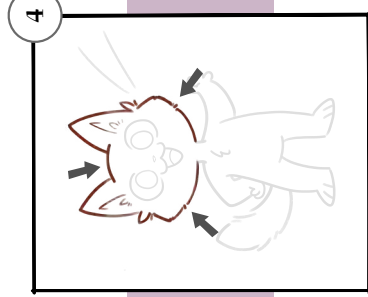
When Casey the illustrator draws KeeKee she starts with a basic 'frame' to help guide the lines.



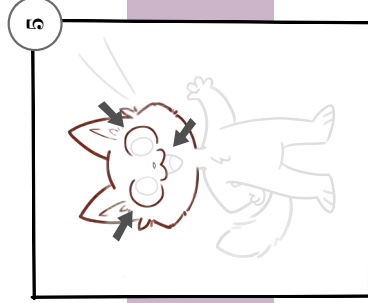
We will start with an outline of KeeKee to help guide you.



Let's start with KeeKee's ears. The ears are like pointy mountains, then draw M shapes inside the ears for fluff in the ears.



Now draw the outside of her head and face. Between her ears her head is shaped a little like a football, add some fluff as you go.



Add a C shape for her left eye. A backward C shape for her right eye. A small triangle nose and a wide W for her mouth.



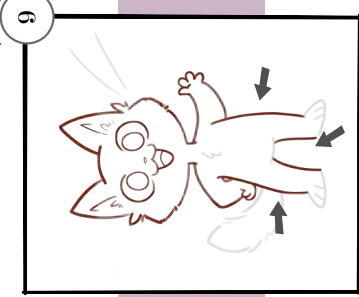
Now add egg shapes for each eye, a U shape for the mouth, and a curve for her tongue.



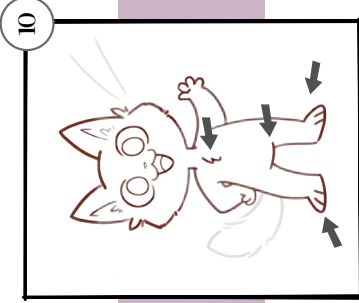
Add two short lines for her neck, curves for the top of each arm and the bottom of each arm. Since she has her hand on her hip we'll just add a small triangle.



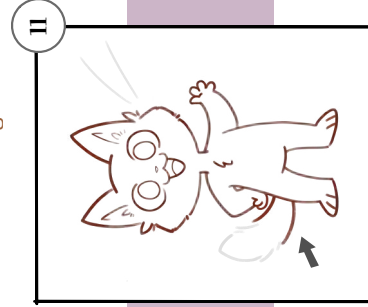
Now draw her fingers. Add a thumb and fingers by adding U shapes! (Funny how characters often only have 4 fingers).



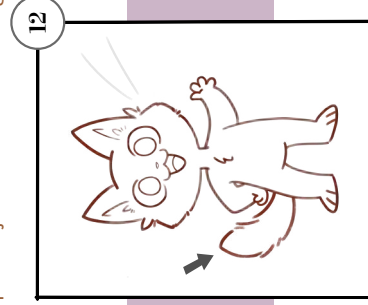
Draw curved lines for the sides of her body, and two lines for the inside of her legs.



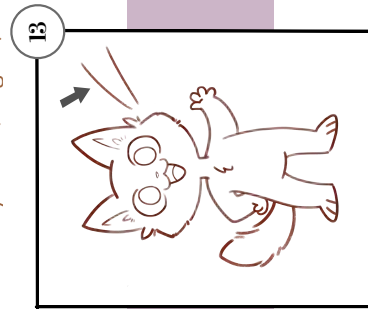
Add a line for the bottom of her belly, and some feet. Oh, and a squiggle for fluff on her chest!



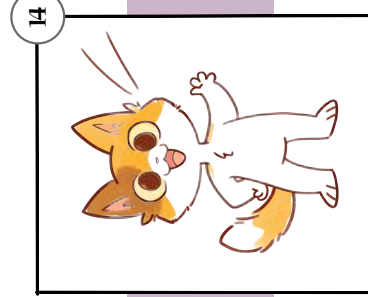
Draw a couple of lines to start her tail.



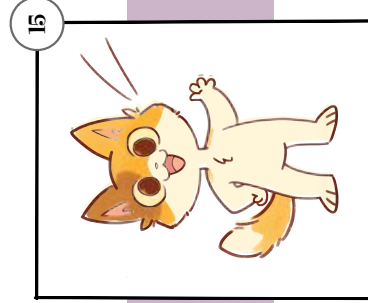
And a few more to finish her tail!



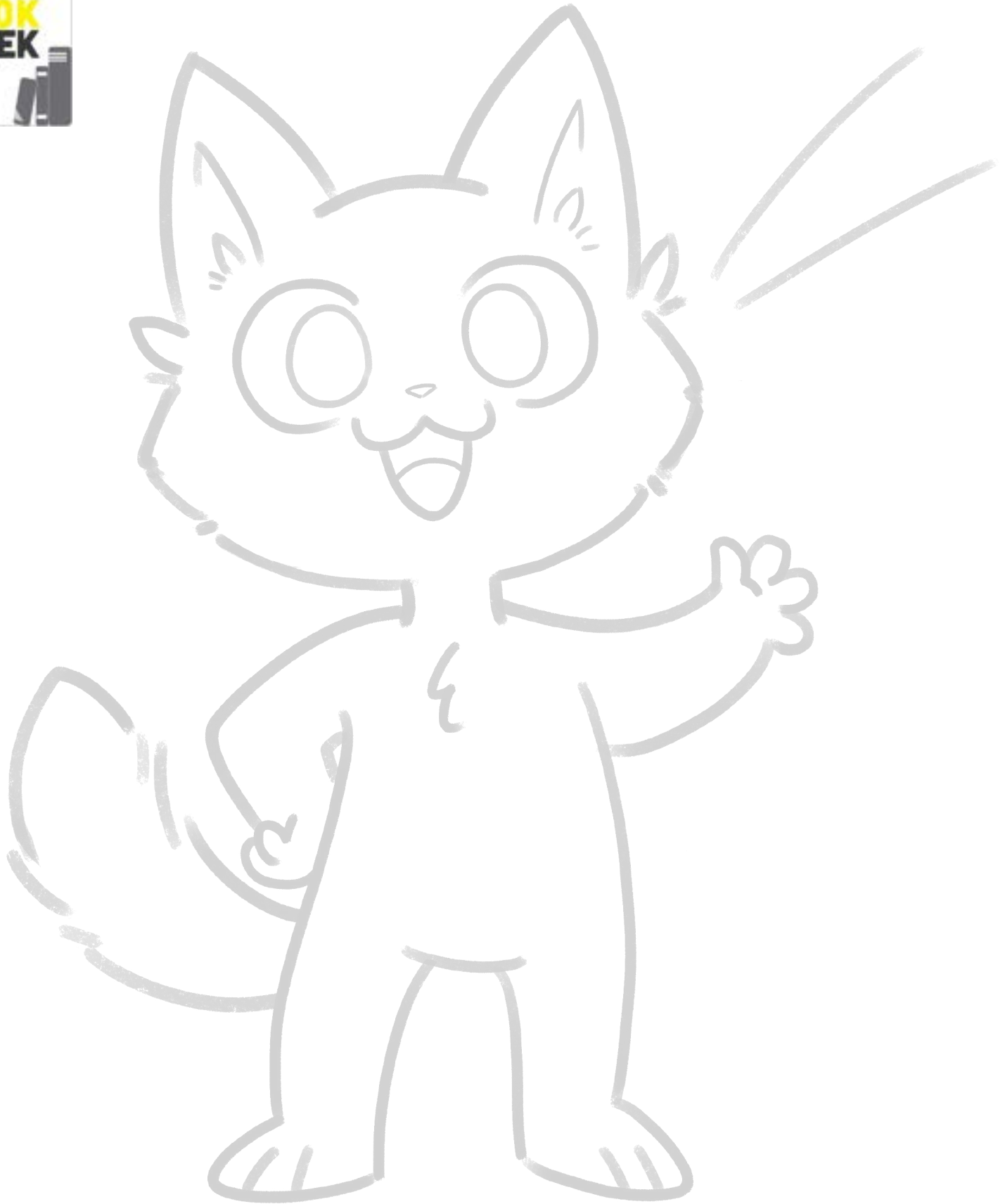
And finally KeeKee's whiskers!



Now you can add color if you want.



And color her whole body tan if you want too. Nice work you're done!



KeeKee by _____

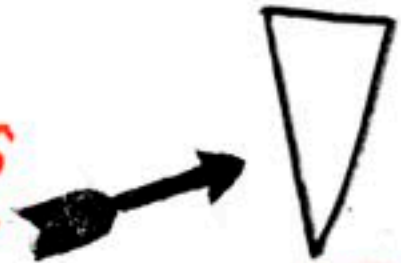
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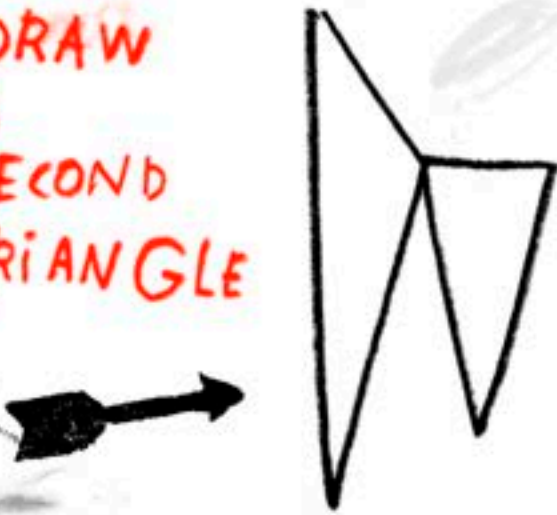
Let's DRAW a BISON!

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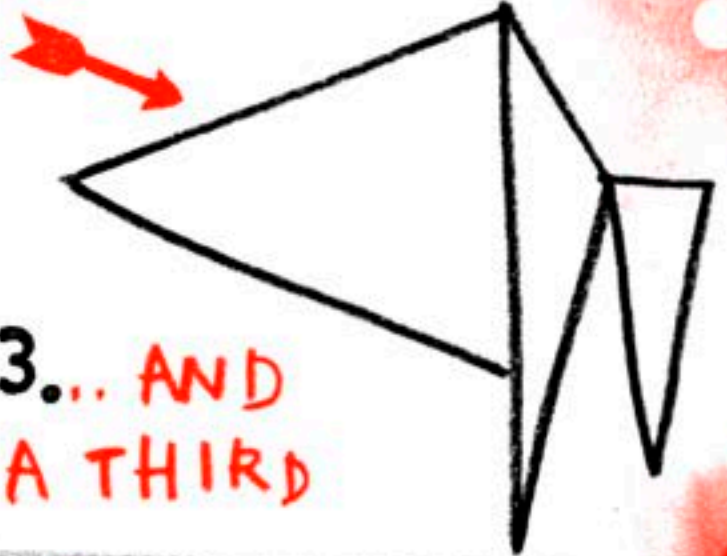
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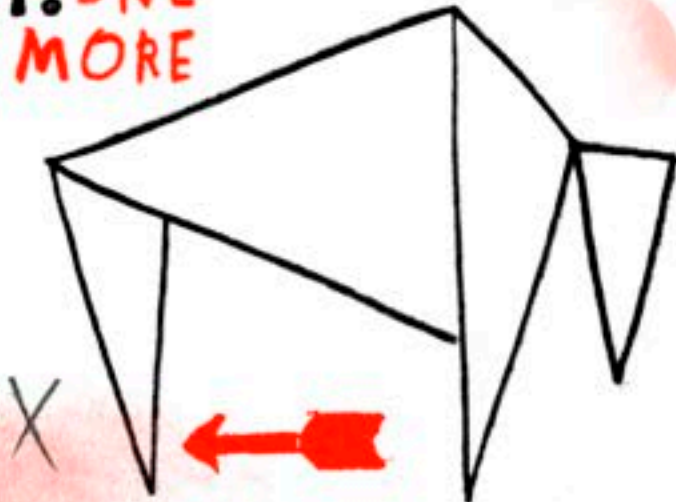
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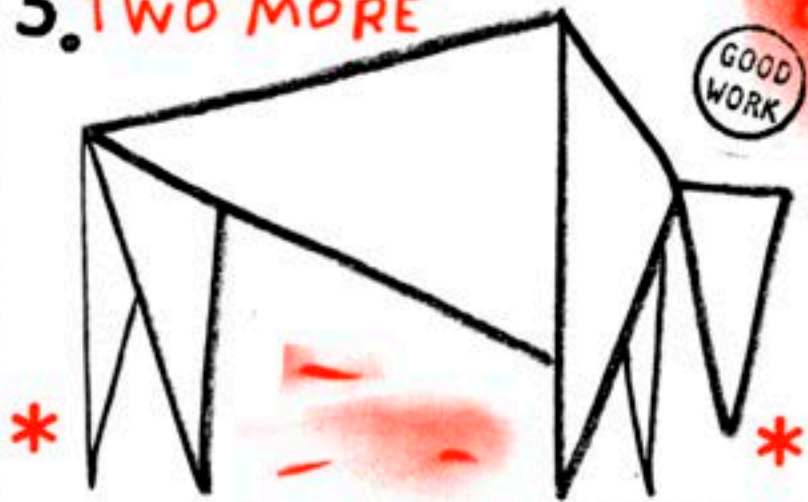
3... AND A THIRD



4. ONE MORE



5. TWO MORE



Have fun.

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6. ADD DETAILS

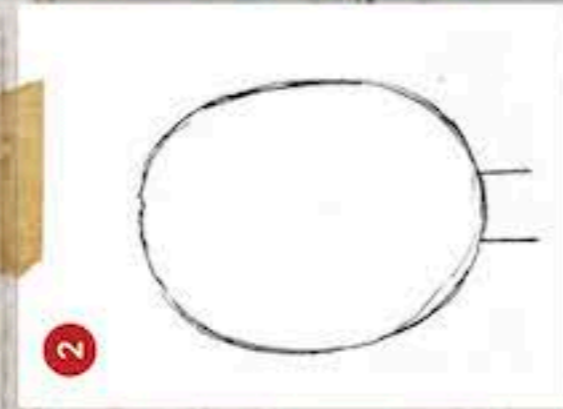


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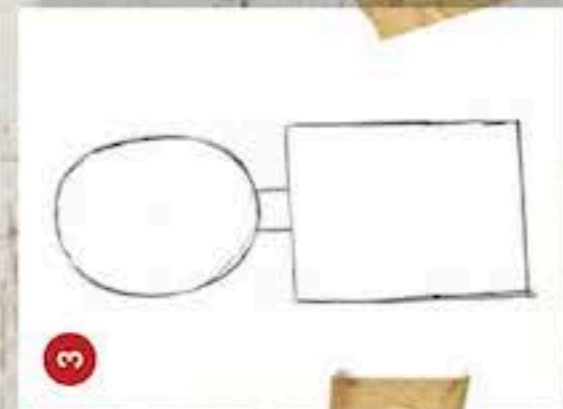
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Draw a simple oval shape.



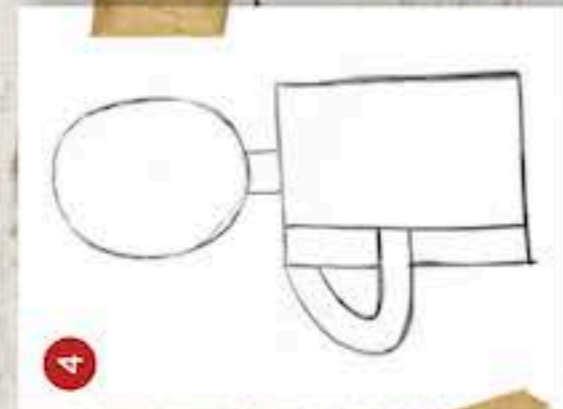
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Add two lines at the bottom.



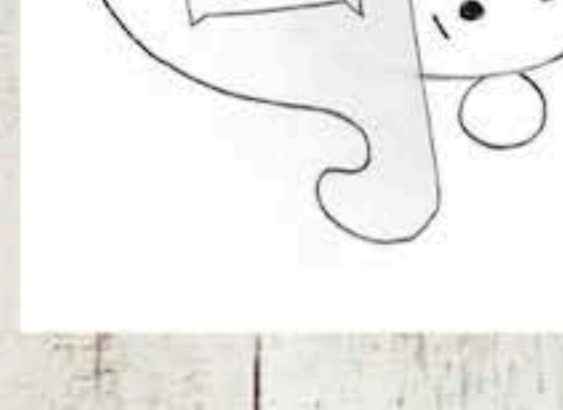
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Add an oblong shape under that.



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Then a line down the body shape and the first arm.



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Add the second arm.



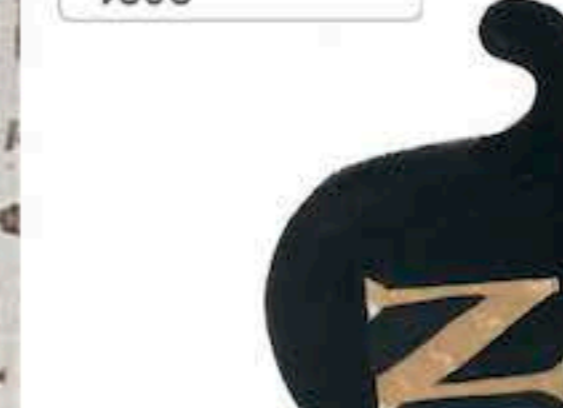
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Then the bottom part of the body.



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Next draw the legs.



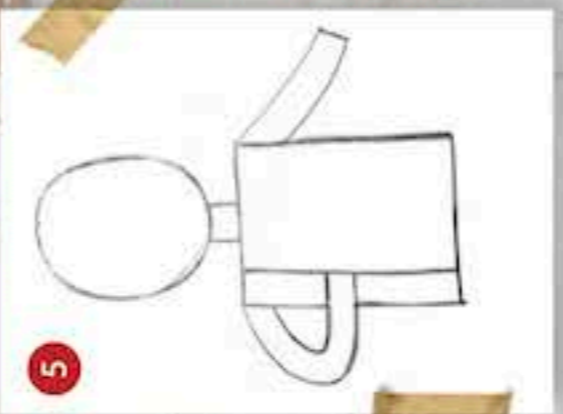
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Don't forget his feet and the tops of his boots.



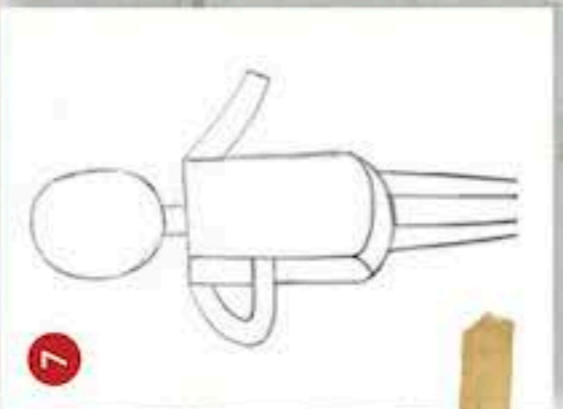
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Now draw the hat - take your time, it's a bit tricky.



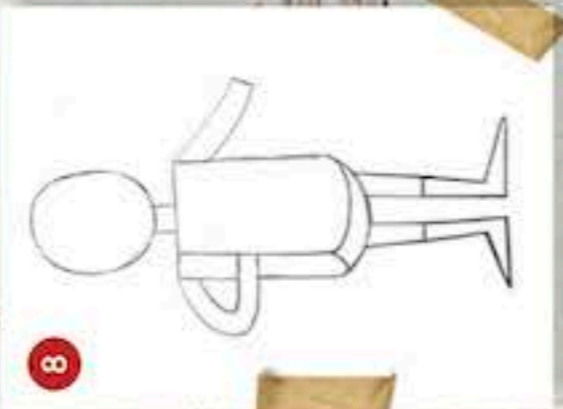
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Next draw his nose.



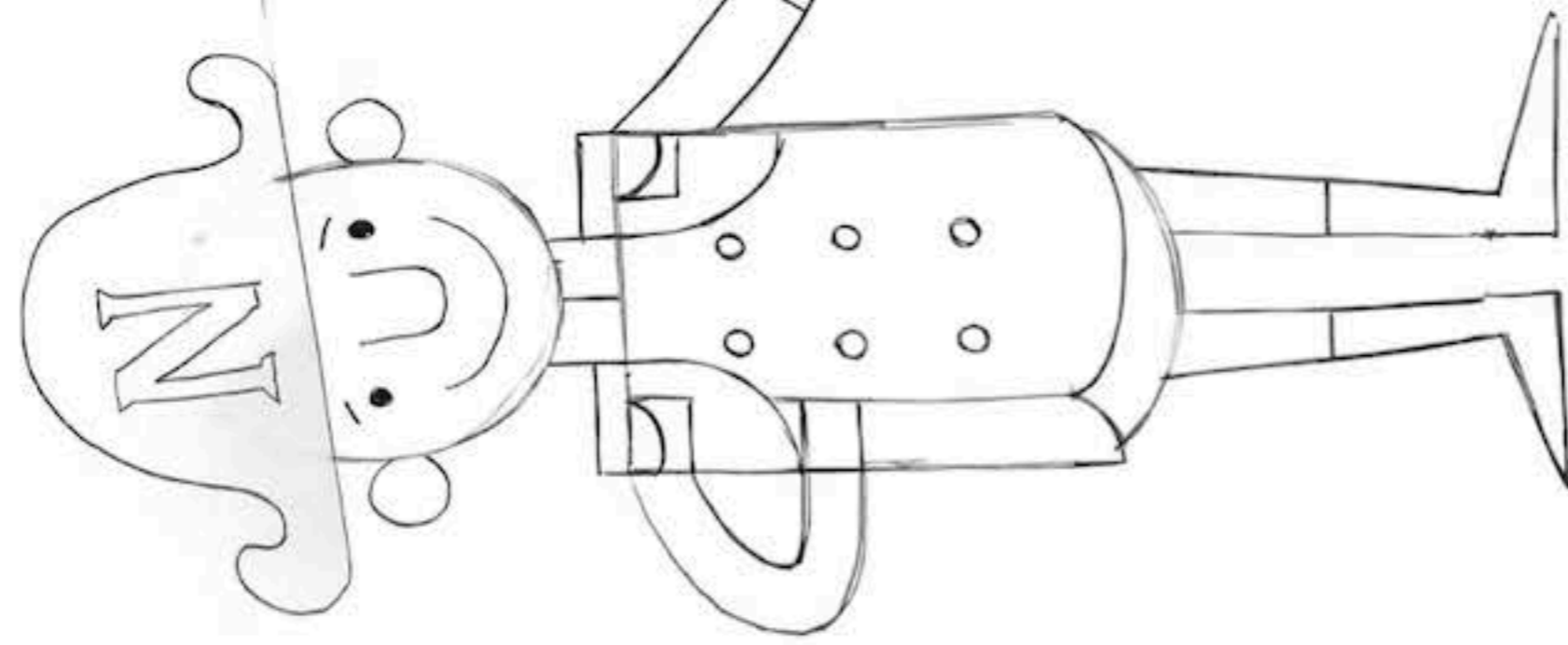
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And his eyes, eyebrows and ears.



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And now for a big smile.



You can finish your Napoleon illustration by adding all the details to his uniform and then, color it in whichever way you like - Good luck and don't be afraid of making mistakes.





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SUPERPOWER (noun): a skill, personal trait, or passion that plays an important role in your life, helps you do good in the world, and makes you feel special, happy, and confident.

Choose one or several of these activities and have fun discovering or reaffirming your superpower! Don't forget to ask for help and permission from your parent, caregiver, or teacher.

Not all of these activities are directly related to superpowers or superheroes, but will still help you to pinpoint your own personal superpower!

Focus on learning about and making positive change for the earth through these environment and climate activities.

- Find a community garden in your area. Go explore it and see what you can learn. Plan your own community garden after you have explored one.
- What is something you are passionate about to help our planet (planting trees, saving endangered animals, cleaning up trash, etc)? Make a poster about it and include ways that people can help. Put your poster up outside for neighbors to see.
- Recycle. Learn more about the recycling rules where you live and be extra thoughtful about what you throw away and what you can save.
- Animal watch, take a walk or just sit outside and record all the animals you see.
- Do an outdoor cleanup walk, see what types of animals or plants you find along the way.
- Make a fairy garden. Using recycled items, create little furniture pieces for fairies to interact with in your yard.
- Think about a place that needs environmental help. It could be in your neighborhood or somewhere else like a national park, place in another state, or even a foreign country. Make your own plan for how to help.
- Learn more about climate changes. Make a list of things you and your family can do to help. Share that list with the people you live with and get them on board with making changes in daily life to help the environment.
- Write a short story or poem about the environment.
- Draw a comic strip or page of a picture book that features the environment
- Read one book from the themed book list and share it with a friend or family member.
- Ask for a book recommendation on the theme from a friend, family member, teacher, or librarian.
- You found a great book? Sit down with a parent, family member, family, teacher and read to them your favorite paragraph or chapter so you can talk about it.



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STEM and Science

Use these activities to help find your superpower



SUPERPOWER (noun): a skill, personal trait, or passion that plays an important role in your life, helps you do good in the world, and makes you feel special, happy, and confident.

Choose one or several of these activities and have fun discovering or reaffirming your superpower! Don't forget to ask for help and permission from your parent, caregiver, or teacher.

Not all of these activities are directly related to superpowers or superheroes, but will still help you to pinpoint your own personal superpower!

Dive into science and STEM with activities that highlight technology, engineering, math, natural science, and more!

- Explore different science projects you can do at home (look in books and on the internet). Try one out and see what you learn.
- Start a plant from seed and take notes on the progress as it grows.
- Start learning how to code at Code.org. There are lots of fiction and non-fiction books you can read about coding to inspire you.
- Go on a walk and collect different leaves/plants. Use a book or the internet to try and identify each species.
- Create a few different paper airplanes and see which model flies the best. You can decorate it to be your superhero jet!
- Use paper and things around your house to create a superhero mask with moving parts.
- Create a superhero buddy using an uncooked egg. Decorate it and then use stuff you have at home to build a parachute or landing gear to prevent your side kick from cracking or breaking when you drop it from up high. You can make this into a contest with your friends or family.
- Science can show you the superpower of all kinds of things. The sun has lots of superpowers. So do clouds. What about the superpowers of animals, machines, your favorite toy? Make a list of different items and what their superpowers are.
- Write a short story or poem about science or STEM.
- Draw a comic strip or page of a picture book that features science or STEM ideas.
- Read one book from the themed book list and share it with a friend or family member.
- Ask for a book recommendation on the theme from a friend, family member, teacher, or librarian.
- You found a great book about STEM or science? Sit down with a parent, family member, family, teacher and read to them your favorite paragraph or chapter so you can talk about it.



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Explore the arts with this activity list including theater, dance, visual art, crafts, and writing.

- Write a short skit or play -- it can be about superheroes or whatever you want. Find family or friends to play the roles and someone to be the audience.
- Use recycled materials (egg cartons, empty jars and containers, paper towel tubes, etc.) to create a statue of someone who inspires you with their superpower.
- Make your own cards. Using paper and art supplies around the house, create handmade cards and write messages to your favorite people. Ask an adult to help you mail them.
- Teach your favorite craft activity to a sibling, friend, parent, or other adult.
- Make your own Children's Book Week decorations using stuff you have at home.
- Come up with your own superhero theme song (hums, or dahs, or oohs to make it simple).
- Create a superhero costume for yourself.
- Use play-doh or clay to build your superheroes' hide-out.
- Create a story in the topic you like and then make puppets to put on a show for your family and/or friends!
- Write a short story or poem about your favorite art form.
- Draw a comic strip or page of a picture book about your favorite art form.
- Read one book from the themed book list and share it with a friend or family member.
- Ask for a book recommendation on the theme from a friend, family member, teacher, or librarian.
- You found a great book about art? Sit down with a parent, family member, family, teacher and read to them your favorite paragraph or chapter so you can talk about it.



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Choose one or several of these activities and have fun discovering or reaffirming your superpower! Don't forget to ask for help and permission from your parent, caregiver, or teacher.

Not all of these activities are directly related to superpowers or superheroes, but will still help you to pinpoint your own personal superpower!

These activities cover a wide range of topics from literature to history, anthropology to archeology.

- Start a book journal, write down all the books you read and what parts you liked and did not like.
- Research a specific year or time period in the past. What important things happened then and what was life like for people? Then you can draw a picture, write a short story, poem, or comic strip with a fictional character during that time.
- Make a list, vision board, or drawing of fictional book characters who have inspired you.
- Make a list, vision board, or drawing of historical figures who have inspired you.
- Write a letter to one of your favorite fictional or historical characters. Tell them how they have inspired you or helped to shape your actions.
- Draw a map of an imaginary place or of a country you want to visit.
- Alternate history: When you learn about a new period in history, imagine and write a short story or drawing about how life would be different if that event hadn't occurred.
- Write a short story or poem about history, literature, archeology, or another of the humanities.
- Draw a comic strip or page of a picture book that history, literature, anthropology, or another of the humanities.
- Read one book from the themed book list and share it with a friend or family member.
- Ask for a book recommendation on the theme from a friend, family member, teacher, or librarian.
- You found a great book? Sit down with a parent, family member, family, teacher and read to them your favorite paragraph or chapter so you can talk about it.

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