

Christmas Guided Drawing Instructions



Triangle Santa

This simple drawing is the easiest way to draw Santa that I know of! Here's how:

1. Draw a large triangle (or a capital A with the line on the bottom) to form the body and head. Draw a small "cloud" on the top of the hat to make the white pompom as shown.
2. Draw a skinny rectangle very near the top of the hat to make the black rim of the hat. Fill it in with black or white, as you choose.
3. Underneath the rim of the hat, draw two circle eyes and color them in. Draw a big circle nose.
4. Starting on one side of the nose, draw a cloud for the beard, finishing at the other side of the nose. Then put the smile in the middle of the beard.
5. Under the beard, draw one line for the top of the belt. Then draw another line very close underneath it for the bottom of the belt. Draw a number eleven in the middle of the belt to form the belt buckle. Make a dot in the middle of the belt buckle. Color in the belt black. (The buckle will be yellow, but I generally don't pass out crayons at all until we are done with the entire drawing.)
6. To form the white cotton trim at the bottom of Santa's suit, draw a bunch of "smiles" on the bottom of the coat, and some lower case "M's" or frowns for the top part of the trim as shown. I show the children as I draw the trim, saying, "Smile, smile, smile, smile, smile, etc. Then "M, m, m, m, m" for



the top part of the trim, etc.

7. For the arms, draw one line coming down from the coat, and then another, and then put a lid on it. Then draw a circle hand on each arm.

Reindeer

This reindeer is very easy to draw; the trick is to start with the head so that the body can go *around* the head, rather than under it or next to it. It winds up looking a little bit better that way.

1. Draw an oval head. Add two eyes, a big circle nose, and a happy smile.
2. For each antler, draw a capital letter Y. Then add a couple more lines for the extra prongs.
3. For the body, start at the side of the reindeer's head to the left of the smile. Draw a large oval body, finishing the oval on the head at the other side of the reindeer's smile.
4. For each of the reindeer's legs, draw two lines going down, and then put a lid on it. Then add an extra line for the hoof.
5. For the tail, make a skinny line going down the reindeer's hind quarters. Draw some lines at the end of the tail for the hair.
6. For the harness, make a lower case T on the reindeer's body.



Little Elf

This elf is a little bit tricky, and a big part of that is the fact that you have to start with the hat and go down. Make sure that your students start at the top or at least near the middle of their page to make sure that they leave plenty of room for the rest of the body after they make the head. Lots of my students misjudged where to place the head and then couldn't complete their elf, and we needed to start over with it.

1. Draw a triangle for the hat, (or make a capital A with the line on the bottom rather than the middle.) Draw a small "cloud" on the top of the hat to make the white pompom as shown.
2. To form the white cotton trim at the bottom of the elf's hat, draw a bunch of "smiles" on the bottom of the hat, and some lower case "M's" or frowns for the top part of the trim as shown.



I show the children as I draw the trim, saying, "Smile, smile, smile, smile, smile, etc. Then "M, m, m, m, m" for the top part of the trim, etc.



3. For the elf's face, draw a big letter U (or a big smile). Give the elf eyes, a nose, and a mouth. Give him some pointy ears, too. I told my students to watch me draw each ear as I said, "Smile UP, then back in." *The more you can verbalize and describe what you are doing, the easier it will be for your students. If you can think of a letter, number, or shape that they already know how to make and use it in your description, then they will be drawing with confidence in no time!*
4. Draw a short "slide" going down the sides of the elf's chin to form the shoulders. Then make two lines going straight down to make the jacket. Put the cotton trim on the bottom of the jacket in the same manner as you did the trim on the hat: "Smile, smile, smile; frown, frown, frown."
5. Draw a smile under the chin to form the collar. Then draw a straight line going down the middle of the jacket to form the its opening.
6. Draw a line in the middle of the jacket to make the top of the belt. Then draw another line very close underneath it to form the bottom part of the belt. Draw a number eleven in the middle of the belt to form the belt buckle. Make a dot in the middle of the belt buckle. Color in the belt black. Add buttons on both sides of the jacket opening, since this is a double breasted suit.
7. For each arm, draw two lines going down and then put a lid on each one. Add a circle for each hand.
8. For each leg, draw two lines going down and then put a lid on each one. For the shoes, have the kids watch you as you make a half of circle for the shoe. Then do the same thing on the bottom of it to close it. You can tell them that it is just like starting a circle, but not finishing it, saying, "I was going to make a circle- and then I changed my mind and went back down." Or, you can use the same method as you did with the ears, and just say, "Smile UP, then back in." This was really the only hard part of the elf for my students.
9. Put some lines on the legs for the striped pants.

You may want to fill in the background with some lines for the snow, "jumping over the existing drawings. Add a "North Pole" sign, which is not hard if you have the kids write the words first and *then* draw the rectangle around it!