

Holiday Traditions Around the World Guided Drawing

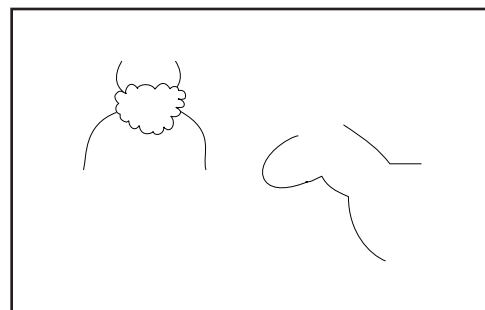
France: "Pere Noel"

Preparation:

Copy one master for each child with Pere Noel's beard and the two lines for his head, etc. Each child will need a black, medium, felt tip marker.

Instructions for Pere Noel:

1. Trace the lines for the beard and the sides of the head. Inside the beard, draw a smile and some lines for the dimples on the edges of the smile.
2. Draw a letter C for the ear on the left and a capital D for the ear on the right. Then draw two dots for the eyes.
3. Give Pere Noel some bushy eyebrows above his eyes. It's like drawing M's or zigzags very close together.
4. Pere Noel wears a Bishop's hat. You may wish to explain that this is a religious person's hat, such as a priest's hat from another country. To make the hat, draw a line across the top of the head. Then draw another line right above it. Close the sides by drawing a line on both ends. Then draw a skinny rainbow on top of the band to make the pointy part of the hat. After that, draw two lines going down the middle of it for the stripe.
5. Trace the lines for the shoulders and robe. Continue the lines down to wherever you think the robe should end. Then draw a line across the bottom of the robe.
6. Show the children how the drawing of Pere Noel's robe (in the Holiday Traditions Book) looks like a large capital Y. So tell them to draw a big letter Y, but with two lines down the middle of the robe. Then they just need to draw a line across the bottom of the robe for that other yellow stripe!



This is what the master looks like to get the kids started drawing.

7. Draw some little smiles for the shoes under the robe.
8. For the arms, draw a number six on both sides of the robe, and then put a circle hand at the end of his arm. If that seems too complicated, try telling them to draw a letter C and make the end of it his hand. The children actually did MUCH better with this than I did!
9. Draw a staff in his hand like a tall lower case letter f.

Instructions for the Donkey:

1. Trace the donkey's head and neck. Then give him one eye, since we are looking at him from the side. Give him a nose and a smile.
2. Give the donkey big ears that look like leaves. Draw another ear inside of each one to give them some depth. Draw a cloud of hair on the donkey's head and a mane.
3. Draw the donkey's body. It's like a big oval or a rounded rectangle. (In my picture, there wasn't room for the donkey's rear end, so I just let it go off the end!) Some of my kids did the same, and some of them finished their donkeys.
4. Give the donkey legs. Each leg needs two sticks, and a line across the bottom to close it. Then draw another line across the bottom for the hoof.
5. Last of all, draw a basket for the presents that the donkey carries! Just draw a large smile on the donkey's back. Then draw a smaller smile on top of it. After that, I showed the children how to draw some presents and toys in the basket.
6. Color it for fun!



