

# Mother's Day Guided Drawing

This is a fun project to do for the front of a Mother's Day card or to decorate the top of a project such as one of those "Makit" plates or other projects from makit.com. I like that it helps the children put in lots of details and avoid making just simple stick figures, etc. Enjoy!



## To Prepare:

If this will be a greeting card, then duplicate the pages provided for each child and then fold them in half to form a card that opens in landscape format.

Each child will need a black fine tipped marker draw with and some crayons, but I never pass out the crayons until they are finished drawing the picture. This is because once they begin coloring, it is difficult to get their attention back again.

Note: The greeting card pattern provided includes a circle for the head lightly drawn on the front. The reason that I drew the head on there for the children is because if they make the head either too high or too low, they will not be able to continue with their drawing because there will be no room for the body if it is too low, etc. Also if it is too small, then there is no room for the features of the face. For this reason, I have found it simply easier and less frustrating for everyone to just give them a paper with a circle lightly drawn on and ask them to begin by tracing it. It wastes less paper, too, because there is less of a need to start over. You can certainly resize it for a different project and make your own, or simply let them do it themselves, of course! Doing it this way was simply my personal choice.

## Directions:

*Note: The hair will be added last, because many children will want this individualized. I also remind the children before we start that this is supposed to be a nice picture of their moms that she will LIKE, and therefore, should NOT be made into a vampire or a monster, or even a mad picture, since most mom's wouldn't appreciate that!*

1. Trace the head. Make two circles for the eyes and fill them in. Add some rainbows for the eyebrows. Optional: Add some little "laugh lines" next to the eyes by making little "V's" next to her eyes. The V's go sideways like arrows or second half of a letter K.
2. For the mouth, make a big smile, and add the dimple lines on the outside edges to make her look very happy. Then, to give her a place for lipstick, make some lower case "M bumps" on the top of her lips, and a little smile on the bottom of her lips.
3. Make a dot for the nose. Then make two letter C's for the ears. One of them will be backwards.
4. Remind the children that we will leave the mom's hair for last because many of them will probably want to do something different.
5. Make a number 11 for the neck.

6. Note: *Have the children look at your paper before drawing and see how much room they have to draw their triangle dress. If they make it too big, there will be no room for the legs and shoes. This is important because some children will become very upset at this point if their picture is "ruined" by a too long dress.*

Draw a capital letter A with the line on the bottom (or a triangle) for the dress. Put a bunch of smiles at the bottom of the dress for ruffles.

7. Add a small smile to the top of the dress for the collar. Put some smiles under it for the ruffles.

8. Make a letter C on one side of the dress for a sleeve. Put some smiles on it for ruffles. Do the same to the other side.

9. For each arm, add "one line, two lines, and then put a lid on it." Then make a circle for the hand. Do the same for the other side.

10. For the bow, make a small circle in the middle of the dress. Make a couple of ovals (or squished circles) on either side for the rest of the bow. Then put some rectangles below the bow for the parts of the bow that hang down. For the sash, add some lines going across, or a couple of "equal signs" on either side of the bow. :)

11. For each leg, add "one line, two lines, and then put a lid on it." Then make a big hot dog for the shoe. Add a rectangle for the heel. Put a smile on the top of the hot dog for the top of the shoe. Decorate the shoe as you wish.

12. For the hair: *(Note: I am giving directions for a few of the samples shown below. I assume that you can probably figure out the rest. I usually let the children decide if they need help with the hair or if they would rather do it themselves. If they want help, some children can start coloring the bodies in while they wait for a turn. Then I hold up the sample that I am going to do and tell the children that if they want that particular style of hair to follow along.)*



Sample 1. Starting at the ears, draw a rainbow very close to the top of the head for the headband. Then find the top and middle of the headband. This is where you will start the hair. Make a slide going down past the ear, and then back in to touch the neck under the ear.

Sample 2. Make a small, flat hot dog on top of the head. Draw a line from it down to the ear. Do this a couple of times on both sides. Then, on the top of the hot dog, make a bunch of slides for the hair coming down, then add some lines coming down on the forehead for bangs. Coloring it in with crayons helps it look like pretty hair.

Sample 3. Starting at the ears, draw a rainbow very close to the top of the head. Make a small, hot dog on top of the head for the bun. Then make some smiles on the forehead for the bangs.

Sample 4. Starting at the top middle of the head, make lots of wavy lines coming down. Be sure to add a few of them that start from other places on the head, such as just above and below the ears and behind the neck. Coloring it in with crayons helps it look like pretty hair.

Sample 5. Starting at the ears, draw lots of lower case "M bumps" all around the head. I usually just say, "Boing, boing, boing, boing," as I draw, and the kids catch on right away. Draw from one ear to the other, staying close to the head. Then do the same thing, staying close to your original line. Then make some smiles on the forehead for the bangs.





