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How to draw Manga!

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On this little page, I will show you how to draw the japanese manga style.

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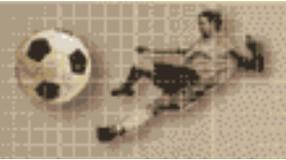
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How to draw the basic anatomy of manga hair:

Foreword: Try to imagine "Ryokyo" from "Tenchi Muyo!" with a green hair and long thick ponytails, instead of the blue punk hair, she normally has.... she might look cute, but it's just not "Ryokyo" anymore!

The hair is one of the "trademarks" of a manga karater, and are often used to give a karather a specific look/style.

In this lesson we will look at the anatomy of manga hair.

1. Manga hair anatomy consists of two basic shapes, the front hair (fringe part) and the back hair (main part).

Any other hair design is a variation of these two basic shapes, color and hairstyle (long/short/straight/curlly etc.)

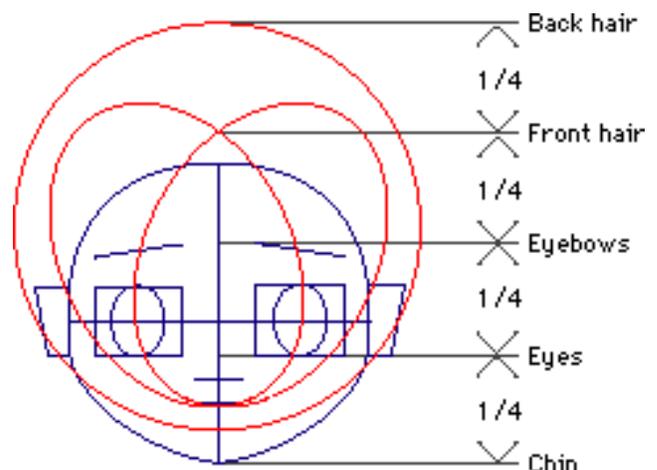
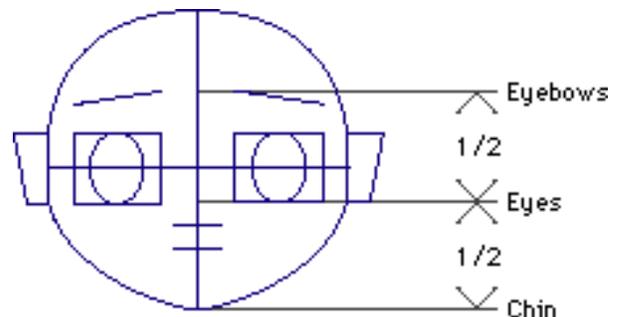
Here we go!

Note the distance between the chin, eyes and eyebrows.

Double the distance and you get the positions of the front and back hair.

2. Make a circle going from the top of "Back hair" marker to somewhere a little above the chin.

Make two ellipses overlapping each other to form the "Front hair" marker, which go down to the mouth marker.



3. Use these guidelines to finish your drawing.



4. Add some color to the drawing.



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How to draw manga eyes:

Foreword: There are a lot of different ways to draw manga eyes. And none of these ways are more right than the others.

Big eyes!

Manga eyes have one thing in common; they are very big! Very often a lot of the space inside the eye is used for the iris and the pupil. The pupil is mostly circular and the iris can be shaped like a square or plain round. In most eyes you find a large light glare in the upper part of the iris.

The basic shape of the eye

By changing the basic shape of the eye, you can draw a lot of different types of eyes.

Try to draw some of the eyes on Illustration A.

You can see the way to do it down below.

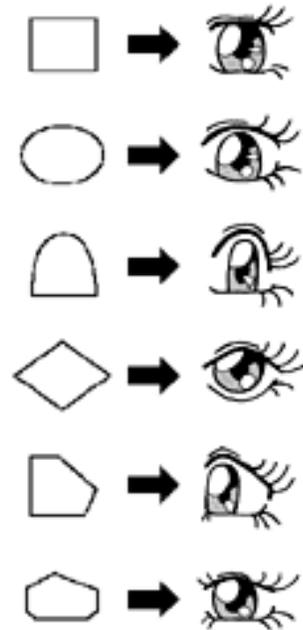
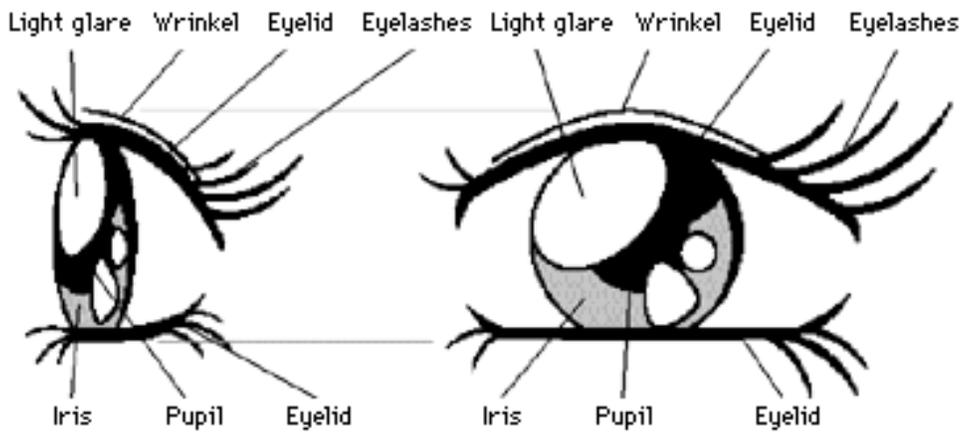


Illustration A



1. Start by drawing the basic shape of the eye.

It's important to get the proportions right from the start.

2. Draw the eyelids. And use a thicker line for the upper eyelids.

Add some light glares.

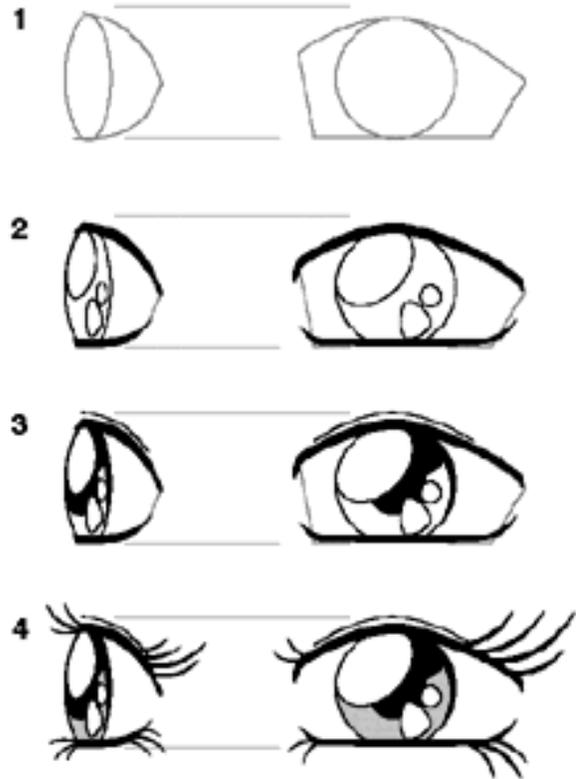
3. Draw the pupil and the dark shadow in the upper part of the iris.

Draw a thin wrinkle over the upper eyelid.

4. Draw the eyelashes.

Ink over the lines with a thin marker. Gently remove all pencil lines with an eraser.

If you wish to add some color to the eye, you can tone the iris, but keep the light glares white.



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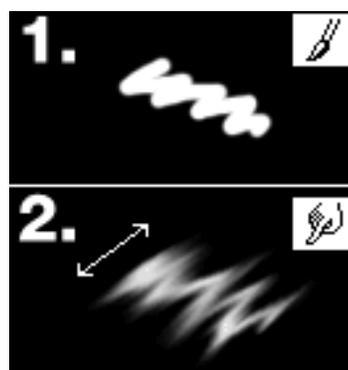
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Photoshop tips:

Foreword: I always use Adobe Photoshop when I color my manga drawings. Here are some cool tips I use when I work with Photoshop.

1. The finger tool tip!

If you are coloring hair, use the "finger tool" to smear the highlights, to get a really cool effect!



2. Anime & manga color palette tip!

I keep all my favorite colors tones in a special palette. In that way I always know where to find that great looking skin tone or that cool eye color.

When I work with Photoshop, I just open the palette in separate window, so I can go color hunting with the "Eyedropper tool"!

This palette is made with rows of two or three color shadings, like the ones used to draw animation cels.

If you wish you can draw your own palette or copy mine. To copy mine from this webpage, right click on the palette image and save it to

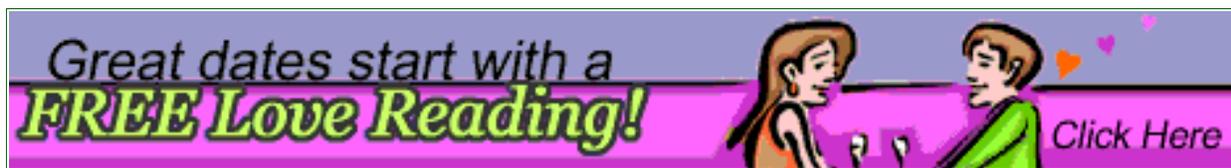


your harddisk.

You can then open it in Photoshop or another coloring software and use the eyedropper tool to get the colors. If you want to use your own colors, delete all the colors using the fill (paint bucket) function. Then put all your favorite color tones into the palette.

Remember to keep the color palette around next time you are gonna color a drawing.

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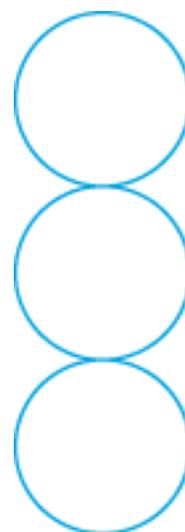
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How to draw super deform

Foreword: Here is a guide to draw a character in the super deform style. This character is my own macot, her name is Annie May.

1. Most super deforme characters are three "heads" high.

Start by drawing three circles on top of each other. This will help you get the proportions right.



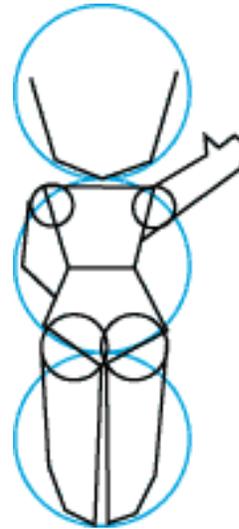
2. Add some basic shapes for the head and the torso.



3. Add some basic circles to help you place the limbs.



4. Add some basic shapes for the arms and the legs.



5. Now that the guidelines are done, you can draw your character.

Don't put too much detail into your drawing.



6. Finish the drawing.

Ink over the lines with a thin marker. Gently remove all pencil lines with an eraser and color your drawing.

That's it!



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F.A.Q.:

Foreword: I get a lot of emails with questions about drawing manga. Here are some of the questions and my answers.

1. Q: What is "manga"?

A: "Manga" is the Japanese word for Japanese comics/cartoons (books & stuff)!

2. Q: What is "anime"?

A: "Anime" is the Japanese word for Japanese animation (films & series). Most anime series are based on a manga.

3. Q: How do you make such smooth lines in your tutorials?

A: I use Adobe Illustrator when I outline my hand-drawings for a tutorial. I only use Adobe Photoshop for coloring.

4. Q: Where do I find a tutorial on how to draw something else?

A: If you want more tutorials, try visiting the "[U aRe Drawing!](#)" website - there you will find the best "How to draw" websites on the net and meet other fanartists!



5. Q: What is "super deformed"?

A: "Super deformed" or SD is a small 3 head high "squashed" version of a manga character - mostly used to portray a childish side of a character!

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How to draw Sasami Kawaii:

Foreword: Here is a guide to draw Sasami Kawaii from "Tenchi Muyo!".

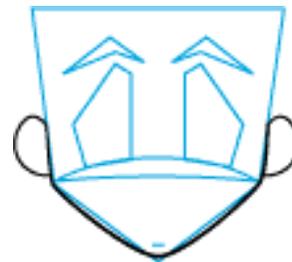
1. The basic shape is made of some polygons and a few lines as shown.

It's important to get the proportions right from the start.



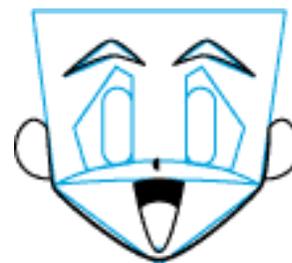
2. Now that we have the proportions, we can start drawing Sasami's jaw and ears.

In character drawing, avoid using straight lines. Curve the lines slightly. It's a little hard and you need some practice, but just keep on until you are satisfied with your lines.

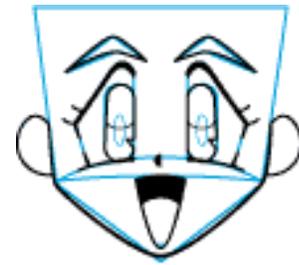


3. Draw the eyelids and the mouth.

Draw the shadow of her nose as a little half circle. Note that you only need to draw the shadow when you see a character in a front view.



4. Draw the eyelids and the small eyelashes. The thickness of line you use for the upper eyelids should be twice as big as the lower eyelids.



Remember that the upper part of the iris is a light glare. It makes the eyes more lively.

The big eyes give Sasami the super kawaii (cute) look.

5. Now that the face is almost done, we start on Sasami's hair.

The upper part of the polygon marks the top of her forehead.

Start by drawing the two locks of hair on her forehead (the ones that go down over her eyebrows). Then draw the top of her hair. Now you'll have two reference points to draw after when you draw the rest of her hair.

Mark the sides of her head, by drawing two lines over her ears.

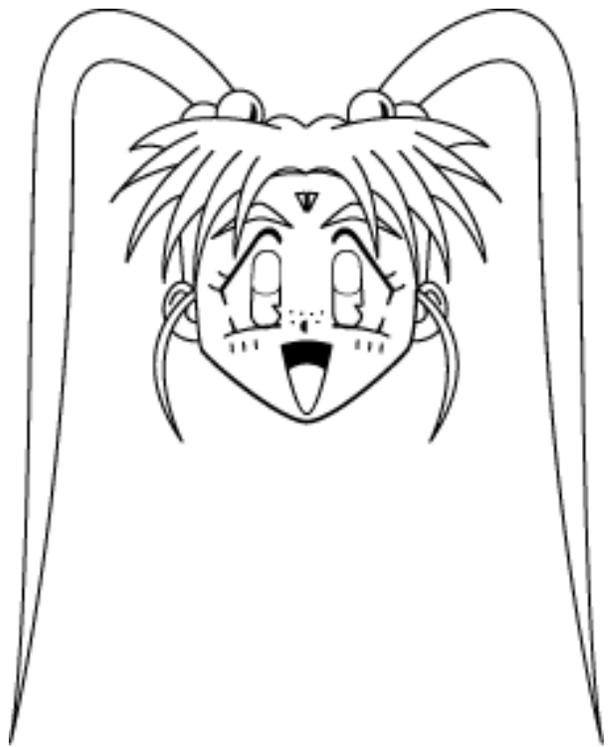
Draw the hair jewels, the two long pony tails and the locks by her ears.

6. Finish drawing the hair and the hair jewels.

Add the forehead-emblem, freckles, cheeks and earfolds.

Ink over the lines with a thin marker. Gently remove all pencil lines with an eraser.





7. Color your drawing.

Start by giving her face a light skintone. Then fill some blue color into the hair, eyebrows and her forehead-emblem. Keep some light reflections in the hair, to make it look shiny.

Put a shadow in the upper 1/3 part of her eyes.

Color hairballs and eyes red, and her mouth and pupils dark red.

That's it!



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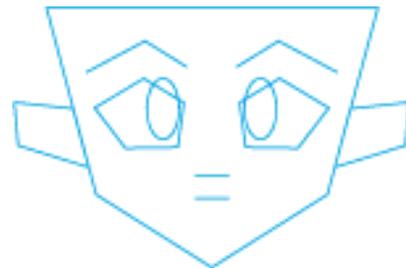
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2. Now that we have the proportions, we can start drawing Ryoko's jaw and ears.

In character drawing, avoid using straight lines. Curve the lines slightly. It's a little hard and you need some pratice, but just keep on until you are satisfied with your lines.



3. Draw the eyelids, nose and the mouth.

Note that you only need to draw the shadow of the nose, when you see a character in a front view.



- 4.** Finish Ryoko's face.
Start with the eyelids and the two big eyelashes.

Finish the eyes by drawing the iris and the pupil.

Remember that the upper part of the iris is a light glare.

Also draw the earfolds and the "power jewel" earring under the right ear.

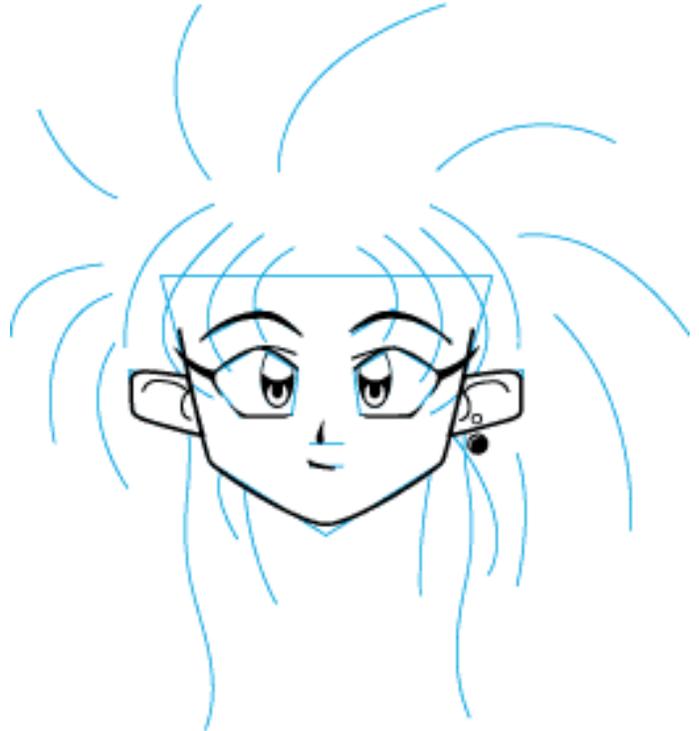


- 5.** Now that the face is done, we start on Ryoko's hair.

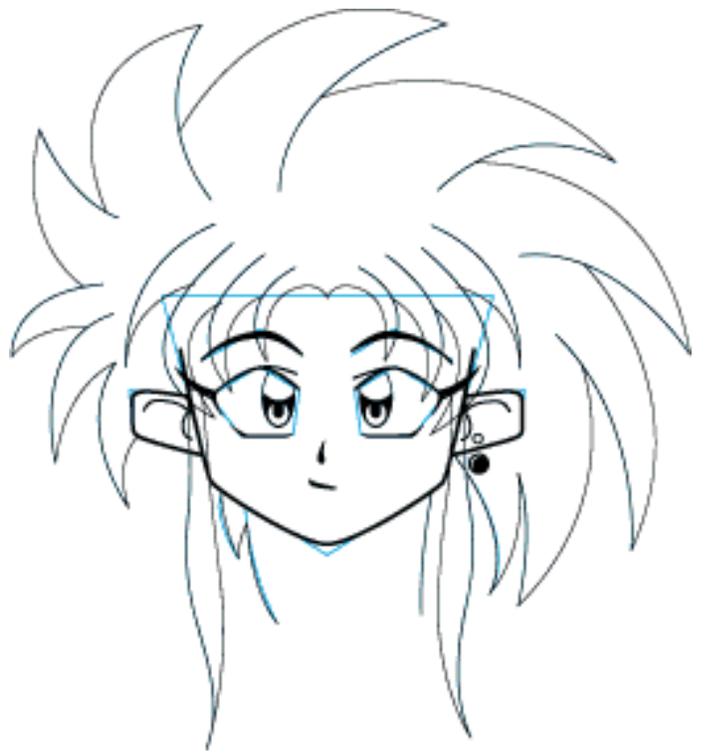
The upper part of the polygon marks the top of her forehead.

Start by drawing the guidelines. Start with the locks of hair on her forehead and then the rest of her hair.

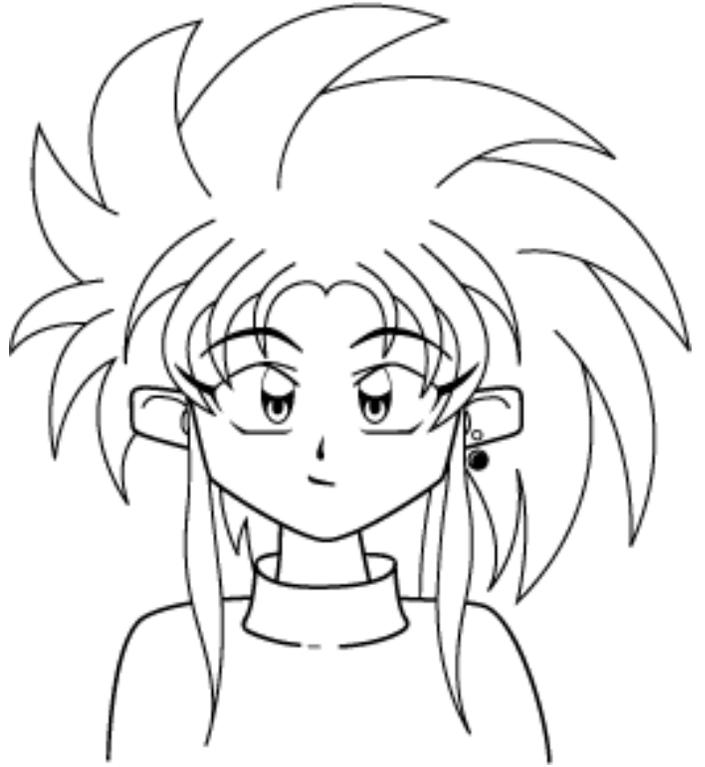
Remember to draw the guides for the locks by her ears.



- 6.** Connect the hair guidelines to each other, and finish the hair.



7. Finish the drawing. Ink over the lines with a thin marker. Gently remove all pencil lines with an eraser.



8. Color your drawing.

Start by giving her face a light skintone as shown. Then fill some light blue color into the hair. Keep some light reflections in the hair, to make it look shiny.

Put a shadow in the upper 1/3 part of her eyes.

Color the eyes yellow.

That's it!



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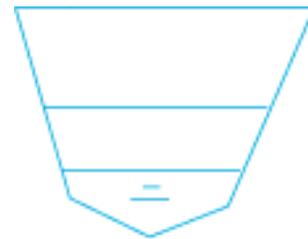
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How to draw Son Goku:

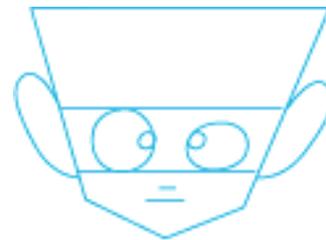
Foreword: Here is a guide to draw Son Goku from "DragonBall".

1. The basic shape is made of a polygon and a few lines as shown.

It's important to get the proportions right from the start.



2. Add some basic shapes for the eyes and the ears.



3. Now that we have the proportions, we can start drawing Goku's jaw, mouth and nose.

In character drawing, avoid using straight lines. Curve the lines slightly. It's a little hard and you need some practice, but just keep on until you are satisfied with your lines.

Add the basic shapes for the eyelids.



- 4.** Finish Goku's face.
Start with the eyes and the eyelids.

Finish the eyes by drawing the pupils.



- 5.** Now that the face is done, we start on Goku's hair.

The upper part of the polygon marks the top of his forehead.

Start by drawing the guidelines. Start with the locks of hair on his forehead and then the rest of her hair.



- 6.** Connect the hair guidelines to each other.



7. Add the hairstands to finish the hair.

Finish the drawing.

Ink over the lines with a thin marker. Gently remove all pencil lines with an eraser.



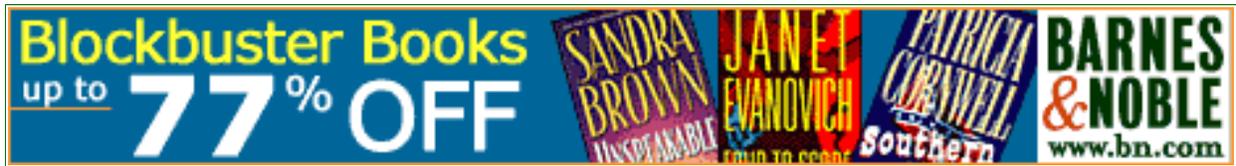
8. Color your drawing.

Give Goku's face a light skintone as shown. Add some shading to indicate the shadows in his face.

That's it!



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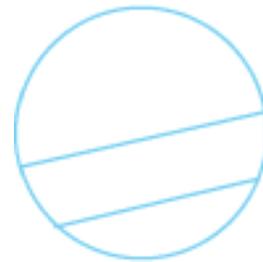
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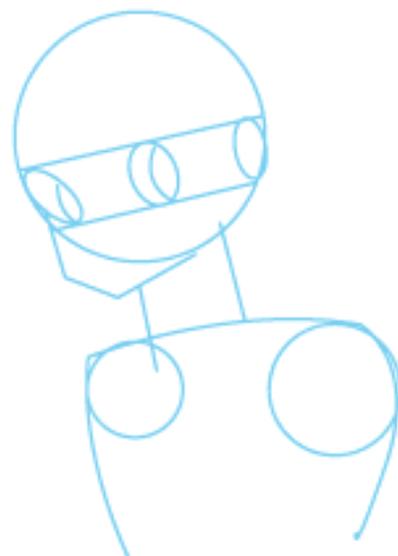


2. Add some basic shapes for the eyes, pupils and jaw.



3. Add the basic shapes for her neck, ear and the top of her torso.

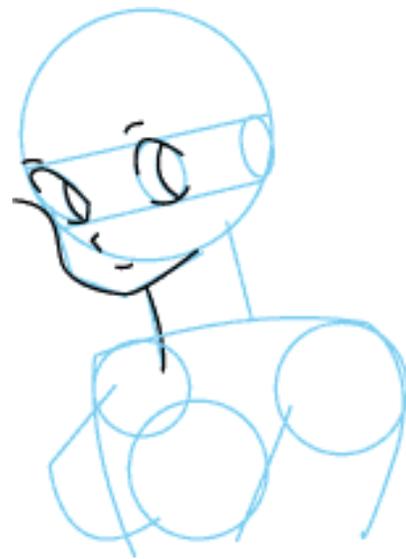
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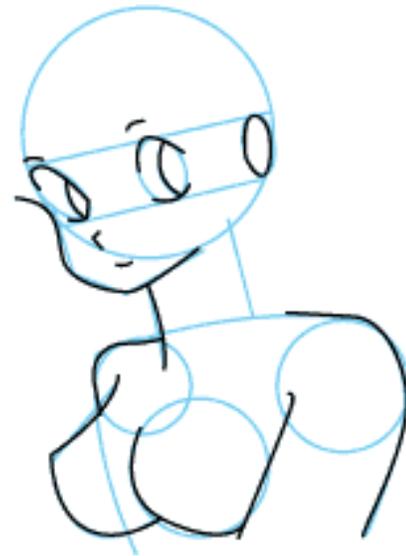
4. Add the guidelines for her breasts.

Now that we have the proportions right, we can start drawing Lum-chan's jaw, mouth, nose and eyes.

In character drawing, avoid using straight lines. Curve the lines slightly. It's a little hard and you need some practice, but just keep on until you are satisfied with your lines.



5. Now that her face is done, we go on to the ear, neck, shoulders, arms and breasts.



6. Now that the face is done, we start on Lum-chan's hair and horns.

Start by drawing the guidelines. Start with the locks of hair on her forehead and then the rest of her hair.

Don't forget the horns! No horns, no Lum-chan!



7. Draw Lum-chan's hair.

Add the two locks of hair on her forehead.

Finish drawing the hair as shown.



8. Finish the drawing.

Add the final detail; the small eyelashes, the earfold and her tiger-bikini-top.

Ink over the lines with a thin marker. Gently remove all pencil lines with an eraser.



8. Color your drawing.

Give Lum-chan's face a light skintone as shown. Add some shading to indicate the shadows in her face. Shade her hair green. Eyes yellow with small highlights in the pupils as shown. A little yellow eyeshade over the eyes. Color her top with some tiger stripes on a yellow background.

That's it!

Kawaii! (n_n)

