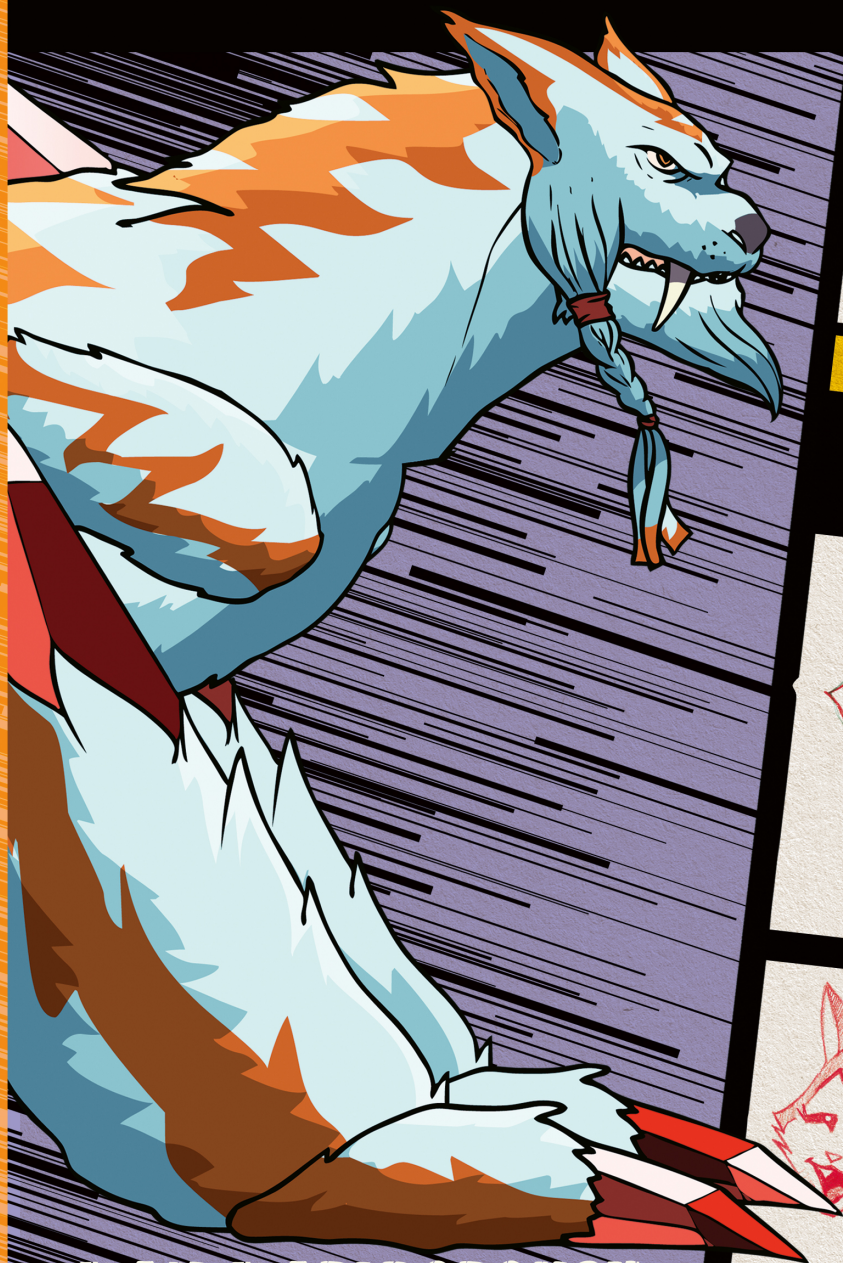
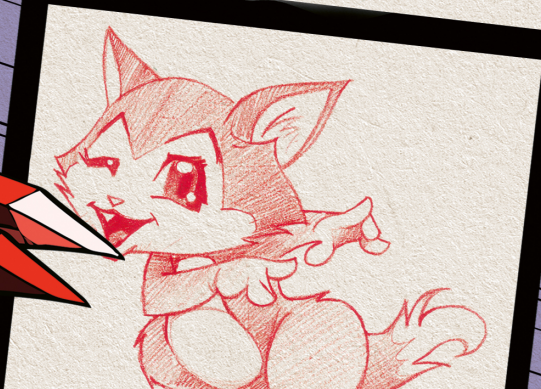
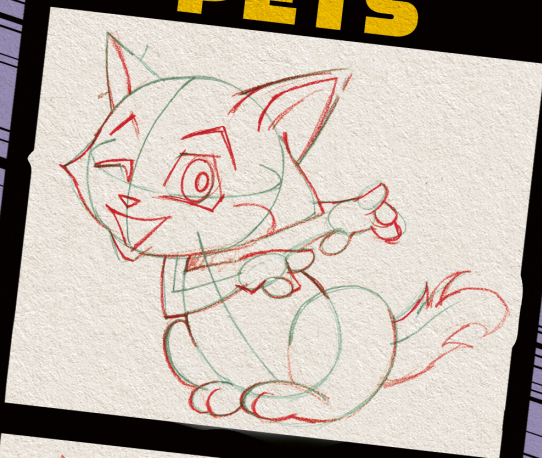


THE ART OF DRAWING MANGA



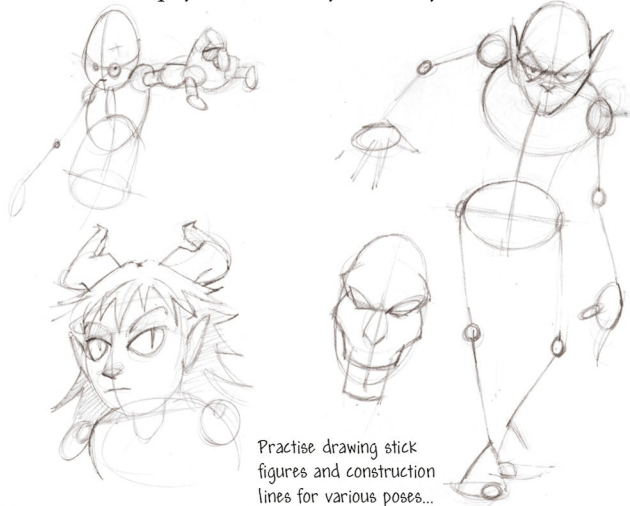
**MONSTERS
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Introduction

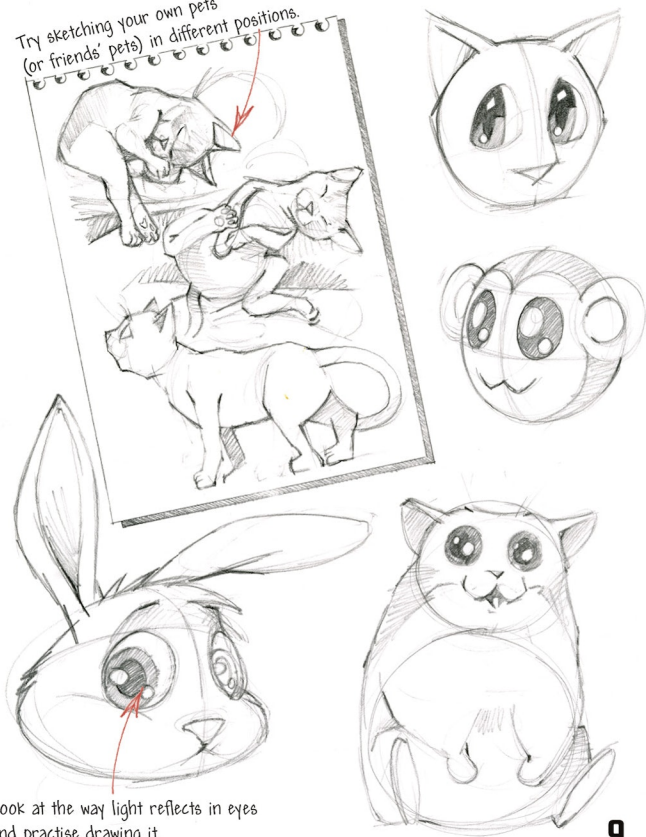
The key to drawing well is learning to look carefully. Study your subject until you know it really well. Keep a sketchbook with you and draw whenever you get the chance. Even doodling is good – it helps to make your drawing more confident. You'll soon develop your own style of drawing, but this book will help you to find your way.



Practise drawing stick figures and construction lines for various poses...

Quick sketches

Try sketching your own pets (or friends' pets) in different positions.

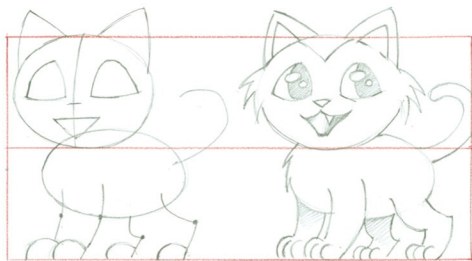


Look at the way light reflects in eyes and practise drawing it.

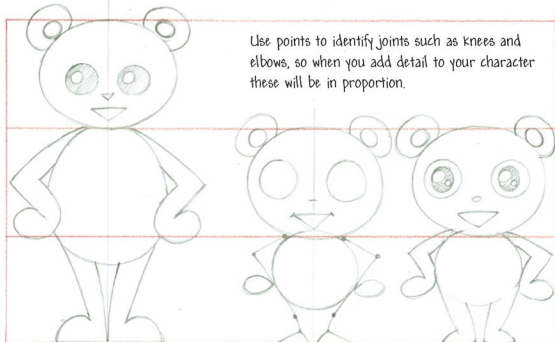
Body proportions

Heads in manga are drawn slightly bigger than in real life. Legs and hips make up more than half the overall height of the figure.

Use boxes to proportion head and body size. For a four-legged creature like this, use two boxes.



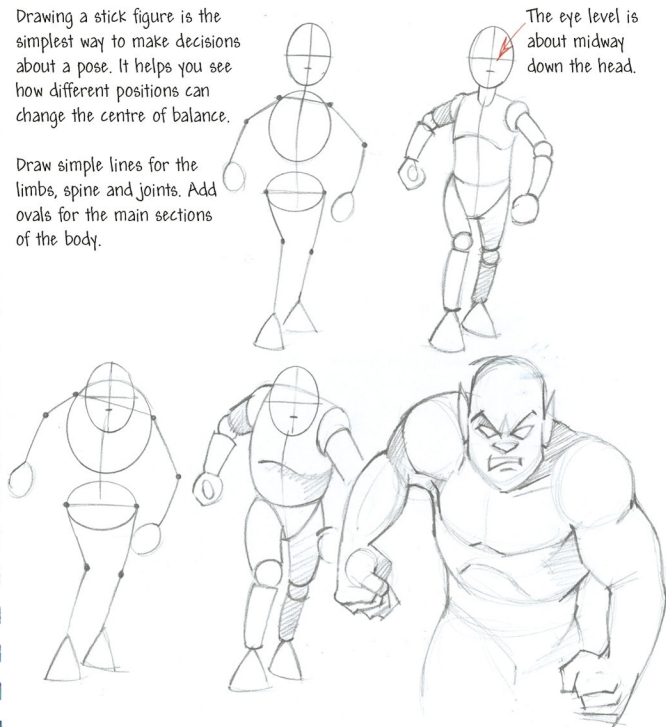
The eye level is about midway down the head.



Use points to identify joints such as knees and elbows, so when you add detail to your character these will be in proportion.

Drawing a stick figure is the simplest way to make decisions about a pose. It helps you see how different positions can change the centre of balance.

Draw simple lines for the limbs, spine and joints. Add ovals for the main sections of the body.



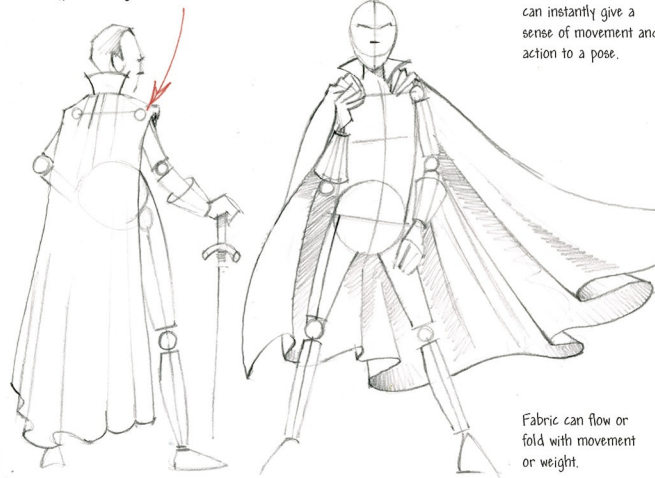
These three stages show how a body is developed from a stick figure.

With monsters, you can experiment with dramatic, threatening poses.

Creases and folds

Clothes fall into natural creases and folds when worn. Look at real people to see how fabric drapes and how it falls into creases. This will help you to dress your characters more realistically.

The way fabric hangs depends on the type and weight of the material.



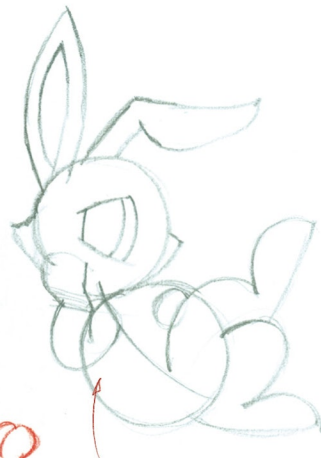
The way fabric is drawn can instantly give a sense of movement and action to a pose.

Fabric can flow or fold with movement or weight.

Chibifying

Chibi is a manga style where the subject is small and cute. Any drawing can be made into chibi style by exaggerating features while keeping the body small.

Your manga pets can come in all shapes and sizes. You can change the construction circles and lines depending on the type of animal, or what kind of character you want it to be.



Note the construction circles are smaller and rounder, producing a smaller shape, the facial features are more cartoonish and some of the features are enlarged, such as the ears, eyes and feet.

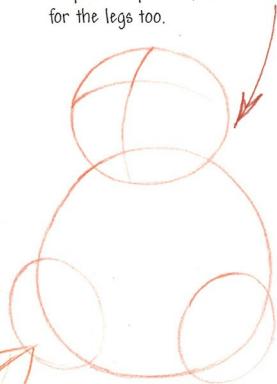


Miu is a good luck charm. Her owner keeps her on his shoulder, and Miu protects him from harm.

2. Use your construction lines to add facial features and ears. Draw the arms as large folds, with long flat paws and feet.



1. Draw the basic ovals and construction lines. The hamster's body shape is very round, so draw circles for the legs too.

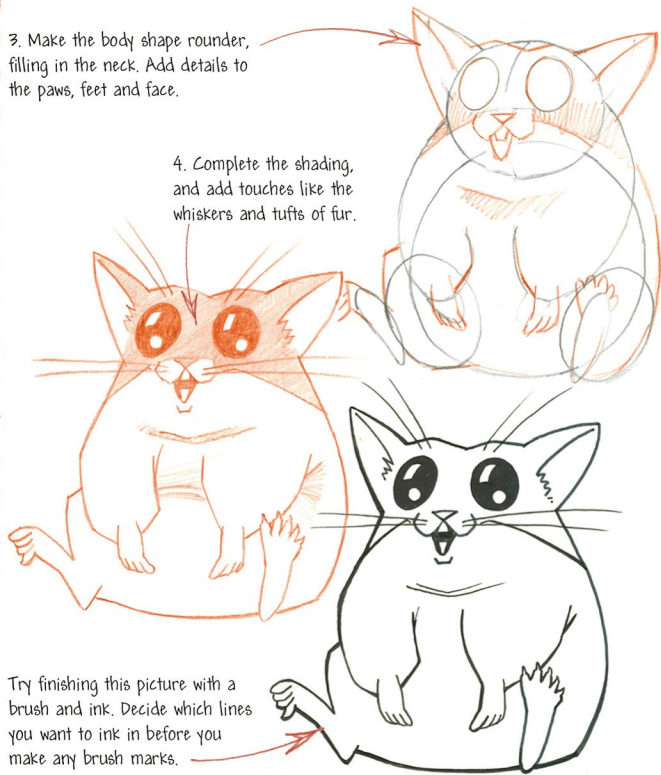


Try sketching from a different angle:



3. Make the body shape rounder, filling in the neck. Add details to the paws, feet and face.

4. Complete the shading, and add touches like the whiskers and tufts of fur.



Try finishing this picture with a brush and ink. Decide which lines you want to ink in before you make any brush marks.