

How To Draw Manga



A step-by-step guide to drawing manga

- Easy to follow instructions, simple steps and diagrams throughout.
- Learn to draw Manga from scratch and kickstart your comic journey
- Manga and Japanese illustration styles are increasingly popular among all ages, so this is the perfect beginners guide for children and adults alike to fine tune their skills.
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Heads

Manga heads have a distinct style and shape. This is the basic shape of a head from the side and front views.

A simple side view of a head:

Start with a line to help you to proportion your drawing. Draw an oval to form the head of the face. Add a triangle above for the forehead. Draw in the profile of the nose and mouth. Add a line to show the ear on the side of the head. Sketch in the curve of the chin. Add the shape of the ear. Draw in the neck and jawline. Add the shape of the jawline. Complete the definition of the profile. Finish any final details.

A simple front view of a head:

First draw a large oval for the face. Draw two horizontal lines for the forehead and a vertical line through the center. Add two small ovals on the horizontal line for the eyes. On the vertical line mark in the position of the forehead, the nose and the mouth. Draw in the features. Add the shape of the ears. Make the chin more angular by drawing a curved line from each ear to the center of the nose. Draw in the curved shape of the eyes. Add the nose and mouth. Draw in the hair using jagged lines and add shading to the eyes. Finish off by adding any missing details.

Martial arts

Manga figures are often shown in action, performing martial arts moves.

These two lines indicate the position and angle of the shoulder and hip. Draw the line for the spine. Draw the neck and head. Draw the torso. Draw the arms. Draw the legs. Add an overlapping oval for the body and neck for the legs. Indicate the joints with dots. Sketch in the position of the facial features. Add circles for the ears. Complete the drawing. Add shading and tone to the drawing. Add circles for the eyes. Complete the drawing. Add shading and tone to the drawing.

Dynamic backgrounds: A dynamic background can give your drawing more impact. Use straight lines from corners of the frame to give your drawing more life!

Kimono girl

This girl is in a kneeling position and is dressed in a traditional oriental kimono. The draped folds of the costume can be challenging to draw.

Draw the head and neck. Draw the shoulders. Draw the arms. Draw the legs. Add shading and tone to the drawing. Add circles for the eyes. Complete the drawing. Add shading and tone to the drawing.

Explosive action!

This character is being thrown through the air by an explosion. This pose captures a sense of action and excitement!

Start to add the shape of the hands. Indicate the position of the facial features. Sketch in ovals for the head, body, hips, hands and feet. Draw straight lines with dots at the joints for each of the limbs. Draw two lines to indicate the position and angle of the shoulders and hips. Draw in the shape of the arms using simple tube shapes. The construction lines will help you to position the limbs and joints correctly. Add the shape of the legs using simple tube shapes. The legs are different sizes due to the exaggerated pose and perspective. Add more detail to the shape of the feet. Finish drawing in the shape of the shoes. Draw curved lines with patches of tone for the smoke. Draw in ragged and torn details to the clothing to add a sense of drama. Add shading where light would not reach. Draw straight lines coming from the explosion for a dramatic effect.

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