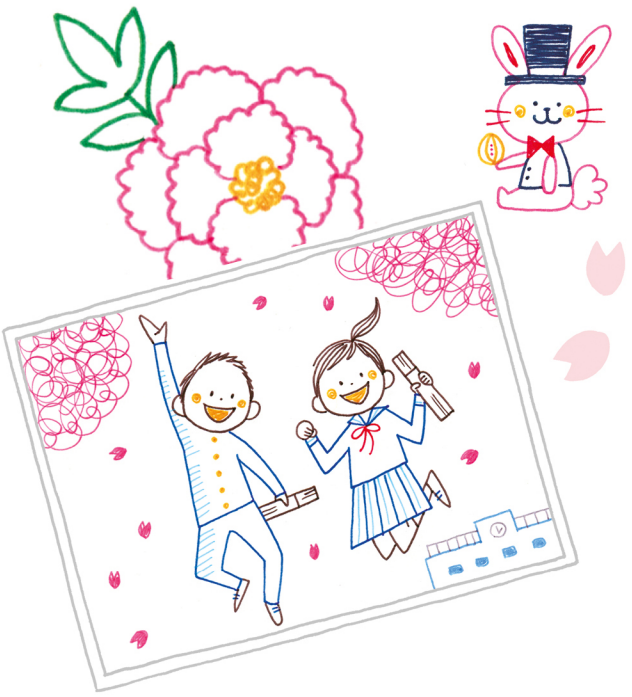


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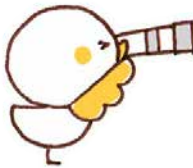


Hey, there! I'm Kamo, and I'm an illustrator.

Thanks for choosing
my book



My purpose here is twofold: I want to offer you all kinds of cute illustrations while showing you how to draw them. At first glance, some of them may look difficult. But take a closer look. They're just combinations



of circles, squares, dots and wavy lines. Anybody can draw them!

Combining simple shapes opens up a whole new world for the artist and doodler. That

Oh, wow!



Just pick
up a pen!

world is filled with fun and creativity. So let's get started and draw ourselves to a new place!



What You Should Know about Ballpoint Pens

There are various types of pens that differ depending on the type of ink and the thickness of the line they produce. Before we begin, let's take a moment and look at the standard types.



Gel Ink Pens

Ballpoint pens use three types of ink: oil-based, water-based and gel, which is the type I use here. Gel ink is made by adding a gelatinous agent to water-based ink. The result is a smooth line that can be created with little pressure and that doesn't smudge easily. Another plus is they're available in many shades and produce bright, eye-catching colors. The thickness of the line is determined by the thickness of the ball at the pen's tip. The illustrations in this book were made using a 0.5-millimeter tip.



White and Gold Ballpoint Pens

For dark-colored paper, pens with white, gold or silver ink are a strong choice. See pages 6, 44, 79 and 91 for examples.



Pens That Can Draw on Plastic

Made for drawing on plastic and other shiny surfaces, the ink in these pens takes a little while to dry. See page 10 for an example.



Pens That Can Draw on Fabric

Just like with oil-based felt-tip pens, the ink in these pens doesn't come out in the wash. So they're a perfect choice for marking fabric. See page 11 for an example.

When drawing on materials other than paper, make sure to use the right pen and try out a small test area first.



How to Improve Your Drawing Skills

Q & A



Before we begin, let me answer some frequently asked questions.

I don't have a great eye for colors and I'm worried about using them. Do you have any tips?



Stop worrying and start drawing! Before you begin, pick out three colors to use. If you change your lineup as you're working, no problem.

My drawing's distorted and doesn't look symmetrical. Kamo, help!



Drawing isn't about creating perfectly balanced results, so it's a matter of taste. If you really care about symmetry, flip your paper over and look at your illustration from the back. That makes it easier to notice—and correct—the distortion.

If I practice, will I be able to draw like you?



Of course you will! Not right away, but that's why it's practice. Keep at it, don't overthink and, most of all, have fun!

Right, let's get drawing!



Part 1

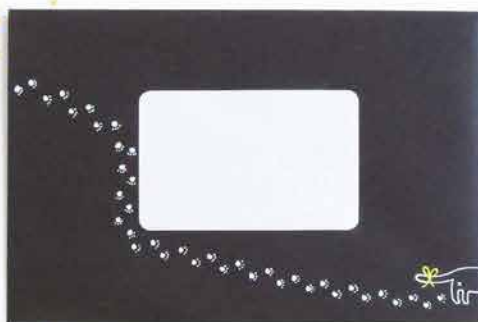
Small & Cute Drawings (and Some Easy Ones)

It's fun to be able to draw people, animals, flowers and more!
Here are some easy illustrations that even beginners can draw.

Use illustrations

Stationery and envelopes

Add animal motifs to a plain letter to create your own original stationery! Draw a trail of cat footprints using white pen on dark paper for a funny, feline-infused look.



Notepaper

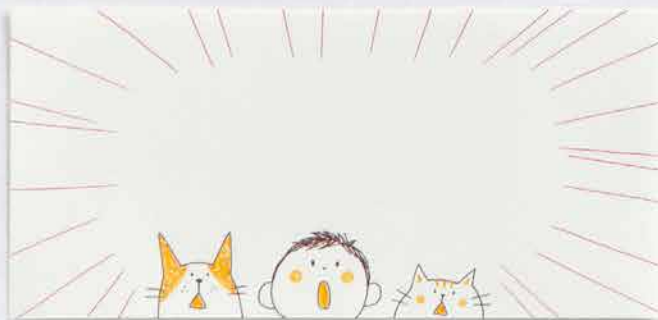
Notepaper is handy for writing little thank you notes or greetings. Match the illustrations and speech bubble to the content of your note to create unique messages.



Fold it over...



Fold the paper up so that only the face shows over the top and use red circular stickers in large and small sizes to create the look of mittens.



Recipe file

Adorning your favorite recipes with illustrations makes them easy to identify and adds a cute touch. Use tabs made of colored tape to create a colorful, handy index.



On the title page, use the same masking tape as for the index and draw some pasta for a stylish touch.

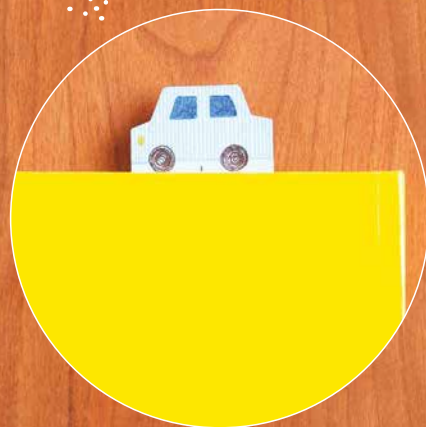


Place inside a book...

Place the bookmark inside the book with only the flowers showing, a simple way of saying thanks when returning a borrowed book.



Place it inside...



Use illustrations

Bookmarks

Bookmarks are a great item that you can make by hand and decorate with illustrations. Think of designs that will be effective when only part of them can be seen and the rest is hidden inside the pages of a book.

The car appears to be driving along a road.

Use illustrations

Decorating plastic objects

Choose ballpoint pens that can be used on plastic to add illustrations to various items and transform plain, transparent objects into highly original pieces.



Decorating fabric items

When drawing with fabric pens, the trick is to choose simple motifs. Even using black by itself can create an adorable effect



Let's learn the basic methods for drawing and coloring

For beginners, start by getting used to using ballpoint pens. If you can draw the basics - lines and circles - you'll be fine.

Let's get used to using ballpoint pens!



Complete this checklist!

① I have a ballpoint pen

YES NO

② I use a ballpoint pen often

YES NO

③ I often write with a ballpoint pen

YES NO

④ I often draw pictures

YES NO

⑤ I am a student

YES NO

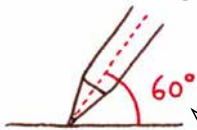
⑥ I like drawing

YES NO

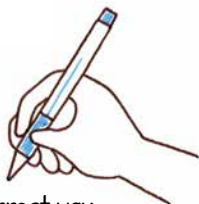


0-1 "Yes" answers

First of all, hold the pen correctly!



The pen should be on a 60-degree angle



The correct way to hold a pen

2-3 "Yes" answers

Get used to using a ballpoint pen



Try drawing curly and zigzag lines



Get into the habit of writing with or using the pen somehow each day

More than 4 "Yes" answers

Draw more and more!

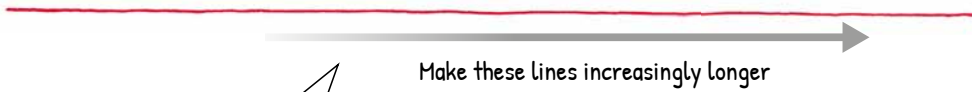
You're ready to draw, so learn the basics and draw some cute illustrations!



Try drawing straight lines!

Let's start with drawing lines using ballpoint pens. If you can learn to draw the lines and circles that form the foundations of illustrations, you'll be fine.

Straight lines When you're just starting out, draw short lines, making them longer once you've had some practice.



Make these lines increasingly longer

It's difficult when you're just beginning, so start by tracing over lines such as the ruled ones on a piece of paper.

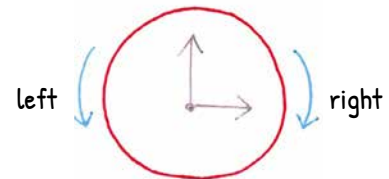
The key point is to be able to draw the line in one breath.

Circles At the start, the shapes will tend to be distorted, but the more you practice the better you will become.



Make them increasingly bigger

Start by drawing small circles and make them bigger and bigger.



For right handers, it's easiest to draw clockwise, while for left handers, it's easiest to draw anti-clockwise.

Try adding color!

The look of the illustration will alter depending on how it is colored. These are the basic ways of adding color.



Not coloring in at all is also an option!

Ballpoint pens produce a fine line, so they are not particularly well suited to coloring in an entire illustration. Rather, it's better to color in roughly or use the pen to create markings. If you want to color the entire drawing, use something such as a felt tip pen or colored pencil.



Using one color for the outline



Using various colors for the outline

The outline can be made in one color or in several. For beginners, using one color is easiest. Once you've got the hang of it, try using more colors.



Master the basic techniques needed to draw people

Once you master the basics for drawing human figures, you'll be able to draw men and women of all ages. After you get it down, you'll get the knack, you'll even be able to depict movement in illustrations.

The basics are crucial



Basics for faces

Let's have a go at drawing a boy's face - this is the foundation of a human figure.

1



Start with the facial outline

2



Draw both ears

3



Visualize the shape of the head

4



Draw the hair on one side of the part, starting at the top of the head

Key points for creating individuality

①

Facial outline



Widen the face, lengthen it or give it a U shape.

5



Draw the hair on the other side

6



Draw the eyes in the center of the face

7



Draw the nose slightly lower than between the eyes

8



Draw the mouth in a big smile

9



Draw the cheeks

this completes the basic face!

Key points for creating individuality

②

Position of the eyes



Bringing the eyes close together makes for a lively look



Setting the eyes a wider distance apart makes for a cute look that suggests a laidback personality.

Eye variations



Mouth variations



Various expressions can be created depending on how the mouths and eyes are combined. Refer to the illustrations for messages on pages 62-65 too.



Girls' hairstyles

Simply alter the basic boy's hairstyle to create all kinds of hairstyles for girls.

Add pigtails to a basic look Simply adding pigtails creates a cute look.



Pigtails



Braids



Low ponytail



High ponytail

Variations on bangs and buns Create various arrangements by altering the bangs' length and part and the position and number of buns.



Straight bangs
+ two buns



Side parting
+ One bun



Center part
+ loose bun



Short bangs
+ Tight bun

Hairstyles that cover the ears Hair that hangs next to the face makes for a completely different look.



Bowl cut



Long and
straight



Bangs



Wavy

Boys' hairstyles

Altering the bangs and side sections of the basic boys' hairstyle allows you to change the age and general vibe.

Variations on the basic style Simply changing the length of the hair makes the character look different.



Shorter than basic style



Even shorter



Longer than basic style



Shaved sides

Adding accessories and features Try adding accessories, a beard and so on to create variations in male figures.



Glasses



Beard



Hat

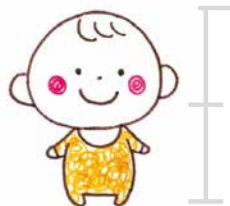


Draw eyebrows



Females

Babies look cute at two heads tall



Drawing different ages and genders

When drawing full-length figures, pay attention to characters' physiques and postures. Here, we look at the key points for girls, boys, men and women at different ages.

For an alternate look, include a bowl cut and a pleated skirt



Drawing the neck creates a slightly more mature look



Give toddlers slightly bigger heads than babies.



Four heads high is the standard



For an old-fashioned look, draw pigtails and a sailor uniform

Babies & Toddlers

Elementary school students

Middle and high school students

Male

There's hardly any difference between male and female physiques



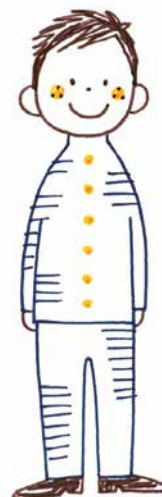
Spreading the legs makes for a boyish look



Another option is a shaved head, an undershirt and shorts



For an alternate look, draw a school uniform and pimples.



Four heads tall is standard

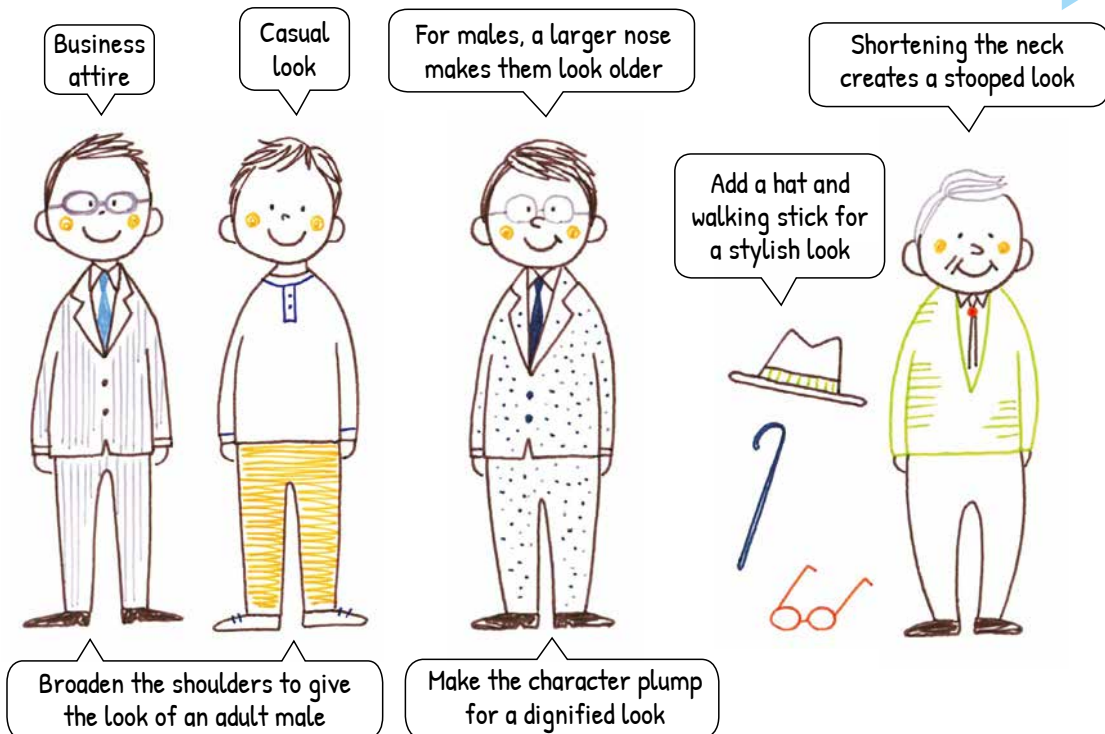




Adult (20s-30s)

Adult (40s-50s)

Senior



Movement

If you pay attention to details such as proportions and movements in the joints as you go, you'll be able to draw figures in motion.

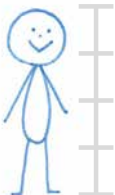
First, use circles to draw!



Make sure the head and body balance

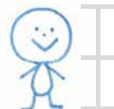
Four heads tall

This is the standard balance between head and body, easiest for creating movement



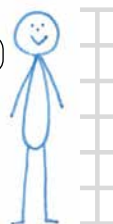
Two heads tall

For a child, this is the best head-to-body ratio to use



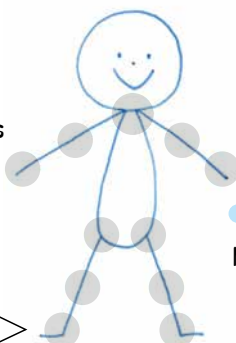
Six heads tall

This ratio resembles the actual human figure



How to depict motion in the entire body

Keep the movement of the joints in mind and draw the pose, then flesh it out. Here, we'll use a figure four heads tall



Make the figure move like so



Visualize this motion to make it easier to draw. It's fine to draw lightly with pencil until you get used to it.

Make sure to check the joints when the figure is in motion!



Draw the face (see pages 14-15)



Draw the body (see pages 16-17)



Make light dabbing motions with the eraser to get rid of sketch lines.

How to depict motion in the face

Varying the position of facial elements allows you to change the way the face is pointing.

Front view



Looking up



Draw the hair, eyes, nose and mouth higher up on the face

Looking down



Draw plenty of hair and lower the eyes, nose and mouth.

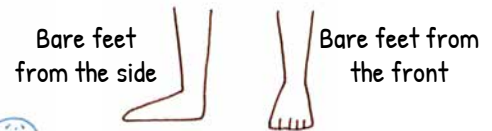
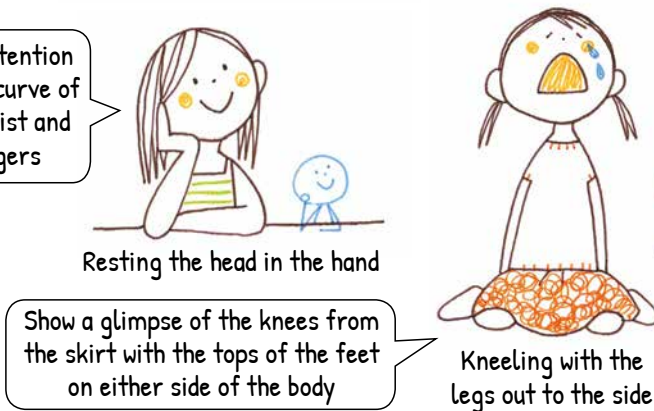
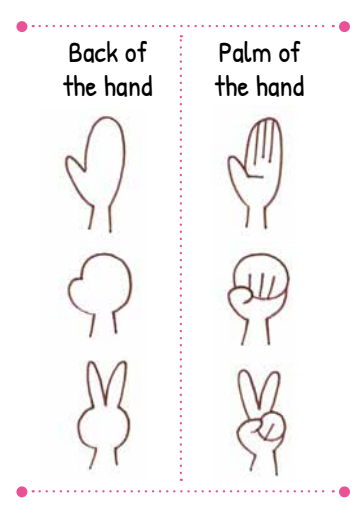
Side view



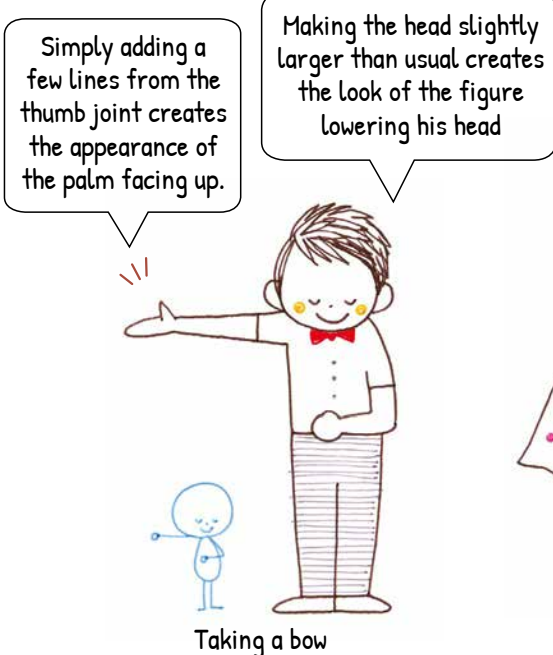
Extend the nose



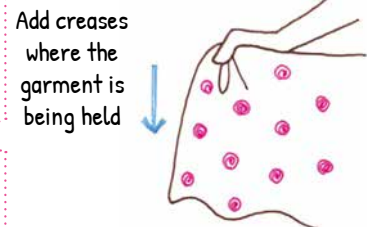
Various movements Flesh out the figure using circles and lines. Once you've had some practice, pay more attention to the finer details in the hands and feet, the wrinkles in clothes and so on.



Make four lines in the feet when viewed from the front



Adjusting clothing to match movements takes your drawing to the next level!



Indicate how the fabric falls due to gravity

Make sure to observe various everyday movements!

For animals, the outline and the ears are key

The outline and ears are key points when drawing various animals. If you can capture their characteristics, you can draw any animal from pets to wildlife.

Alterations make it possible to draw all kinds of animals!

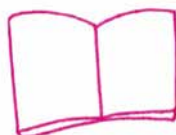


Order in which to draw

Decide on the animal to draw



Picture it or look at reference material



Draw!



How to draw a bear

1

Draw the outline of the basic shape



A simple circle will do

Draw the outline

Change it depending on the animal



Standard shape



Animals such as lions



Animals such as large dogs



Animals such as rats

2

Draw round ears



Draw the face in nearly the same way as a human's. Join the nose and mouth with a line.

Draw the ears

Make them unique to each animal



Animals such as bears



Animals such as cats



Animals such as rabbits



Animals such as dogs

3

Draw the basic body



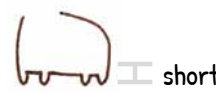
Make it slightly rounded

Draw the body

Alter the length of the legs depending on the animal



The basic shape



Cats, small dogs



Horse

4

Draw a round tail



I'm a bear!

Draw a round tail

Draw the tail

Capture the characteristics and caricaturize them



Bear



Dog



Rabbit



Lion



Pig



Horse



Various animals

Try drawing various animals using the drawing methods on the previous page! Emphasize the characteristics of their bodies and consider how to color them too.



cat

Use a soft W kind of shape to create a realistic mouth



dog

Draw dots on the cheeks for a more dog-like look



dachshund

Make the torso long



mouse

Make the body small



pig



monkey

You don't have to use the same color as the real animal



panda

baby

For the baby, make the head big and the body small

Animals facing in this direction are comparatively easy for left handers to draw



rabbit



fox



polar bear

For animals such as polar bears and bears that are difficult to distinguish, make it easier to tell what they are by using colors similar to their real ones

Express animals' unique movements and emotions

Once you're able to draw basic animals, try adding various movements and expressions.



Playful



Frightened



Surprised

Use drops of sweat and effect lines to express trembling

Express emotion by moving the ears and tail



In a bad mood



Open-mouthed



Satisfied after a meal



Angry



Sad



Happy

Join the nose to the mouth with a line so that the character looks like an animal even with a human expression



Curled up



Happy



Begging and Stretching

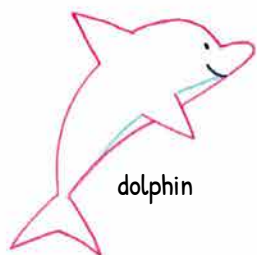
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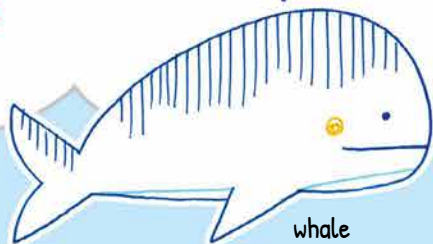
Washing the face

Wild animals

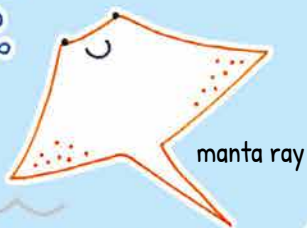
By making variations to the basic animals, you can draw the wild creatures that inhabit the oceans, forests, grasslands and so on.



dolphin



whale



manta ray



jellyfish



seahorse



dugong



otter



Choose the ballpoint pen to match the color of the body



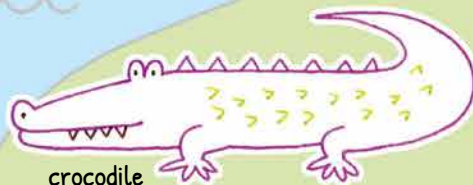
white swan



polar bear



ocean sunfish



crocodile

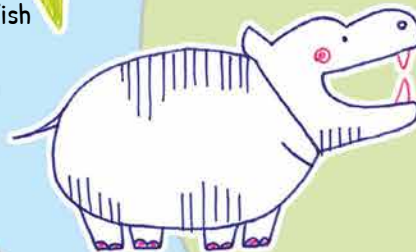


penguin



seal

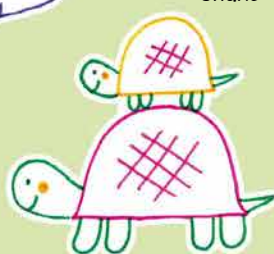
For animals with rounded bodies, join the head and torso for a good result



hippo



snake



tortoise





owl



parrot



baby birds



sloth



koala

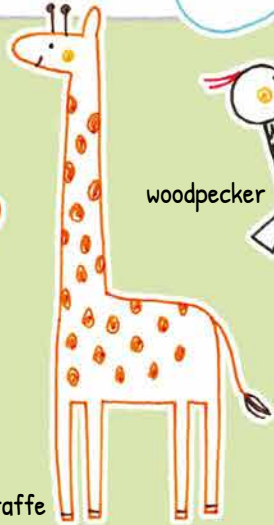


zebra

For horses and similar animals, draw them in profile to emphasize the long neck



deer



giraffe



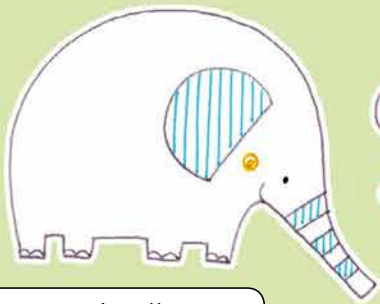
woodpecker



donkey



horse



elephant



bear



rabbit

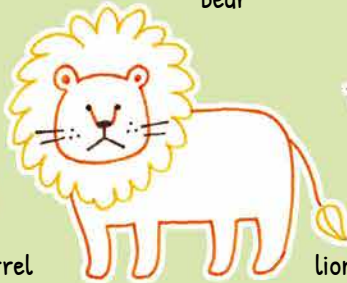
For animals with unique body shapes, exaggerate those characteristics.



kangaroo



squirrel



lion



Draw the ears together with the facial outline for a clean look



sheep



goat



EXPERT'S TIP

Try singing a drawing song as you go!



For some reason, singing a drawing song helps to make a better picture. Try using the melody and rhythm of a drawing song to have fun when creating animals and people.

Cat



♪ There was a big round rice cake ♪



♪ I put two strawberries on it ♪



♪ Two sesame seeds fell onto it ♪



♪ Draw in an anchor and you have a cat's face ♪



♪ A big mountain joined on to the head ♪



♪ With three lines added ♪



♪ You've drawn a tail and legs ♪



♪ Add some stripes, and look, a cat ♪



♪ Without a face it's the rear view ♪

Elephant



♪ There was a gumdrop ♪



♪ From which someone took a bite ♪



♪ Four pine trees grew at the base ♪



♪ Join the bottom to make four mountains ♪



♪ Add three horizontal lines ♪



♪ Add a dot at the top of the mountain ♪

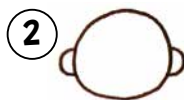


♪ Add a tail and look, an elephant ♪

Child



♪ Draw a circle ♪



♪ Draw the ears ♪



♪ Draw three strands of hair ♪



♪ Draw the eyes, draw the nose ♪



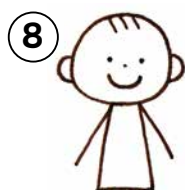
♪ Make a smiling mouth ♪



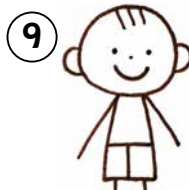
♪ Draw a triangle ♪



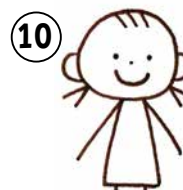
♪ Draw the arms ♪



♪ Draw the legs ♪



♪ Draw a T to make a boy ♪



♪ Draw pigtails to make a girl ♪



EXPERT'S TIP

Try drawing someone's face!

Once you can draw a basic face, try drawing someone you know! The trick is to look carefully at the face and highlight parts that are different from your own!

Get a grasp of the characteristics!



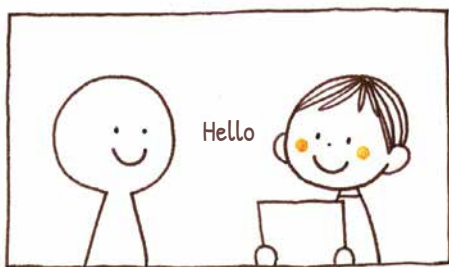
Start off with a face you're used to drawing!

The standard face on page 14 starts to resemble your own once you've drawn it a bit.

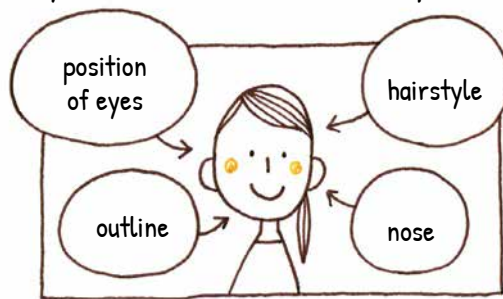


Use this as the standard from which to draw various people's faces!

Look carefully at the face of the person you are drawing...



Use the parts that are different from your own to set their face apart!



Example



- Narrow face
- Eyes are close together
- Well-defined bridge of nose



- Pointed chin
- Large eyes (it's fine to draw eyelashes too)
- Unique hairstyle

Don't stare at the person's face for too long; simply take a glance and work out what the unique features are, then exaggerate them.



- Round nose
- Downward-facing eyebrows



- Glasses make for a serious look
- The look of the mouth when smiling is also a key point

Don't think, just draw!



※ For males, particularly emphasize the nose and eyebrows



Exaggerate flowers' characteristics

It's easy

Rather than pursuing realism when drawing flowers, go for roughly capturing the characteristics. A slightly off-balance bloom makes for a cute look, so go bold and don't be afraid of making mistakes.



Flowers, plants and trees can all be drawn by combining simple shapes. Once you can draw the basic shapes, make some different ones and try putting them together in a variety of ways.

Try drawing basic shapes



circle



stick



small circle



oval



V



pointed oval



square



triangle



heart



shell



bell



fan



long narrow oval

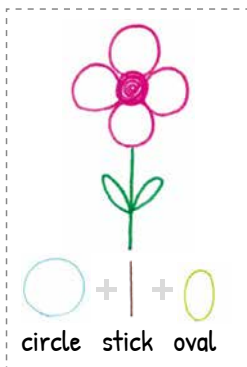


star

Flowers

Have a go at drawing flowers that everyone knows. It's only a matter of combining simple shapes to make the flowers and leaves, so it's easy.

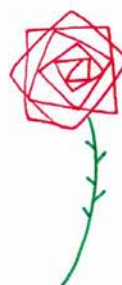
Basic flowers



Sunflower



Marguerite Daisy



Rose



Tulip



Bellflower



Lily of the valley



Pansy



Cosmos

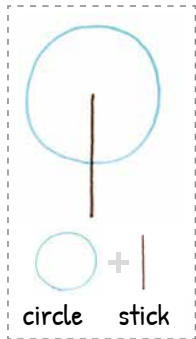


Dandelion

Trees

If you use a stick and a circle as the basics, it's nearly impossible to make a mistake even when rearranging these elements. Use scribbly strokes and stripes to finish your tree.

Basic trees



fruiting tree



simple tree



scribbles



palm



round leaves



stripes



changing colors



weeping



tree with a thick trunk



tree with needle-like foliage



large tree

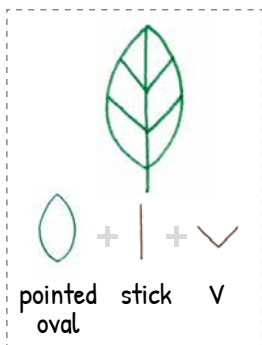


pink scribbles indicate cherry blossoms

Leaves, seeds and branches

Depending on how you draw the leaves and veins, a variety of leaf types can be expressed. Add seeds and tree stumps to drawings of forest creatures for a cute effect.

Basic leaves



round



four leaf clover



leaf 1



leaf 2



branch



tree stump



seeds



sprout

Draw two ear-like shapes

Adding insects to plants creates atmosphere



butterfly



caterpillar

Simply join circles



worm

Stripes on a wavy line



ladybird

Open out the wings when in flight

woodlouse



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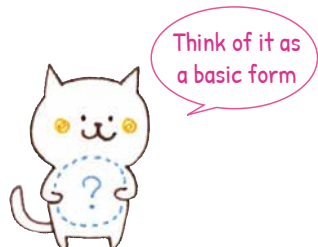
For food, as long as you get the shape right it's O.K.

Compared with people and animals, food is relatively easy to have a go at drawing. Add some to letters, notes or a recipe card to pass along.

That looks delicious!



Look at the overall shape



Think of it as a basic form



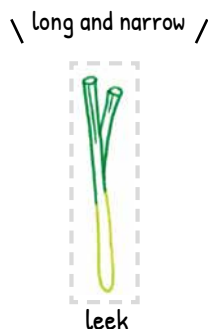
cabbage



spinach



Chinese cabbage

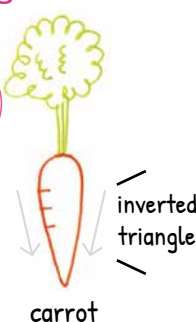


leek

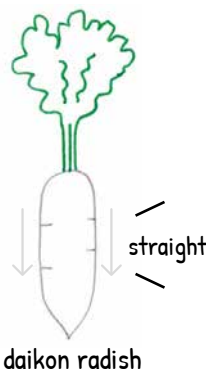
Get the characteristics right



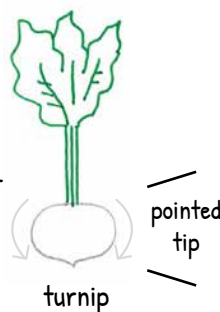
Observe the unique parts of each food



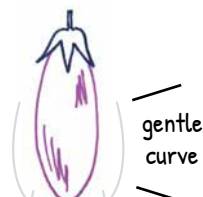
carrot



daikon radish



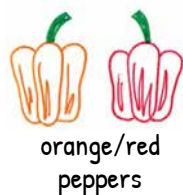
turnip



gentle curve

Vegetables and so on

On close inspection, vegetables have unique shapes. Start by looking at real vegetables to draw them.



orange/red peppers



bell pepper



cauliflower



broccoli



radish



mushroom



shiitake



king oyster mushroom



enoki mushrooms



scallions



sugar pea



okra



green bean



cucumber



asparagus



pumpkin



lettuce



chili pepper



potato



yam



tomato



cherry tomatoes



onion



bamboo shoot



Fruit

Fruit is colorful, so it's a good idea to color it in. Use patterns and markings to skilfully indicate the surface texture.



tangerine



lemon



yuzu



apple

Leave some sections white when coloring in to create a shiny look.



Asian pear



pear



orange



grapefruit



dekopon



green apple



pineapple



melon

For items with unique characteristics, it's fine to draw them roughly



strawberry



banana



cherry



blueberry



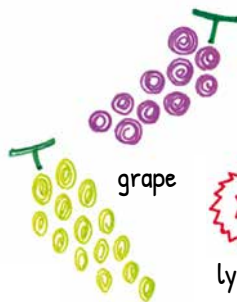
watermelon



fig



chestnut



grape



lychee



Slice of orange



Apple cut in a rabbit shape

Fruit looks cute when it's cut, too



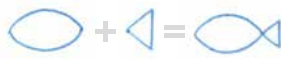
Apple that has been cut



Types of seafood

Arranging the basic body, fins and tail in different ways allows you to create various types of fish.

Basic fish



pointed oval + triangle = that's all!



tuna



sea bream



puffer fish



octopus

Alter the shape to create different types of fish!



mackerel



eel



squid



conch



clam



oyster



scallop



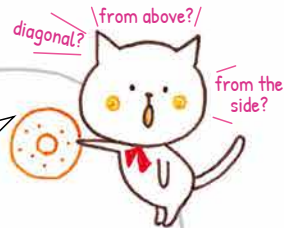
kombu



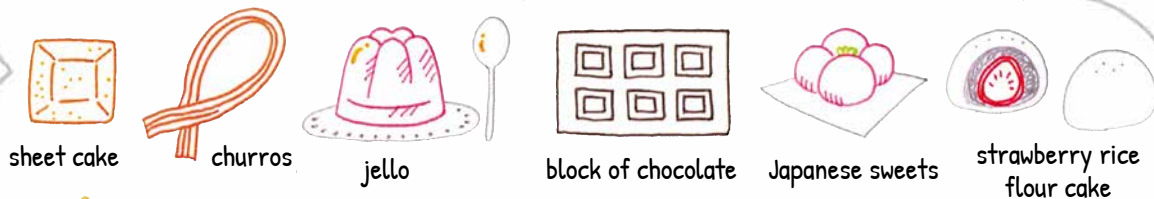
Snacks, bread, drinks

Cute sweets look just like toys. Tweak the packaging, toppings and so on for a bright, showy look.

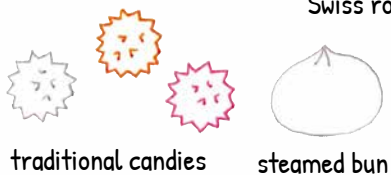
The first thing to do is to work out which angle is the best choice.



Snacks

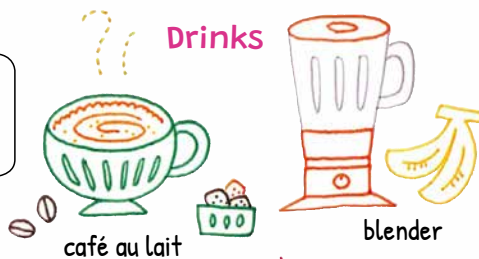


It's OK if the lines overlap!

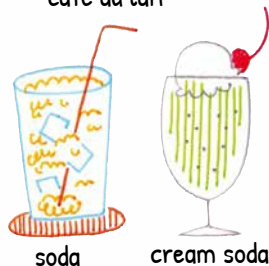
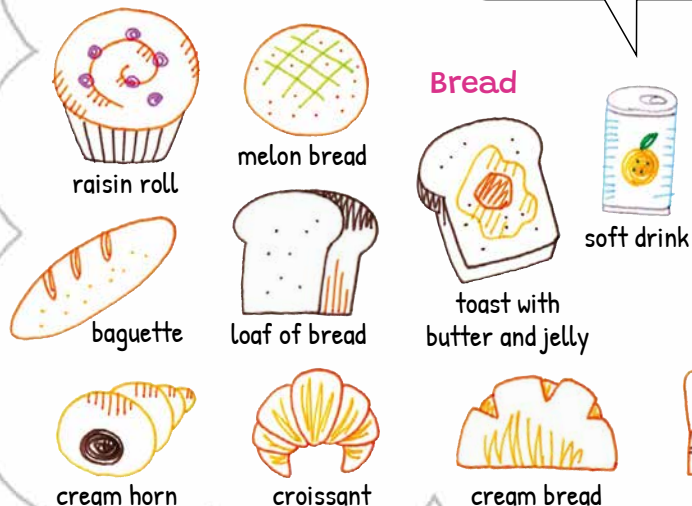


For drinks whose contents are hard to see, add a picture

Drinks



Bread

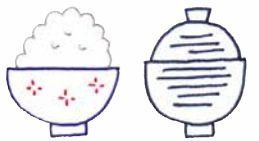


This is most delicious



Cuisine

Use fine wavy lines for vegetables, rice, noodles and so on to easily create realistic looking dishes.



rice miso soup



hotpot



fried eggs



kids' meal



pizza

What should I order?

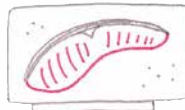


tempura



sushi

Japanese cuisine



grilled salmon



grilled mackerel



futomaki and inari sushi



street food



rolled omelette



sake



Western cuisine



sandwiches



lunch set



potato wedges



salad



soup



paella



omelet



corn dog

Kitchen utensils



frypan



whisk



spatula



wooden spoon



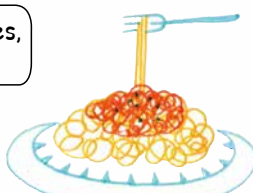
chopsticks



cleaver



pot



spaghetti bolognese



curry rice



wine



cutlery

Use color to indicate the texture of wood, metal and so on



Tweak styles and patterns when drawing fashions

Fashions are surprisingly important when drawing people. Well-drawn styles of clothing and accessories make for stylish illustrations.

Check out the trends!



Women's fashions

Use plenty of color to create bright outfits for women.



Ways to wear a hat



pulled on firmly



placed lightly on the head



cycling cap



straw hat



summer hat



parasol



pumps



gloves



ballet shoes



muffer



scarf



earrings and necklace



earrings and choker

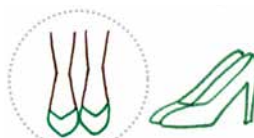
Outfits



shirt and pants fitted at the waist



dress



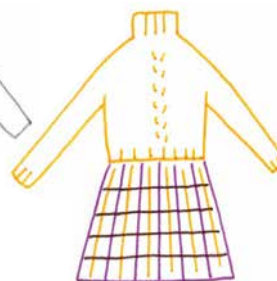
high heels



sandals



pullover and jeans



sweater and skirt



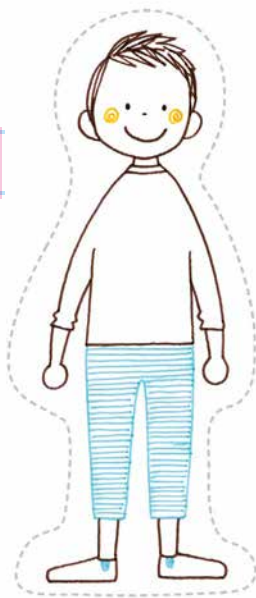
sneakers



boots

Men's fashions

For men's fashions, give basic clothing a stylish look.



Ways to wear a hat



tight fitting



pulled on to fit firmly



to one side

Ways to wear a scarf



pulled through the folded section



wrapped around



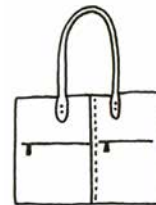
various neckties



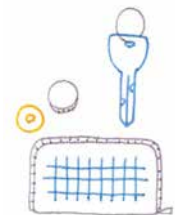
sling pack



backpack



bag



key & coin case

Outfits



shirts, shorts and cardigan



deck shoes



winter coat, pants, scarf and boots



hoodie and jeans



sneakers



T-shirt, jacket and pants



leather shoes

It looks like this when worn



wristwatches



headphones



glasses



Different shaped frames make for different looks

You can apply this to women as well as men



Keep knickknacks and small items simple

The charm of little decorative items is in their cozy cuteness. Don't draw in too much detail, just make sure to capture the overall vibe of the item.

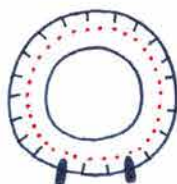
Draw your favorite things!



Knickknacks and small items



tea set



ornamental plate



mugs



lace doily



vases



mascot toy



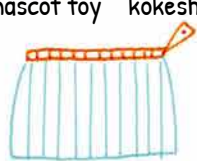
kokedshi doll



bows



nesting dolls



cosmetics pouch



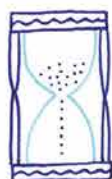
snap lock purse



commuter pass case



clock



hourglass



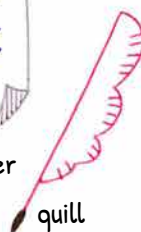
crayons



stationery paper



envelope



quill



ink bottle



notebook



pens



candle



small bottle



incense holder



powder and powder puff

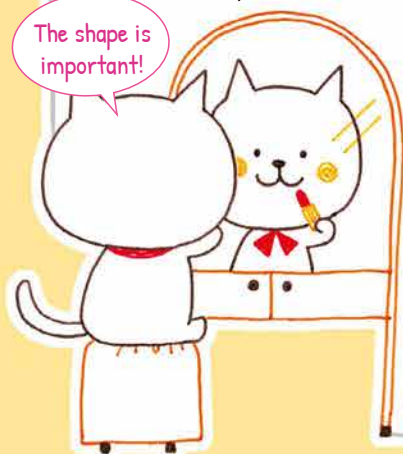


basic cosmetics



lipstick

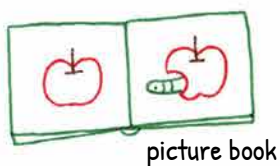
The shape is important!



Toys



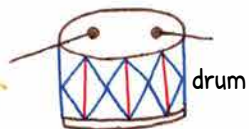
building blocks



picture book



xylophone



drum



trumpet



rattle



doll



stuffed animal

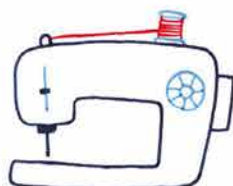


beach toys

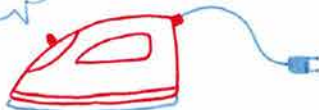


tricycle

Craft items



sewing machine



iron



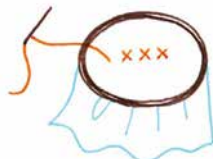
buttons



pincushion

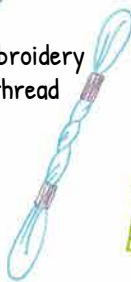


dressmaker's dummy

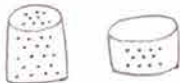


embroidery

embroidery thread



spools of thread



thimble



measuring tape



bobbin



dressmaker's shears



tracing wheel



knitting needles



balls of yarn



tailor's chalk



There's so many cute little items!



Draw right down to the finer details for household items

For items in and around the house, add in distinguishing details to make your drawing distinctive.

Use color and pattern for a stylish look!



Gardening



watering can



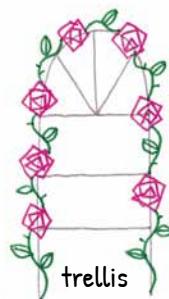
hanging basket



outdoor planter



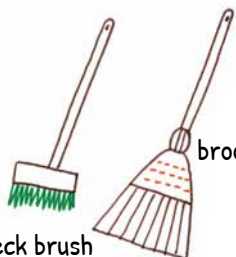
potted plant



trellis



trowel



deck brush



broom



welcome sign



composting bin



plant stand



flower bed



patio furniture



hanging flowers



lantern

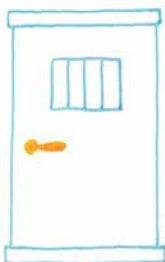


gardening gloves



sign

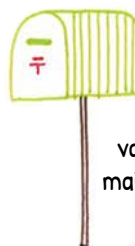
Outdoor items



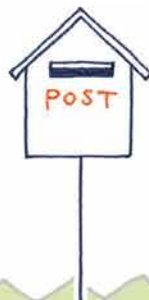
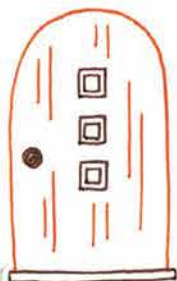
various doors



gate



various mailboxes

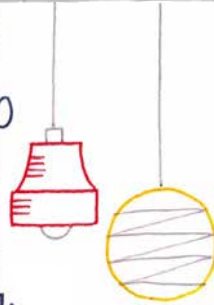
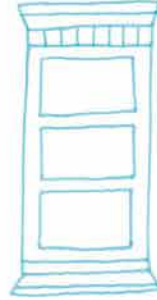
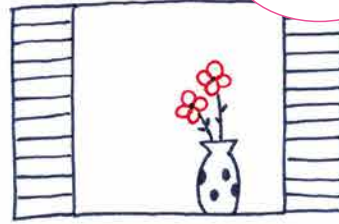
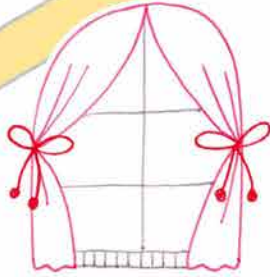


Interiors

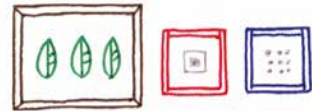
Draw interiors
to suit your
taste!



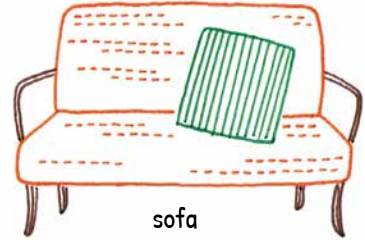
various windows



various lights



wall hangings



sofa



slippers



various chairs



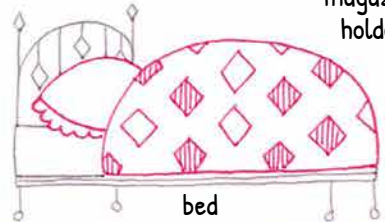
magazine
holder



cabinet



table



bed

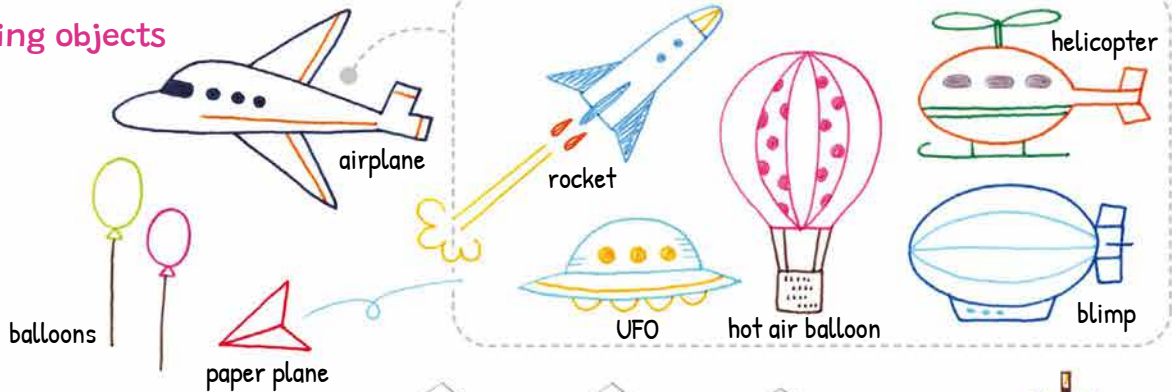
Tweak simple shapes for vehicles and city structures

Cars, vehicles and buildings can be created by combining shapes such as squares, circles and triangles. It's more important to get the shape right than to fill in the tiny details.

Kids love these!

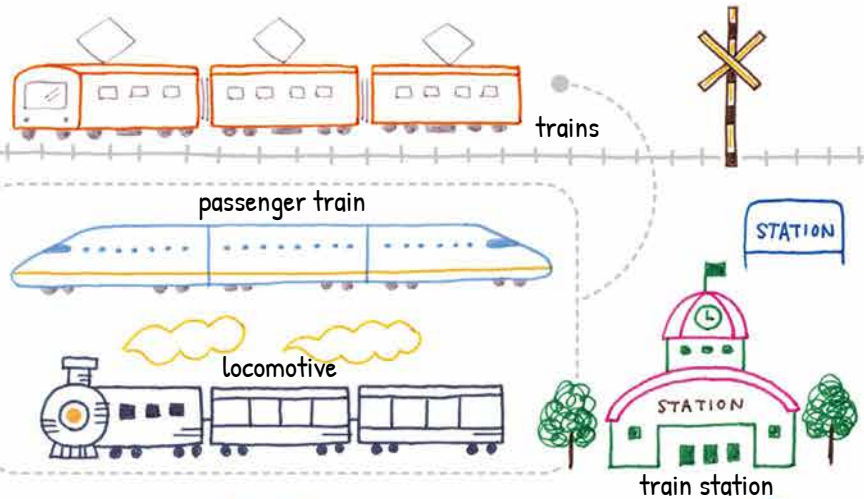


Flying objects

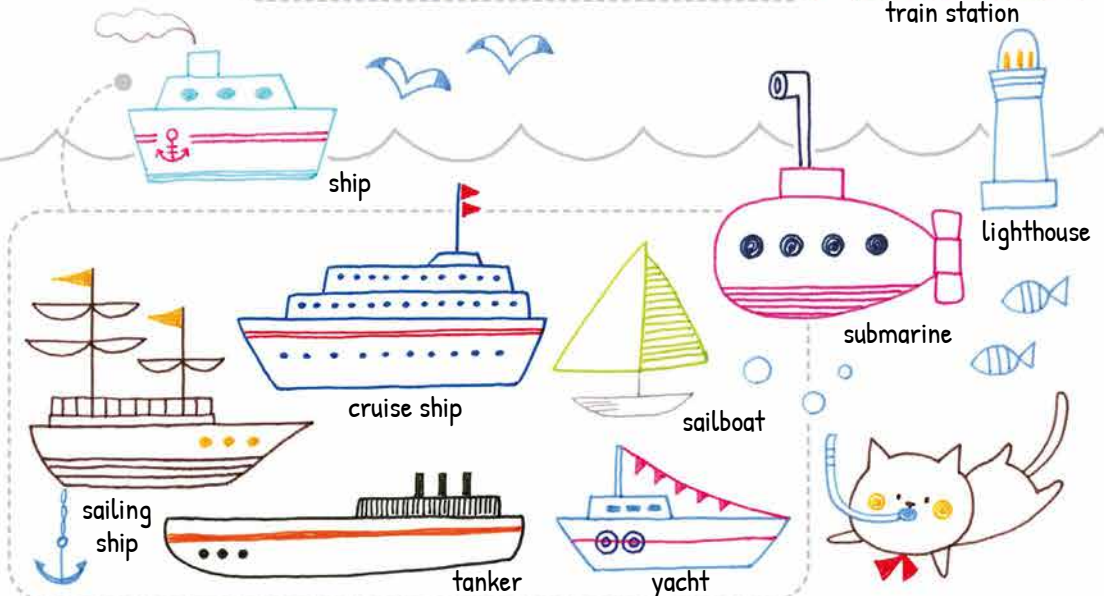


Trains

Alter the shape of trains to make various types!



Ships



Cars

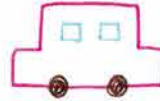
Combine squares and circles to create cars!



square and circles

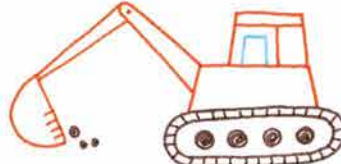
basic car

Alter the square shape...

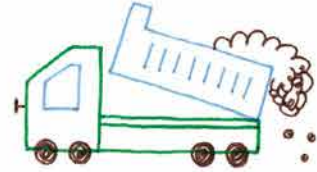


...to create various cars

Let's draw various vehicles



excavator



dump truck



fire truck



police car



delivery truck



garbage truck



bus



bus stop



ambulance



traffic lights

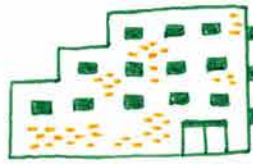
Buildings



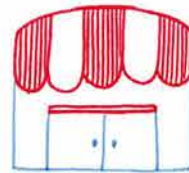
house ①



house ②



apartment building



shop



office building

Fairground



carousel



ferris wheel

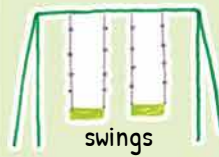


spinning teacups

Park



seesaw



swings



slide



monkeybars



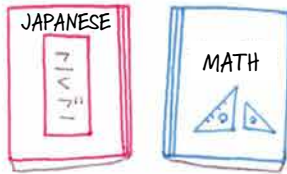
Simplify illustrations for school items

Drawings related to school are all of items that are familiar to everyone, so it's fine to make them simple. As long as they resemble the objects in question, your illustration is successful.

Use these drawings for school messages!



Study items



textbooks



notebook

Blue and red are always strong, bold color choices



pencils



eraser

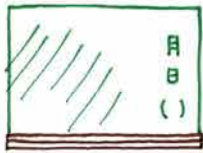


glue



ruler

Equipment for school



blackboard



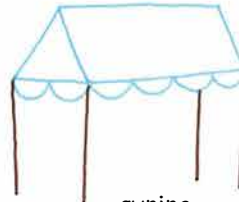
national flags



megaphone



traffic cone



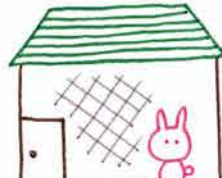
awning



shoes



storage shed



pet enclosure



recorder



harmonica



cap



castanets

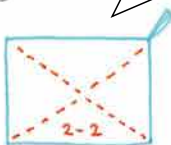


lunch-duty clothes



bucket

Adapt these suggestions to items you'd find at your own school



cleaning cloth



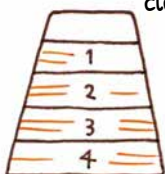
mop



milk carton



juice box



gym equipment



stadiometer



scales



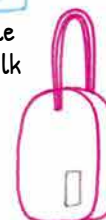
eye chart



bottle of milk



gym bag

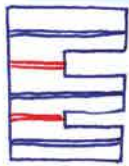


shoe bag

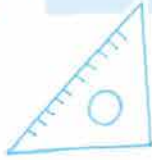


school bag

School subjects



English



Math



creative writing



Chemistry



Earth science



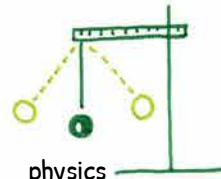
history



geography



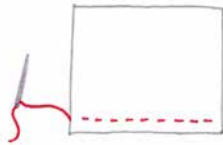
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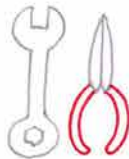
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biology



home economics



technology arts



gym



drafting and fine arts

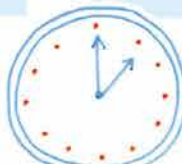


music

Classroom items



whistle



wall clock



desk



chair



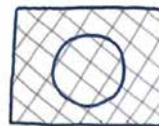
compass



stopwatch



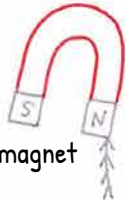
stone bust



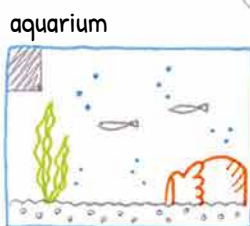
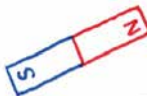
speaker



chores chart



magnet



aquarium



pond snail



flask



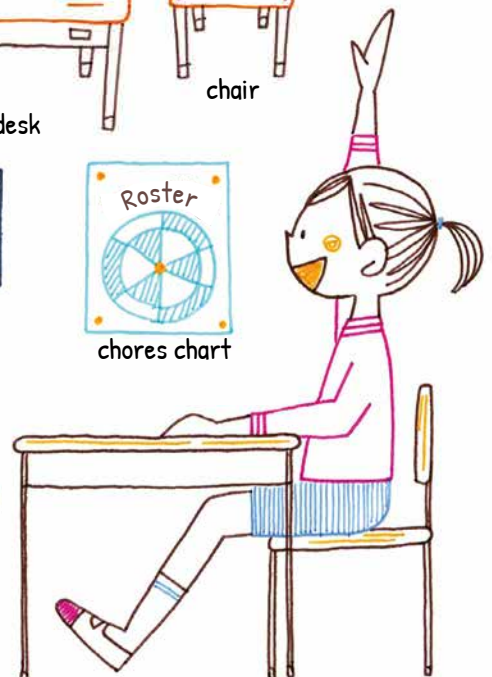
beaker



measuring cylinder



pipette



Doll display

Traditional dolls made from drawings are easy both to put on display and to pack away! Make dioramas, seasonal decorations or any home decor item you like to add a personal touch to your interiors.



Method

- 1 Draw the male and female dolls and cut around them. Stick a long, narrow rectangle of red card to the front of each doll at its base.
- 2 Make two slits each in the two short rectangles of red card to be used as the base.
- 3 Insert the dolls & base and the folding screen from 1 into 2.
- 4 Make the paper lanterns stand up and add them to the display.



Slot separate parts into the red base. If it is unstable, increase the number of short rectangles from 2. Heavy cardstock works best.

Viewed from the side...

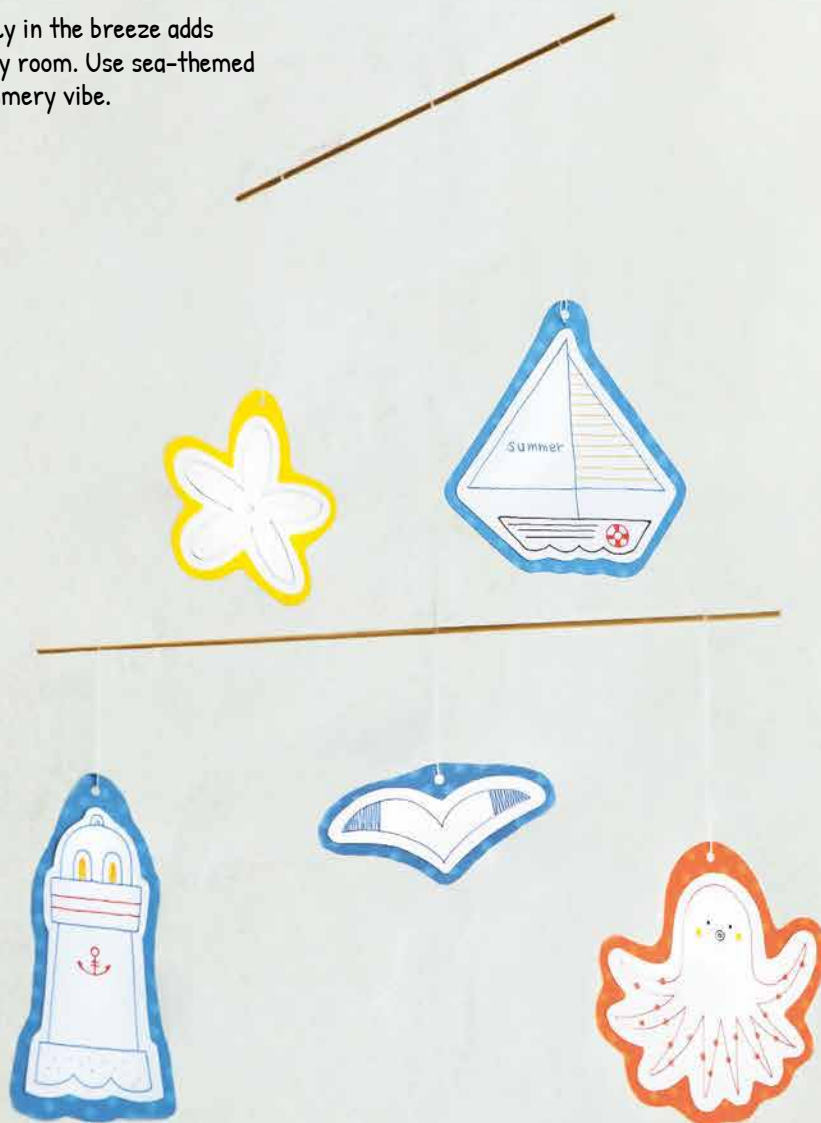


Attach another piece of card to the base of the lantern so that it will stand up.



Marine mobile

A mobile swaying gently in the breeze adds style and motion to any room. Use sea-themed illustrations for a summery vibe.



Method

- 1 Draw a starfish, yacht, seagull, octopus and lighthouse. Cut them out and stick them onto different colored card.
- 2 Punch a hole (3mm diameter) at the top of each piece of card and pass thread through.
- 3 Suspend the pieces from two wooden dowels of differing lengths, then use the string to connect the dowels and hang from the ceiling.



Use illustrations

Spooky Halloween hangings

Decorations hung in a window or along a wall instantly creates a fun atmosphere. Use dark colors to suit the Halloween mood.



Method

- 1 Draw a pumpkin, candy, witch, house and so on and cut them out. Make a 3mm hole in each piece and pass twine through them. Think about where the holes will be punched before cutting out the illustrations.
- 2 Fold diamond-shaped card in half to form a triangle and pass the twine through the folded section. Glue the insides together.



Use illustrations

Christmas tree

This little cardboard tree looks cute on a windowsill or bookcase.



Method

- 1 Cut a sheet of green corrugated cardboard into a fir tree shape and fold it in the center so it can stand alone.
- 2 Decorate with cut-out drawings of stockings, stars and so on along with stickers.



Use illustrations

Christmas wreath

With different decorations, this can be used for New Year's festivities as well.

Method

- 1 Cut out a donut shape from green corrugated cardboard.
- 2 Draw stockings, candy canes and so on, cut them out and stick them to the wreath with glue. Scattering stars around the display makes for a cute touch.

Use illustrations

Snazzy seasonal decorations

A rice cake pops up to offer a seasonal greeting. What sets it apart is that you made it yourself.



Method

- 1 Glue a funny or unusual hat to the top of the cutout and affix the decoration to the stand.
- 2 Cut a slit into each of the two pieces of card that will form the base and slot the pieces from 1 in place.



Seasonal illustrations

When drawing seasonal happenings or events, the trick is to combine them with the foods, foliage and activities associated with the season.

A sense of the season is important



Spring

The season of renewal and the conclusion of the school year capture those changes and phases with bright, inviting images.

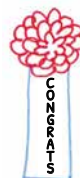
Start of the spring term



mortarboard



graduation certificate



ribbon with flower



name badge



graduation ceremony



satchel



school bag



bag for supplies



rain hat



kindergarten



school



peony



snacktime

Spring events



cycling



Easter bunny



Easter eggs

Use pink scribbles to indicate cherry blossoms. Cut out end of an oval to make a petal.



Jumping for joy: make sure your characters convey their elation at graduating.

Key point for graduation ceremony drawings



tree pollen



hay fever



Festivals



paper lantern



traditional dolls



traditional foods

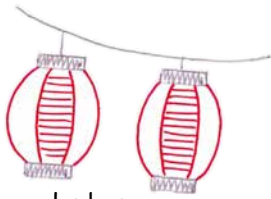


beverage



colorful puffed rice

Picnics/signs of the season



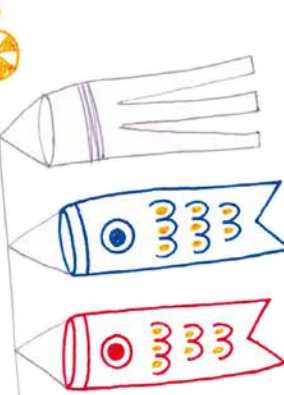
lanterns



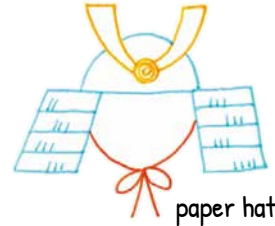
leaf-wrapped rice cake



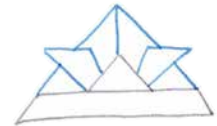
cake wrapped in bamboo leaves



carp banners



paper hat



origami hat



sweet treats



cherry blossoms

bento lunches for picnics



backpack



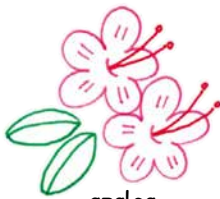
thermos

rice cakes wrapped in cherry leaves



let's have a picnic!

Spring flowers



azalea



horsetail



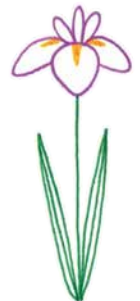
clover



speedwell

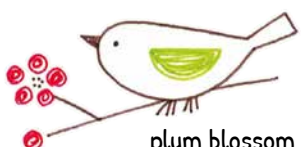


carnation



iris

hollyhocks



plum blossom with a small bird



phlox



butterbur



Summer

Make drawings of fireworks, insects and so on simple and colorful. The trick to drawing insects is to be aware of the three parts of their bodies: head, chest and stomach.

Rainy season



umbrella



frog



ornament



snail



rainbow

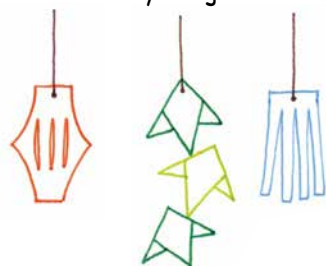


hydrangea



rain boots

Star Festival



star festival decorations



cowherd & weaver girl stars



bamboo

Outdoor fun



hiking season



mosquito coil



morning glory



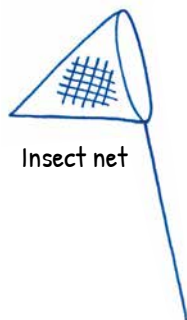
bitter melon



zucchini



dahlia



Insect net



bug catcher



fan



wind chime



Goldfish bowl



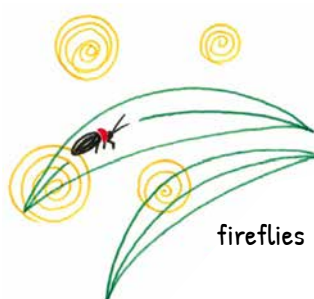
rhinoceros beetle



stag beetle



cicada



fireflies



The sea



shells



snorkelling



crab



flip flops



starfish



rubber ring



Fireworks



fireworks show

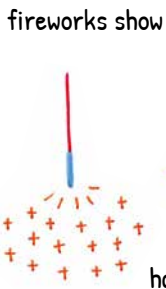


Key point for
beach illustrations



Use wavy lines to easily
make waves, clouds,
seagulls and so on!

Summer sights



hand-held
fireworks



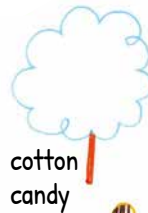
sparkler



matches



soda



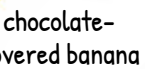
cotton
candy



shaved ice



candy apple



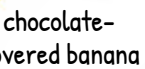
chocolate-
covered banana



grilled corn



4th of
July rocket



water balloon



soft serve
ice cream



popsicle



edamame



beer



ghost



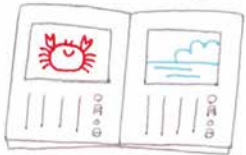
homework



radio



summer festival



scrapbook



drawstring bag



sandals



Fall

Subdued hues like browns and oranges capture the spirit of the season and add a festive feel to your witches, goblins and ghosts.

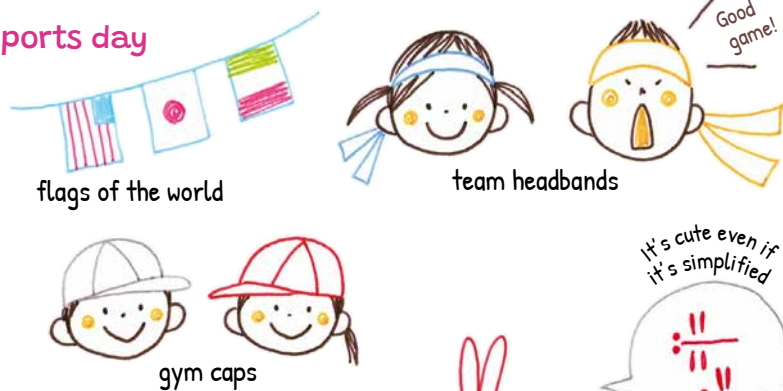
Nature in Fall



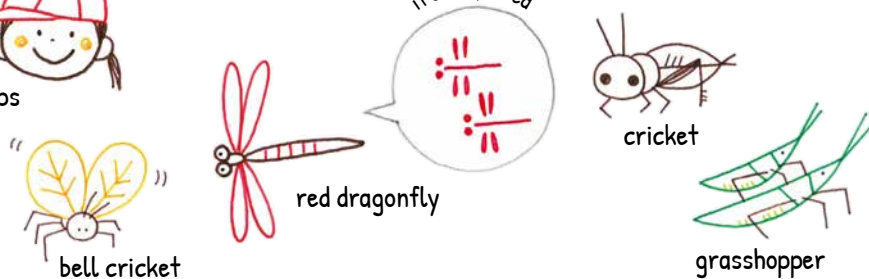
Sky watching



Sports day



Fall insects



Fall festivals



fall festival



candy



children's celebration

The kimono is worn with the left over the right side for both males and females. Think of the letter "y" to remind you.



Children's celebration



witch



bat



mummy



decorations



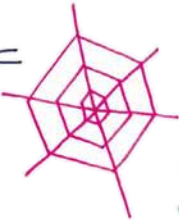
costumes



Dracula



black cat



spider



ghost



various jack o' lanterns



Halloween candy

Draw cobwebs and scatter moons and stars for added effect

Key point for Halloween illustrations



Winter

For small, diverse items such as Christmas ornaments and New Year's dishes, it's fine to just capture the eye-catching characteristics rather than all the detail.

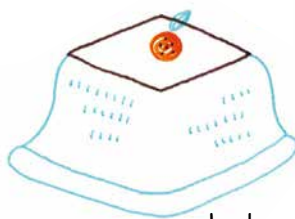
When it's cold outside



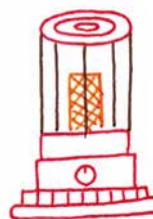
hotpot



ceramic pot



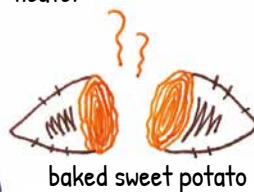
heater



heater



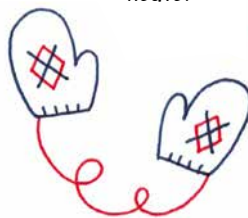
citrus fruit



baked sweet potato



camellia



gloves



winter hat



hot water bottle

Snow



snow bunny



snowman



snow village



snow fort



poinsettia



snow globe

Christmas

The key point for Santa Claus is his beard. Make it big and bold!



Key points for Christmas illustrations



Christmas stocking



candy cane



Santa hat



Christmas cake



Christmas ornament



tree



Santa Claus



reindeer



New Year

Capture the joy and the hopeful spirit of the season in your New Year's illustrations.



decorated paddle



round rice cake offering

New Year's calligraphy



wish board



ceremonial arrow



decorations



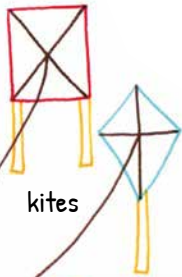
spinning top



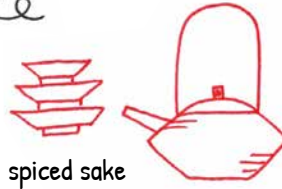
New Year's dishes



sweet red bean soup



kites



spiced sake



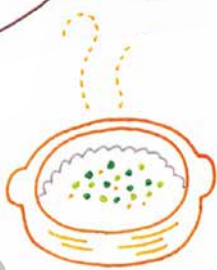
New Year's flowers



narcissus



decorated ball



soup made from seven herbs



heart wrapped in a scarf



demon



sardine head and holly charm

Bean throwing ceremony



throwing beans



cutting of new year's rice cakes



Valentine's Day Love

various chocolates

Handy symbols from the western and eastern Zodiac

Make them simple



If you can draw various zodiac symbols, you'll never be at a loss as to what to draw on birthday cards, yearly greetings and so on. Learn how to draw the characteristic parts of the animals and other symbols.

Zodiac

Make the symbols using animals, humans and so on extremely simple. Adding a star is the finishing touch for these astrological signs.



Aries



Taurus



Gemini



Cancer



Leo



Virgo



Libra



Scorpio



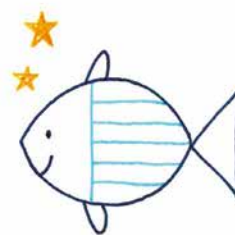
Sagittarius



Capricorn



Aquarius



Pisces

Lucky charms to draw

Lucky charms bring good fortune. Add them to letters, messages and so on for a cute touch.



angel



key



crown



feather



heart



bell



four leaf clover



Japanese zodiac

Start by practicing animals' basic faces. Once you have a feel for it, add your own touches for original looks.

rat



basic



rat and cheese

cow



basic



cow and milk pail

tiger



basic

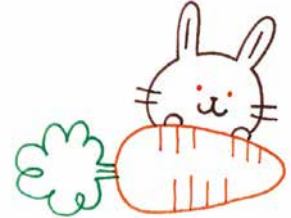


tiger and bamboo

rabbit



basic



rabbit and carrot

dragon



basic



dragon and ball

snake

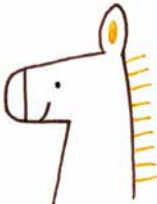


basic



snake and apple

horse



basic



horse and horseshoe

sheep



basic



sheep and wool

monkey



basic



monkey and banana

chicken



basic



chicken and egg

dog



basic



dog and bone

boar



basic



boar and piglet

Notes from my experience



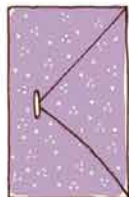
I often draw Japanese patterns or traditional small items when I create illustrations.

They're lovely.



Making Edo Dyed Cloth

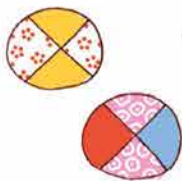
silk wrapping cloth



drawstring bag



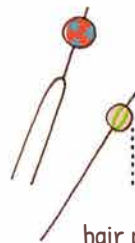
beanbag juggling balls



purse with metal clasp



hair pins



I learned how to put on a kimono too



And then...

We went to visit the dye artisan Mr. Kobayashi to experience how Japanese patterns are made



Hello!

Mr. Kobayashi

Hello!

Nice to meet you!



1. Choose the pattern

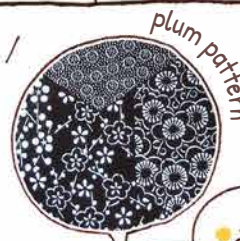


The detailed patterns are the most difficult

extremely detailed pattern



quite large pattern



plum pattern



Template made from Japanese paper



Japanese paper & persimmon tannin & sand

*Even if it is used with care, the template is eventually disposed of

Artisan from Ise

The patterns are all carved out by hand by an artisan!



For one pattern to be completed

it takes about one month

They became popular as ceremonial dress for samurai



subtly stylish

At a glance the fabric appears plain, but up close it's an extremely intricate pattern.

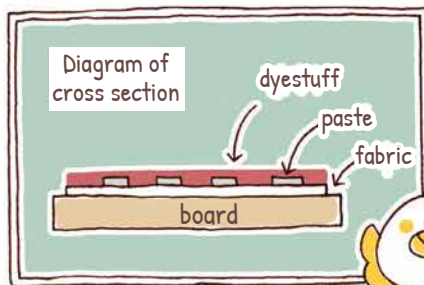


2. Stretch the silk fabric on a board and the template over the top



↑ The board is a 23-foot (7-m) piece of fir.

4. Remove the template and apply dyestuff once paste is dry



Once the paste is dissolved, the pattern appears in white

3. Spread paste over the template



The paste is made from glutinous rice, rice bran, salt and activated charcoal

In the Edo period, artisans from Kansai used a board while artisans from Kanto used a spatula.

I'm from Kansai

I'm from Kanto

Here, we're using a board

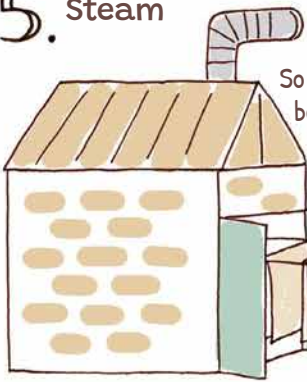
Now I get it

The editor who came with me was so good that she was told she could be an artisan! Wow

The colors are a secret blend

exciting!

5. Steam



wait 23 minutes

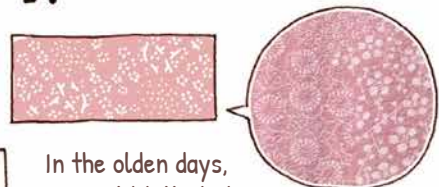
Spread sawdust on the fabric and hang the pieces so they don't touch

The patterns have meanings!

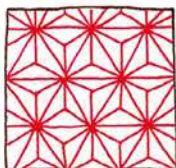
6. Wash

Wave the fabric in the water quite vigorously. It's fun to see the pattern slowly emerging!

7. Dry to complete



Various facts about patterns



Hemp Leaves

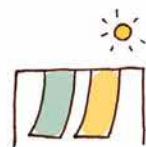
Hemp grows fast so it is used for clothes for babies.



Arrows

Since the Edo period, this has been an auspicious pattern as an arrow does not return once it is shot.

In the olden days, you could tell what the trends were by looking at the patterns on the fabric hanging out to dry



Part 2

Characters & Icons with All Kinds of Uses

It's handy being able to draw animal characters and icons for events and celebrations. They'll brighten up whatever you add them to.

Use illustrations

Stickers

Add hand-drawn illustrations to make original stickers from plain, store-bought ones. Add fun or funny messages to them, then cut them out to the shape of the illustration.



Sticky notes

Try adding drawings of characters to reminder notes, requests, thank you notes and so on to bring fun touches to admin-type messages.



Express characters' emotions with humor

Characters play a huge role in accurately conveying feelings or situations. First of all, master how to draw poses using a simplified human figure.

Isn't this fun?



Using circles and lines to draw poses

Try adjusting the movement of the joints, the facial expression and so on. Even a simplified human figure can express various emotions.



giving one's all

Be conscious of the elbows and knees when drawing



raising a glass



shouting



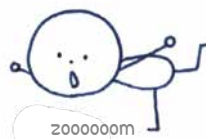
downhearted



wobbling



falling backward



pretending to fly



sitting with legs spread out



doing stretches



stretching the arms up

Drawing the facial parts high on the face gives the appearance of looking up



receiving a shock



bothered



barring the way



laughing heartily



tipping over



swaying gently



looking up



looking down

Drawing the facial parts low on the face gives the appearance of looking down

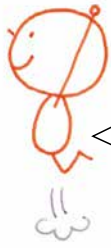


looking behind



groaning





jumping for joy



butting in



sitting with the knees drawn up



performing



walking with a cane



bursting into tears



finding fault

Draw the mouth like the number 3 for a unique look



whistling



in a good mood



balancing with the legs up



gargling



meditating



raising the hand



giving an opinion



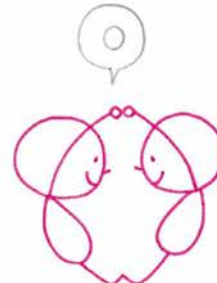
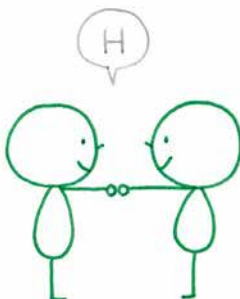
sleeping at one's desk



studying

Use poses to create an alphabet

Try making an alphabet out of the circle & line figure poses to create unique lettering for cards and notes.



Illustrations for messages using cats

Their flexible bodies make cats an easy animal to use as a character. Giving them human-like movements and expressions creates fun results.

Got it!



What?



Using blank eyes creates a look of surprise or bewilderment

Leave it to me!



I agree!



Um... excuse me... do you have a minute?



There's something I'd like to say



I'm so bad at this



I'm great at this



whoosh



Don't worry about it



Oh my!



Rounding the knees gives the look of formal kneeling

No no... it was no problem



Thank you for saying so



It's unacceptable!

Showing the wrists and ankles lends humor to the movement



Oh, I get it!



snap



Sometimes life's like that



ouchhh



phew



Sorry to have
caused any trouble



Thank you



Where
are you?

I'm lost



I'm in a hurry



Adding
background
makes for a
unique drawing

Draw the ears and facial parts
low on the face to create the
appearance of looking down

Wait a
minute!



Thinking



Sorry



The
pleasure
was mine



Congratulations



Don't worry about drawing
the far leg when showing
the figure from the side.

That's not
going to
work, is it?



Thanks
for your
hard work



Yes!



Bye!



Illustrations for messages using dogs

Slightly altering the ears of the cat figure turns the character into a dog. Try using the ears and tail to express emotion also.



Bent knees create the look of jumping



Illustrations for messages using rabbits and bears

Try using your favorite animals or animals that resemble you in your drawings. You'll have even more fun when you can draw your own characters!



When the animal is holding a small object, it's O.K. to just draw its head and paws



Drawing the glasses without the eyes makes for a special kind of character



Using human-like gestures in the fingers adds a fun effect



Planners

Using simple icons for everyday plans and special events makes every time you open your planner enjoyable. There's the added bonus that you'll be able to see at a glance what's on your schedule.



Maps

When explaining to someone how to get to your house or to a meeting point, it's handy to be able to draw a map. Learn how to draw simple buildings and landmarks.



Make icons simple and concise

For icons to use in planners, memos and so on, keep them simple, small and easy to draw. See what you come up with!



Weather

It's handy to have icons for weather for journals, diaries and calendars. Icons are helpful for capturing subtleties in the weather too.



rain



light rain



fine weather



cloud



partly cloudy



thunder & lightning



gusts of wind



heavy rain



scattered showers



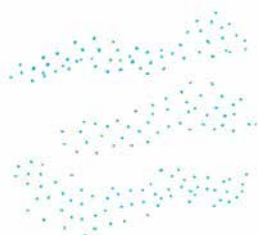
snow



heavy snow



hail



fog



typhoon



tornado



rainbow



Key points for drawing rainy days





fair weather



partly sunny



chance of rain



a good drying day



first breeze of spring



cherry blossom front



pollen alert



hydration



midsummer sun



peak of summer



UV protection ①



UV protection ②



bare trees



Indian summer



take care in the dry air ①



take care in the dry air ②



guard against colds



guard against influenza



I recorded the top temperature



I recorded the lowest temperature



cold wave



earthquake



heat wave



air pollution

Hobbies

Hobby-related objects and equipment, such as musical instruments, cameras and art supplies, are often unique in shape, so try to capture their characteristics to create evocative icons.



painting



taking photos



travel



watching movies



tea ceremony



flower arranging



crafts



calligraphy



fishing



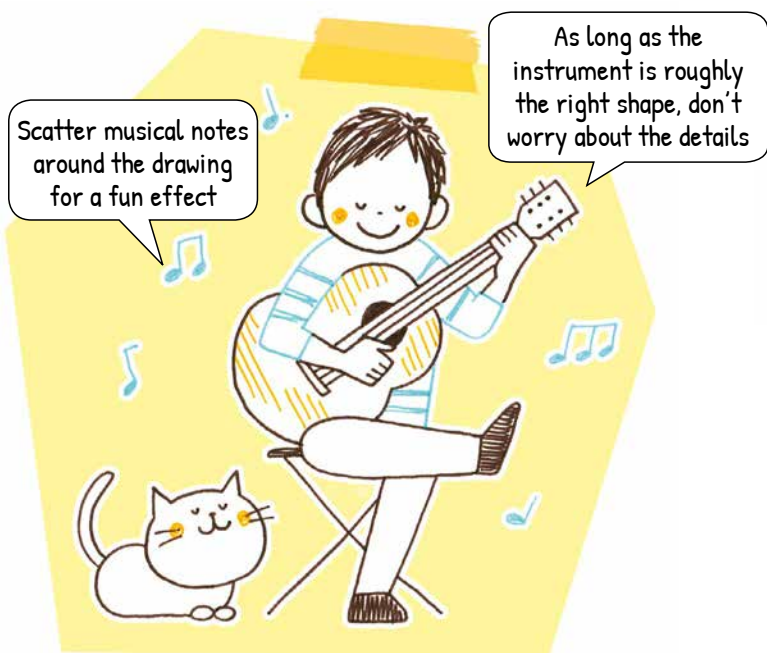
aromatherapy



watching sports



Japanese chess



guitar



karaoke



piano



choir

Key points for drawing someone playing an instrument

Sports

Make equipment simple when drawing icons for sports. In particular, as long as you draw the right pattern inside a circle, you can draw various balls.



soccer



baseball



volleyball



basketball



gym



cycling



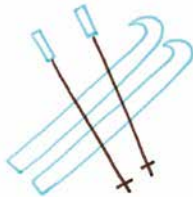
horseback riding



boxing



snowboarding



skiing



skating



hiking



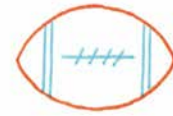
tennis



unicycling



golf



football

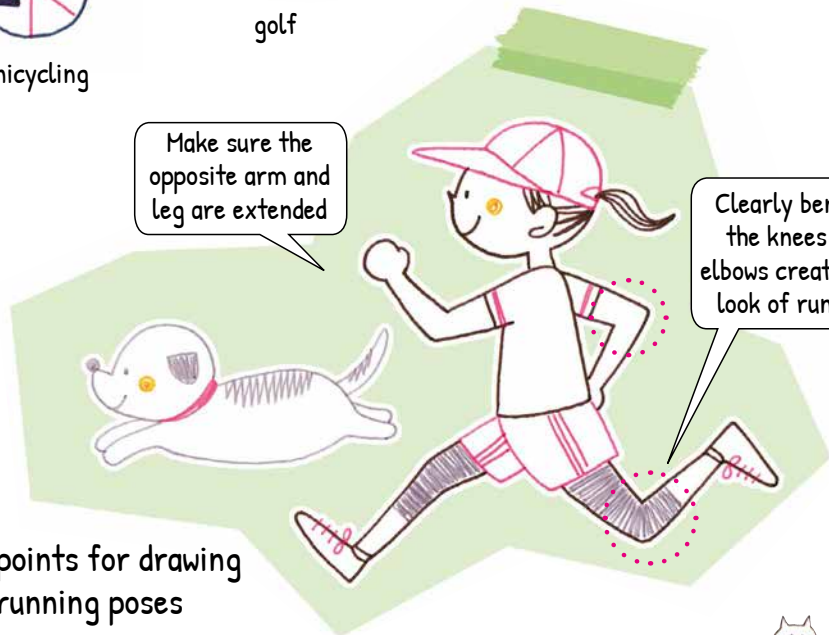


badminton

Make sure the opposite arm and leg are extended

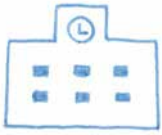
Clearly bending the knees and elbows creates the look of running

Key points for drawing running poses



School

The trick is to draw school-related items in a simple way.
Also see pages 40-41 for other things found at school.



school



first day of school



graduation ceremony



clean-up duty



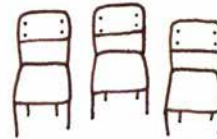
Key points for drawing children



report card



shoes



school assembly



PTA



exams



school trip



field trip



school nurse



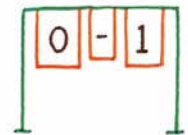
games



cultural festival



backpack



gym class



summer holidays



winter holidays



spring holidays



public holiday

Work

For icons related to work, as long as you can understand them, anything goes! Make them super simple so you can draw them quickly.



email



telephone



half day off



whole day off



work trip



overseas work trip



deadline day



meeting



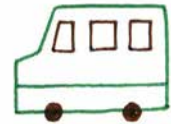
direct to ___



going straight home



PC being repaired



delivery service



search for documents



creating documents



presentation



seal



sales (external)



overtime

Holding documents helps suggest an office worker. Sticky notes are good too.



For the right balance, make sure the feet don't point inward.



early shift



late shift



night shift



socializing with co-workers

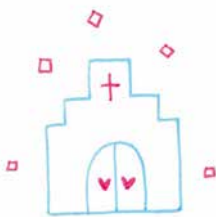
Key points for drawing a company employee

Special events

Use plenty of color to brighten up enjoyable events and plans. Make them even more fun by adding sparkle effects!



wedding anniversary



wedding day



Children's celebration



reunion



festival



fireworks



cherry blossom festival



picnic



moving day



house party



dinner party



visiting hometown

Birthdays



Birthday cake



Birthday hat



present ①



present ②



streamers



decorations

The shape of the mouth when blowing out candles is key



Put the birthday person and cake in the very middle!

Key points for birthday illustrations

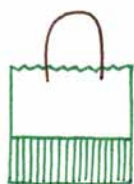


Everyday activities

For appointments, returning items, payment days, days you need to take your lunch and so on, it's handy to be able to use icons as reminders.



supermarket



department store



garbage day



recyclables day



water bill is due



electric bill is due



meal



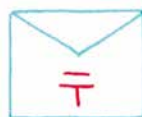
date



library



bank



post office



government building



doctor ①



doctor ②



pay day



payment due



pack a lunch



drinks after work



monthly fee



credit card payment



hairdresser



dry cleaning



dog grooming



vet



Kamo

the illustrator's work

journal in pictures

Work appointment in Shibuya

Usually I work from
my home on the
outskirts of Tokyo



Let's meet and
discuss things

Sounds
great

The publishing
company is in Shibuya



artist's
impression



*Actually I go by train and on foot

When you think of Shibuya,
you think of tall buildings
and the Hachiko statue...



...young people and fashion...

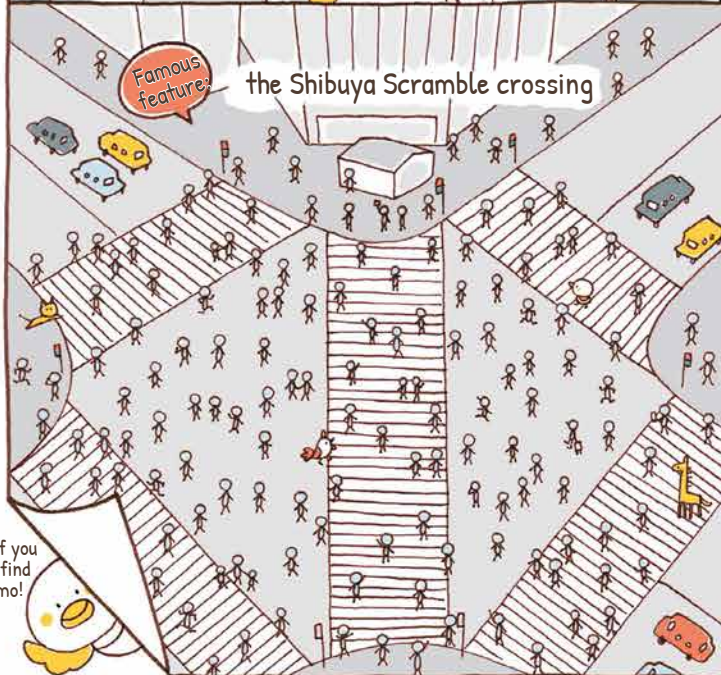


...an energetic, vibrant
metropolis...



Famous
feature

the Shibuya Scramble crossing



They say you crash into people
when you walk through a city



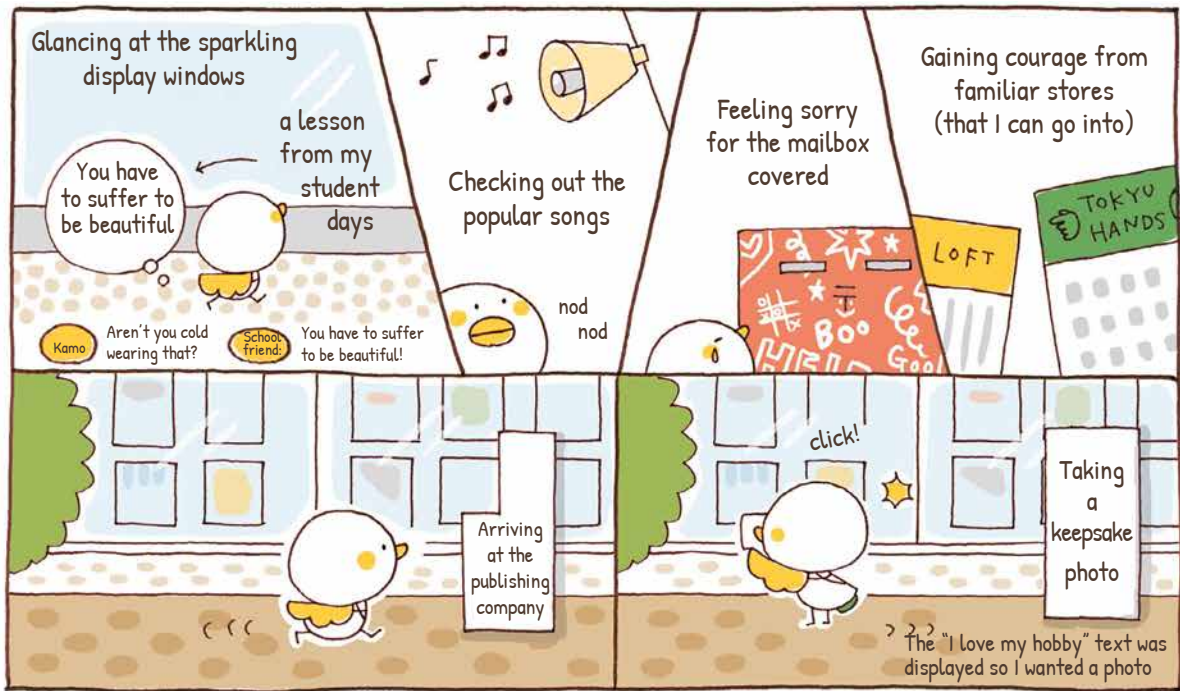
But I've never crashed into anyone here

Probably because everyone's
good at dodging each other!



See if you
can find
Kamo!





At the meeting...

*The meeting is about this very book
I've heard that it's good for dieting
Really? Is it?

How the meeting runs

1. Discuss plans
2. Discuss content of illustrations (target audience, overall look etc)
3. Discuss schedule

Finish

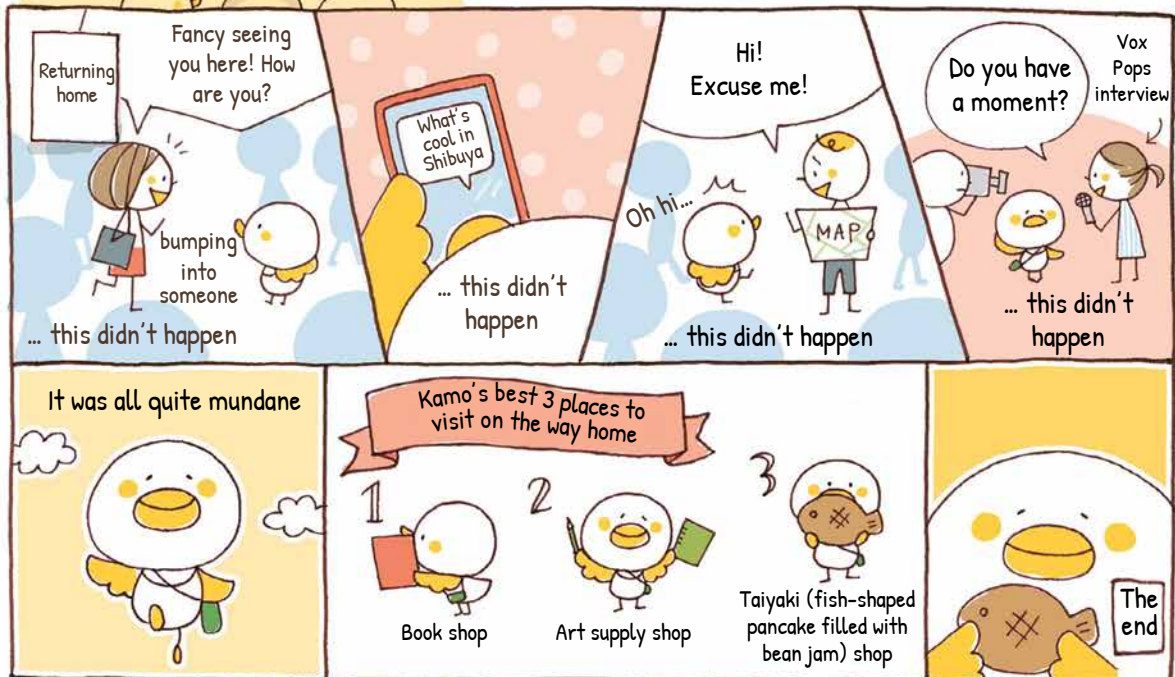
nod nod



I'll do my best!



I'm working very hard



Part 3

Making Cards and Notes Using Decorative Lettering

Here, we look at designs for business cards, postcards, and other cards that incorporate decorative lettering. It's handy to master decorative lettering.

Use illustrations

Business cards

A business card determines the kind of first impression you make. Use illustrations to good effect to promote yourself! Try using the back, folding the card in half.



On the back...

Draw something you like or make cute decorations for a memorable business card.



Or opened up...

This design resembles a book. A folded business card is handy when introducing yourself or publicizing an event.



See page 81 for instructions



Use illustrations

Notes of appreciation and celebration

For birthdays, weddings, births and other celebrations or for messages of thanks, use bright color schemes and celebratory illustrations in your designs.



Use illustrations

Invitations

For event invitations, alter the shape of the card to delight the recipient. Add a cute fork when sending a card in the shape of a cake.



See page 81 for instructions

Place it in the envelope...

Folding a fan-shaped piece of paper creates a card resembling a piece of cake. Put it into a semi-transparent envelope to make it seem as if a cake is inside.



How to create a book-shaped business card (page 78)

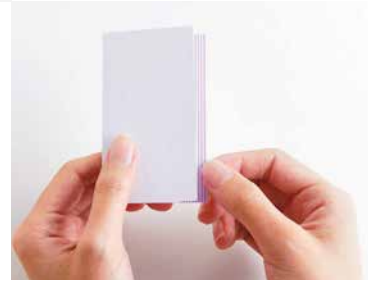


This is a business card folded in half. Write your name on the outside and your details and a little introduction on the inside.

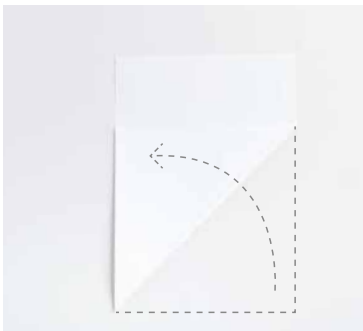


1 Stick striped masking tape to the right hand side of the card.

2 Fold the card in half so that the masking tape is visible.



How to create a cake-shaped invitation (page 80)



1 Fold the paper as per the photograph.



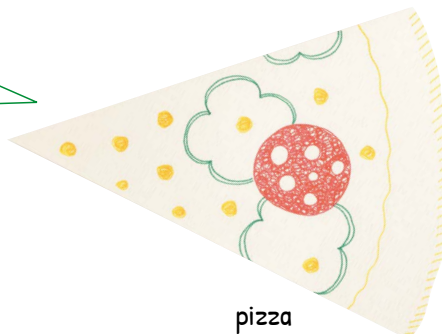
2 Sketch the cake shape and cut it out.



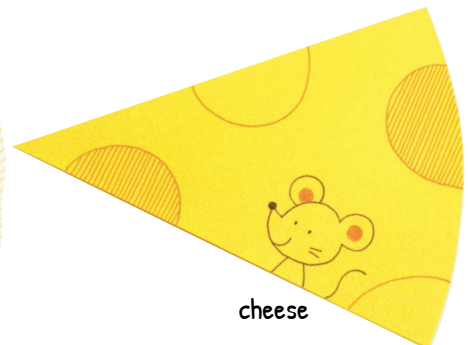
3 Draw the cake on the outside and details for the invitation on the inside.

Make variations!

Use the same method to make any kind of round food that can be cut into slices. These are perfect for parties!



pizza



cheese

Learn the principles for decorative lettering

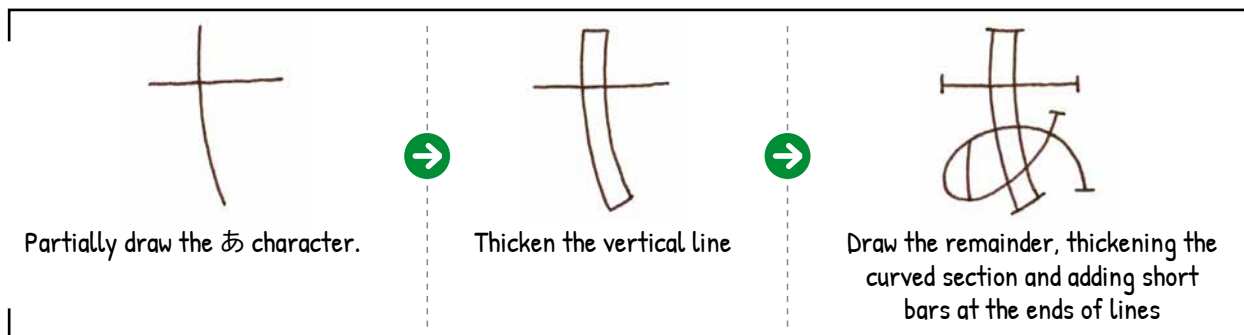
Once you learn the simple principles, you can create cute lettering that will instantly dress up notes and cards.



Hiragana

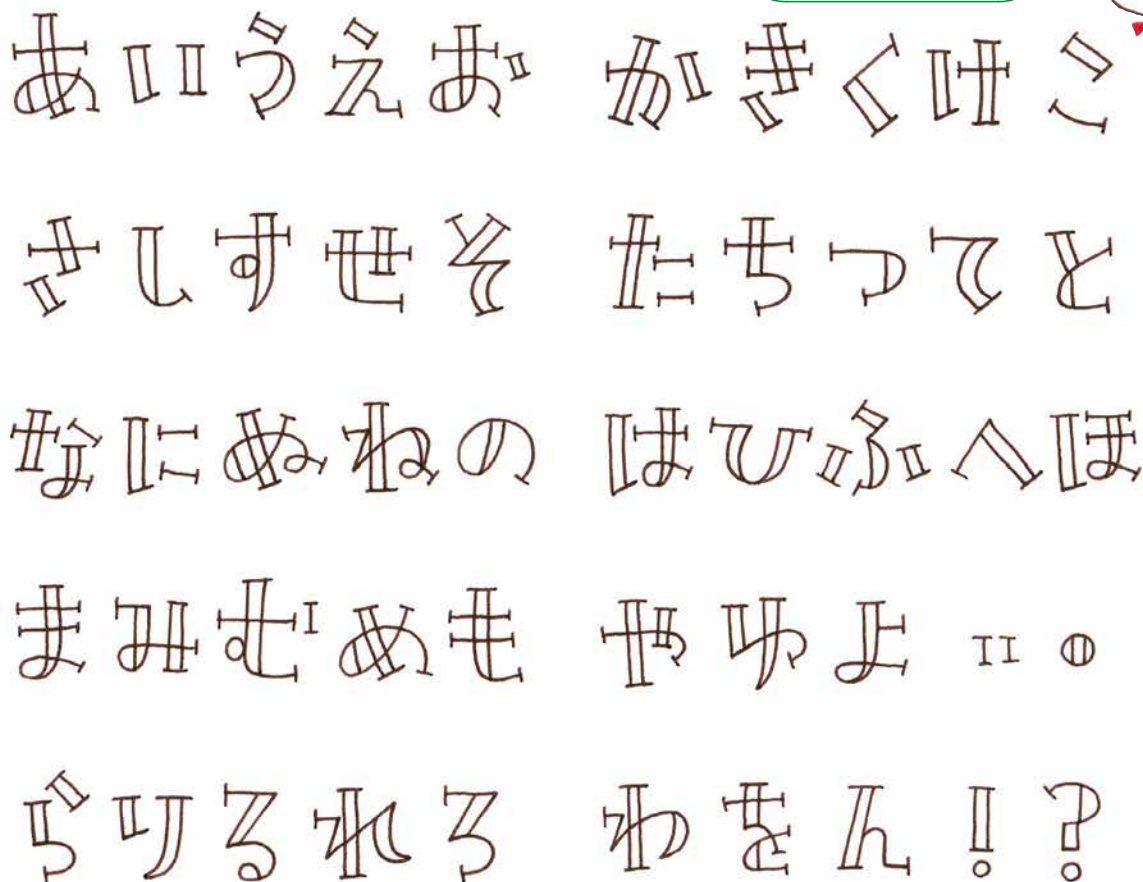
Here, we look at an approach known as thick verticals & short bars, a style where the vertical lines are thickened and short lines or bars are placed at the ends of lines.

Thick verticals & short bars



50 characters

Thicken the areas that are basically vertical



Let's try variations on the basic font

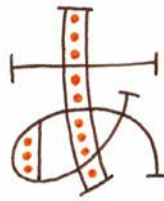
Once you can make characters in the thick verticals & short bars style, try altering them to make various types of characters.

Variation 1



Completely color the centers

Variation 2



Add a pattern

Variation 3



Change the bars for dots

Sample hiragana phrases

These are examples of the thick verticals & short bars style and its variations. Try different colors and patterns to create your own original characters.

Change colors at certain points for a stylish look

Happy
New
Year

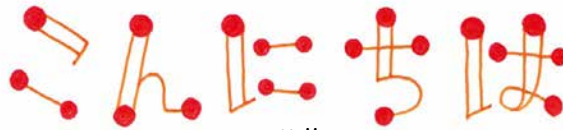


Thank you

Use different patterns for a fun effect



Please!



Hello

Filling in color & varying pattern



Good job

Using circles add a charming touch too



I'm so pleased!



Sorry

Alternate pink, blue and orange

Filling in color & using circles






Happy birthday







Katakana

Adding circles to the ends of lines in katakana characters makes for a flamboyant look. All kinds of variations can be made without using any particular techniques.

Add a circle to the end

	→		→	
Draw the ア character		Add circles at the ends of lines and color them in		Look at the overall balance and add a circle to the corner too

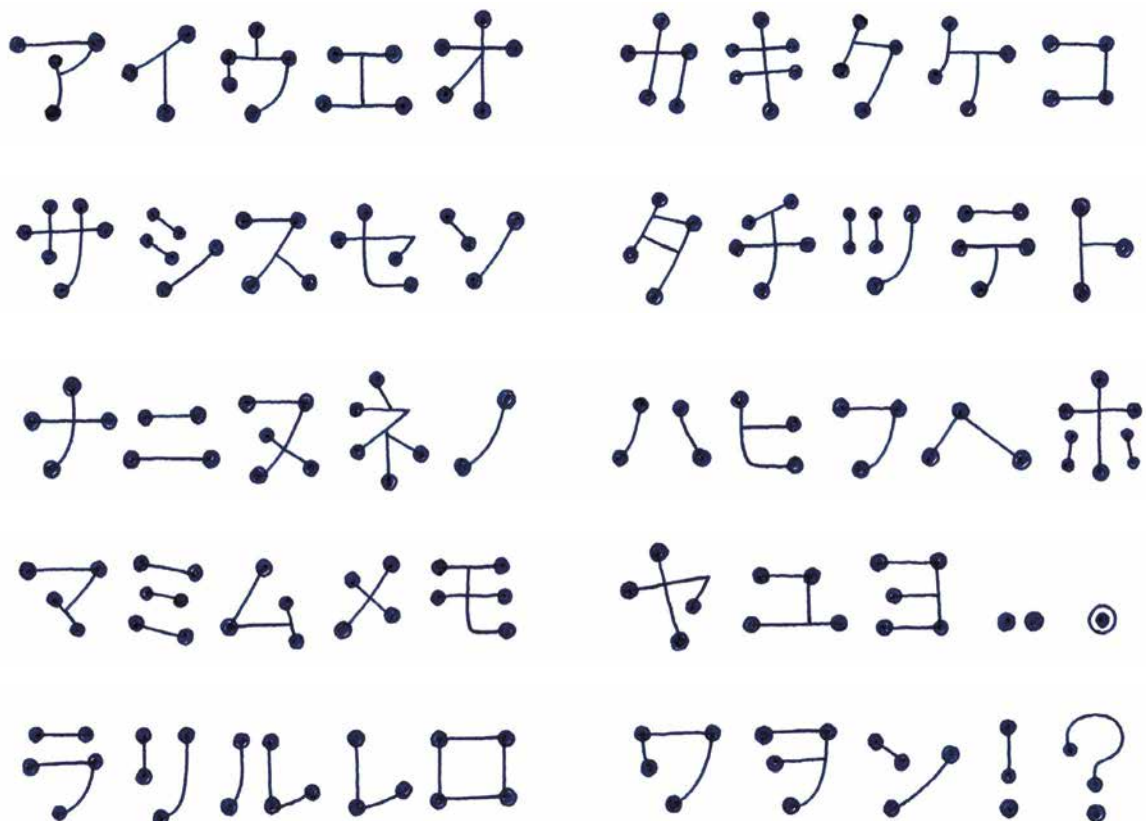
How to add circles

	→		→		→	
For characters where the circles are close together...		It's not necessary to add circles on the corners		For characters with lots of circles...		Look at the overall balance and remove some

These techniques can be applied to letters and numbers too



50 katakana characters



Let's try variations on the basic font

Using triangles or thick lines instead of circles changes the overall look. Try altering the characters to correspond with the meaning of the phrase or the image you want to convey.

Variation 1



Use triangles instead of circles

Variation 2



Use thick lines instead of circles

Variation 3



Use different colors for the character and circles

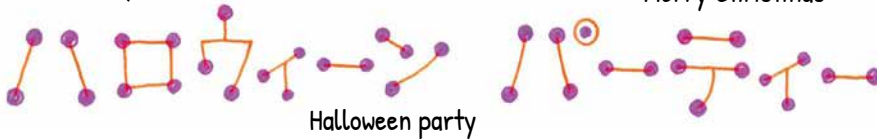
Sample katakana phrases

Here are some phrases using characters with circles at the ends, along with variations on that style. You can use whatever shape you like on the ends so try using your favorites.

Characters whose colors reflect the meaning of the phrase



Merry Christmas



Halloween party



Happy birthday

Triangles instead of circles on the ends

Thickening the strokes creates more impact



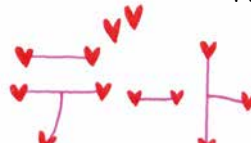
Key point



Please check



Thank you

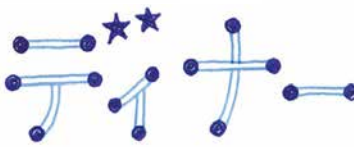


Date

Stars and hearts look cute

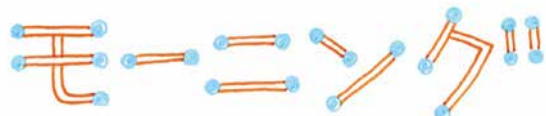


Lunch



Dinner

Using double lines creates a different look



Morning

Alphabet

When making letters of the alphabet, using double lines is an effective yet simple technique for creating a stylish result.

Double lines



Write the letter A



Double the long lines



Check the overall balance and double the short line too

Tips for creating letters



Make the letter slightly tall when you first write it...



...in order to achieve good balance when you double the lines.

Capital letters



Lowercase letters

For detailed lowercase letters, it's fine to just double the line of one section.



Create variations on basic lettering

Using triple lines, dotted lines and so on makes for completely different looks. Create variations to suit the shape of the letter or the meaning of the word in which the letters appear.

Variation 1



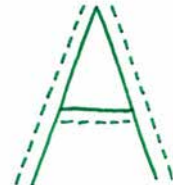
Change the color of the lines

Variation 2



Create triple lines

Variation 3



Use dots for the outer lines

Examples of the alphabet in use

These are examples of letters using double lines and other variations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CHRISTMAS

Alternating colors makes for a flamboyant look.

Triple lines make a strong impact, so they're best used for the initial letter or in short words.

Thank You

OK!

Happy New Year

HELLO

Drawing a face inside a letter creates a cute look.

GOOD

Move the letters around to create a sense of motion or add illustrations in

HALLOWEEN

Decorative lines

Adding decorative lines to letters and characters in small doses makes for an attractive result. They can also be added to plain notepaper, sticky notes and so on to create original pieces.



Layer two differently colored wavy lines over each other



Place different sized circles over a wavy line



Combine zigzag lines



Add circles to a crenelated pattern



Place short lines next to one another in a rhythmical fashion



Line up squares with variations of squares inside them



Make loose zigzags resemble mountains



Combine squiggles and a face for a jack in the box look



Use crisscrossing ovals for an embroidered look.

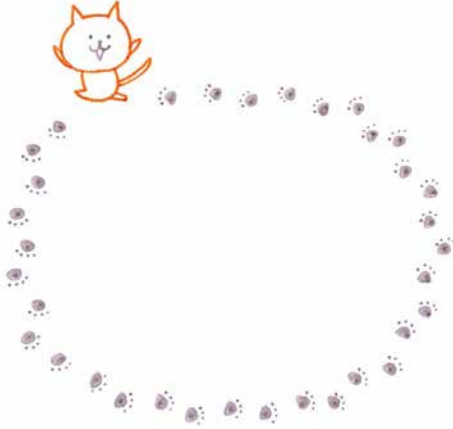


Line up flowers and leaves to look like decorative ribbon

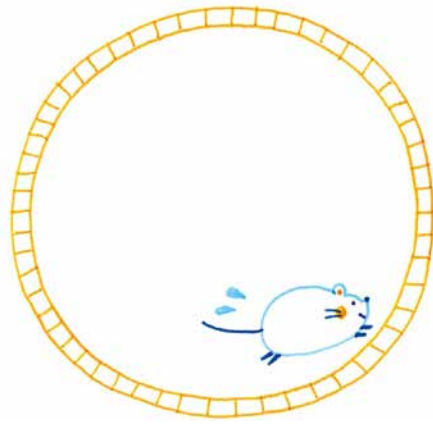


Frames

Adding a frame to messages and notes really sets them apart!
Try adding them to notes, greeting cards and business cards.



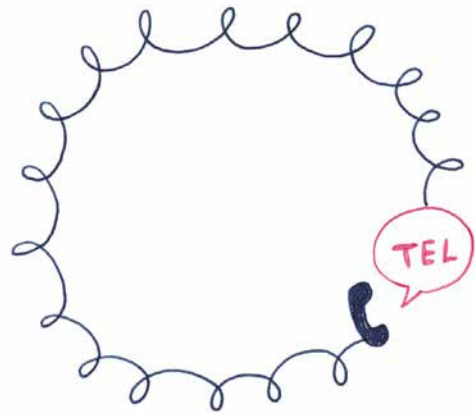
Cat and paw prints



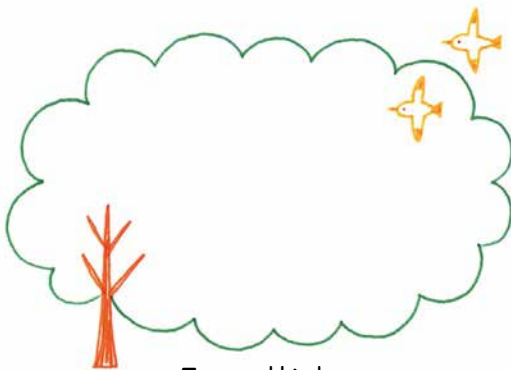
Mouse with exercise wheel



Leaves and red berries



Phone and cord



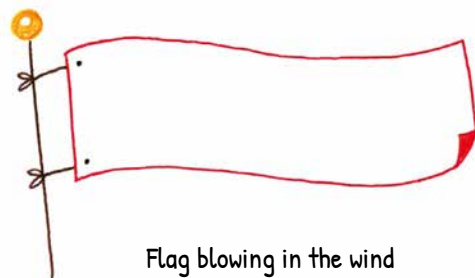
Tree and birds



bicycle and tire tread



ribbon



Flag blowing in the wind

Use illustrations

Summer greetings

The ability to create decorative lettering makes it easy to dash off summer greetings. Try to come up with fun designs that will make the recipient momentarily forget the heat.



I hope you are well in this summer heat.



I hope you are well in this summer heat.



Use illustrations

Christmas cards

There are plenty of adorable motifs for Christmas, such as the tree, Santa Claus, candles and so on. Use decorative letters too for a stylish result.

When placed in the envelope...

When the card is folded in two, the cityscape lines up with the starry sky, creating a moment of enjoyment when the envelope is opened.



See the instructions on page 93



See the instructions on page 93



Use illustrations

New Year's cards

It's always tricky to come up with designs for New Year's cards, so it's handy to be able to draw the zodiac animal for that year. Individuality to your card and really set it apart.

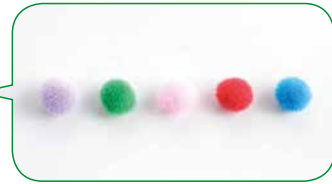
See the instructions on page 93



How to make a Santa Claus Christmas card (page 91)



Draw Santa Claus and use glue to stick a red felt ball to his nose.



Decorative felt balls can be found at craft shops and dollar stores.

How to make a Christmas card with a cityscape (page 91)



- 1 Sketch in the cityscape along the edge of the card (when open, this is the lower edge of the card)



- 2 Cut out with a blade and draw illustrations on the inside.

How to make a paperweight decoration (page 92)



- 1 Stick silver masking tape onto paper. Here, we've used pasteboard to make it easier to work with the masking tape, but you can use whatever paper you like.



- 2 Use a 3mm holepunch to make a hole in the center of the tape near the edge.



- 3 Cut the tape and paper together into a paperweight shape. Remove the tape from the pasteboard and stick it to the card.

Kamo's Chronicles

Daily life edition

As things are, this room is barely 10 square feet



The delivery man

remembers me by

my apartment number

Oh, Number xx, your package has arrived



Thank you

I'm devoted to my special PC glasses



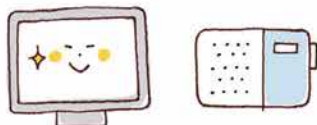
But because I want to see colors, they usually end up sitting on the end of my nose



I'm thinking of getting clear ones instead

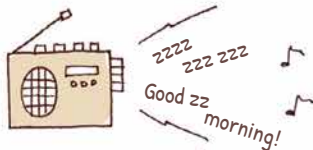
People I've known for a long time are so kind

I like listening to the radio while I work



It's a normal radio, not internet based

The static is terrible



It's more like an old-fashioned wireless, actually

I pretty much follow a company employee's daily rhythms



Sleep at night



I don't have daytime naps or snooze during the day



I hate waking up so I try to limit the pain to only once a day!

frozen



Yes, I am



They always treat me like I'm still new to the game

Showing humility to my PC



I'm sorry!

I'm sorry!

pat pat



Please work!

Once it starts working I say so many nice things to it

And that's my typical day





About the Artist Kamo

Superstar illustrator Kamo worked as a designer at an advertising production house before becoming a freelance illustrator, focusing on characters and advertisements before expanding into videos and consumer products. She teaches illustration courses in Japan and internationally. Kamo is co-author of *How to Draw Almost Everything for Kids* and author of *How to Draw Almost Every Day*, as well as two recent Tuttle releases: *How to Doodle Everywhere* and *How to Doodle Year-Round*. You can find her on Instagram @illustratorkamo.



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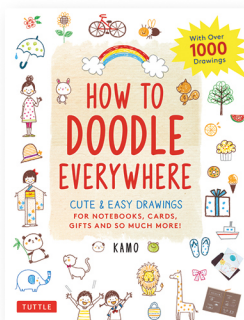
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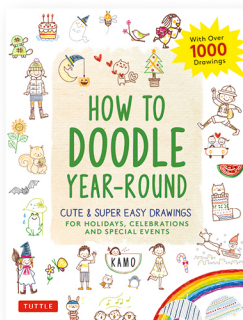
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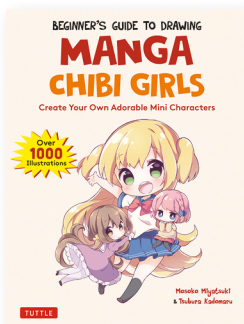
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