How to Draw a Maple Leaf

This time of the year the leaves are falling and winter is approaching. It’s a perfect time to draw some beautiful leaves to remind us of the summer.

The key to drawing a leaf that look real is symmetry. The leaf shouldn’t be perfectly symmetrical, that’s not natural, but its building blocks are symmetrical.

We will use a lot of basic shapes, rectangles and triangles, to draw our maple leaf. Draw the shapes with a light touch as we will erase them later when the leaf starts to take its shape.

In the guide below, each step is highlighted in a light blue color.

You don’t need any special pens or tools. A regular pencil, eraser, and paper are all you need. If you want, you can also color the drawing with colored pencils or pens.
Draw a long curving line and a triangle over its top half.

Add three rectangles. Two of the rectangles start from the same spot but are angled differently. The one on the top goes directly over the tip of the triangle.

Draw three spikes, like Vs, at the ends of each rectangle.

At the bottom of the leaf, draw two triangles.

This step is going to be a little convoluted. Sketch slowly and follow the picture, and it’s going to be fine.

At the bottom, draw two curving lines that connect the stem and the triangles from the previous step.

Erase the inner lines, and the outline of your leaf drawing is almost complete.
The previous step:
At the top, draw a long, straight line linking two spikes. Add two small triangles where this line crosses with the rectangle. Finally, draw two curving lines that connect the small triangles with two spikes.

Draw U-shapes at the tips of the blade. Add two narrow, small triangles at the bottom of the leaf.

Erase the inner lines again.

Add some veins for details and make the stalk thicker.

Color your maple leaf in colors you like.

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