How to Draw an Elephant

Elephants are fun. Drawing one is also easy and fun. With the following the step-by-step tutorial, anyone can create a great looking elephant drawing.

We will be using some basic shapes to help us to outline the elephant in the right shape and proportions. Sketch the shapes with a light touch as they will be erased before your elephant drawing is complete.

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.
Step-by-step Instructions for Drawing an Elephant

Start by drawing a circle on the left side of the paper.

Next, draw a bigger circle on the right side. These two circles are the head and bum of the elephant.

Draw the back with an arc connecting the circles.

Draw two parallel C-shapes for the trunk.
Outline the legs with four lines. Try to sketch the legs as shown above.

Complete the outline of the legs with two more lines. Connect the lines with short lines underfoot.

Draw the ear with three curving lines behind the head.

Draw an arc behind the elephant and connect it with a short line to the ear facing us. This is all we can see of the other ear.

Draw two parallel S-curves that connect in the end for the tail.

Add a leaf shape at the bottom of the tail.
Now, we will draw the side of the mouth where the tusk grows. Also, add a small U-shape at the end of the trunk.

Draw two parallel curves that connect at the end for the tusk. Similarly, draw the tip of the tusk on the far side.

Outline the eye with a half circle. Draw a large, round pupil inside but leave a small uncolored dot in it. Draw a short curving line above the eye for the eye brow.

Draw two curving lines to outline the belly.

Erase the extra lines. Your elephant drawing is almost done. Only some details need to be added.

Draw the toes as inverted U-shapes.
Add a few lines inside the ear.

Make the eye brow thicker, add a line for the eye lid, and another line at the mouth to make your elephant smile.

Finally, add some short curvy lines underneath the trunk.

Clean up any stray lines and use a softer pencil to outline your complete elephant drawing. You can also color it.

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