

Flowers add cheerfulness wherever they grow - or wherever they are drawn. This is especially so when they also wear smiling faces.

Dancing, smiling flowers have been a common part of many cartoons for decades. A famous example of this is the 1932 "Silly Symphonies: Flowers and Trees" cartoon produced by Walt Disney. Today, such flowers often grace sunny window sills in the form of solar powered, plastic "dancing flowers."

Would you like to be able to draw your own smiling, happy flower? Now you can, using this simple, easy to follow, step-by-step tutorial. All you need is a piece of paper and some drawing tools, such as a pencil, pen, colored pencils, crayons, or markers.

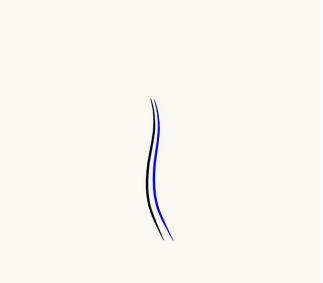
Each step in this guide is illustrated. Note that the new markings in each step are highlighted in blue. Sketch your lines lightly at first, as you will be required to erase some of the guide lines that you draw early on.

In just a few easy steps, you will have your own smiling cartoon flowers to brighten your day.

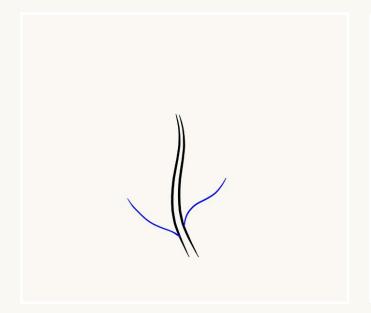
Step-by-step Instructions for Drawing Cartoon Flowers



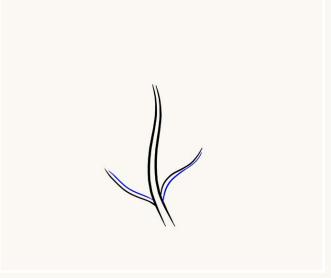
Begin by drawing a long, wavy line.



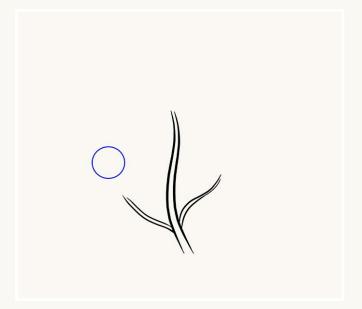
Draw another wavy line parallel to the first. The lines should be closer to one another at the top than at the bottom. This forms the main stem.



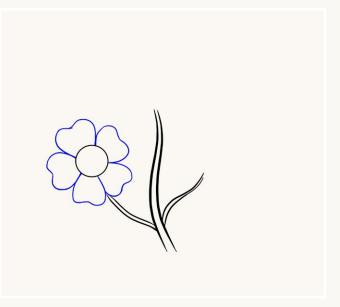
Draw one curved line extending from each side of the stem.



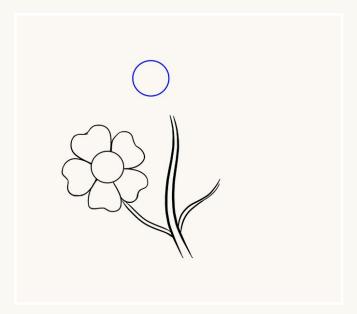
Draw another curved line parallel to each of the curved lines you just drew. These lines form secondary stems.



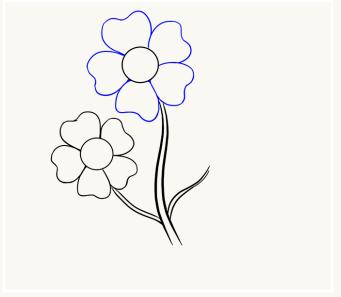
Draw a circle above the tip of the left secondary stem.



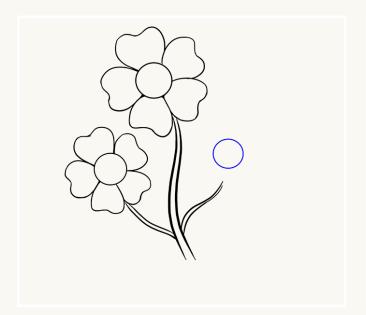
Draw five petals around the circle. Each petal will consist of a curved line in the shape of a very rounded "M." The bottom two petals should connect the flower to its stem.



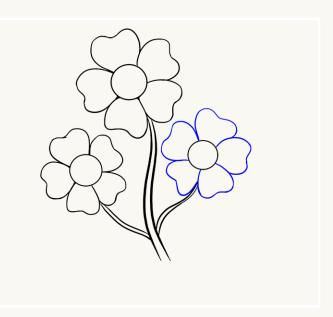
Draw a circle above the main stem.



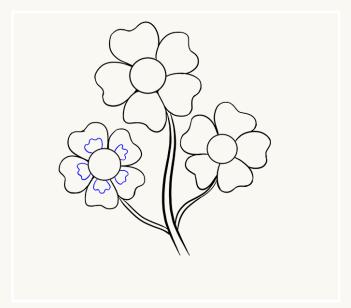
Draw five "M" shapped petals around the circle. The bottom petals will connect this flower to the main stem.



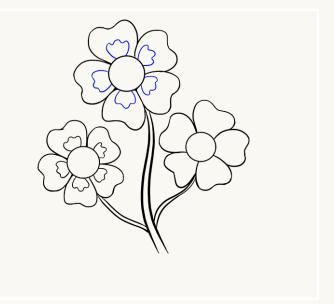
Draw a circle above the right secondary stem.



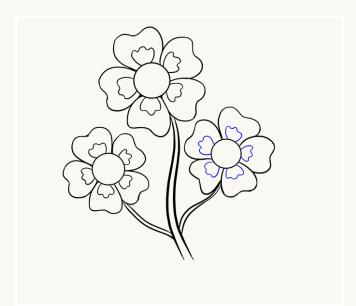
Draw five loosely "M" shaped petals around the circle. The bottom two petals will connect the flower to its stem.



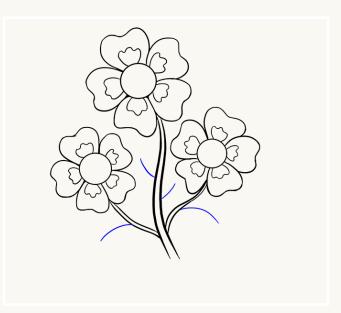
Now, you will add detail to the petals. Beginning with the flower on the left, add a wavy line to the interior of each petal. Each line should extend from the flower's circle center, form three humps, then attach to the center once more.



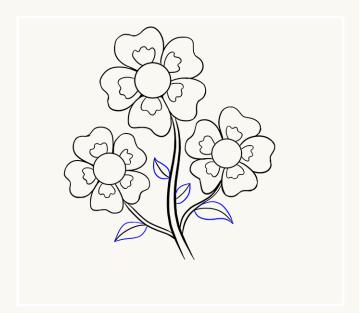
Repeat this process to add detail to the center flower's petals.



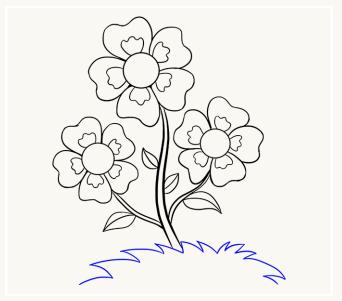
Repeat the process to add detail to the petals of right flower, again using five wavy lines.



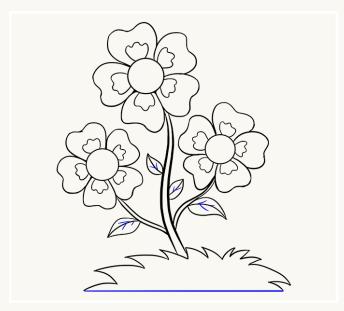
Extend a short, curved line from each side of the center flower's stem. Draw similar lines from the left side of the left secondary stem, and the right side of the right secondary stem. These lines will form the veins of leaves.



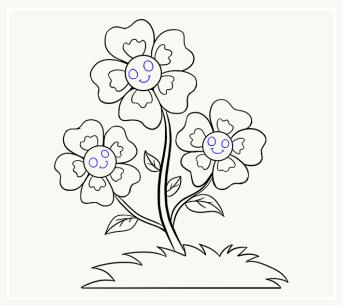
Outline the leaves using two curved lines each. The lines should extend from the stem and come together to form a point with the leaf vein line.



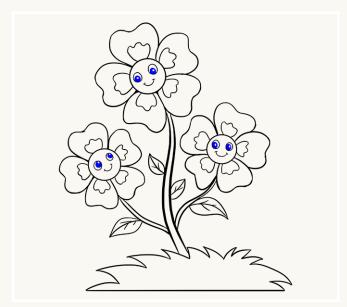
Draw the grass in which your flower is growing. To draw grass, use short, curved lines that come together in a point, both at their base and at their tip. The result will resemble connected curving triangles with no base line.



Complete the mound of grass by connecting the far sides with a straight line. Add detail to the veins of the leaves by drawing one to two short, slightly curving lines extending from both sides of each leaf vein.



Now, you will add faces to your flowers. Within the center circle of each flower, draw two smaller circles for eyes. Below the eyes, form a smiling mouth by drawing a "U" shaped line. Draw a short line perpendicular to each end of the "U" shaped line.



Within each eye circle, draw a smaller circle. You can determine the direction in which the flower appears to be looking by drawing this small circle on that side of the eye. Draw a tiny circle within each small circle. Shade the small circle.



Complete your sketch by coloring your flowers. Make them any color you want - have fun!

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