How to Draw a Boy

Human characters form the basis of many animated cartoons and works of art. This can be seen even in the earliest known cave paintings, which contain human forms. Throughout history, people have enjoyed drawing other people - and themselves.

The first popular cartoon character in history is said to be Mr. Syntax, an eccentric schoolmaster created by a British artist in 1809. He was also the first character to enjoy marketing tie-ins, with various products bearing his image. Since then, the number of cartoon boys and men has become too numerous to mention.

Whether you would like to draw a fictional character or someone you know, this tutorial for how to draw a boy is a good place to start. In this step-by-step drawing guide, you will learn the basics of capturing the human form, as well as the face. All you will need is a pencil and a piece of paper.

In each step, new lines added to the drawing are shown in blue. You may also want to use an eraser to correct mistakes and remove guide lines, and coloring tools to shade your finished drawing.
Step-by-step Instructions for a Boy

Begin by using a series of curved lines to outline the face and jaw.

Draw the hair crossing over the forehead by connecting short, curved lines at sharp points.

Use a long, curved line to outline each ear, completely enclosing the face. Within each ear, use curved lines to add detail.

Extend curved lines from the ears, up and over the face to outline the hair. At the crown, or back, of the head, draw tufts of hair using short, curved lines that meet at a point.
Extend two short, curved lines downward from the face to form the neck. Draw a "U" shaped line from one side of the neck to the other, outlining the collar of the shirt.

Draw sleeves extending from the shoulders. To draw the near sleeve, extend a set of curved, parallel lines and connect them using a curved line. For the far sleeve, use two curved lines to enclose a triangle shape.

Extend a short, curved line from each side of the neck to form the boy’s shoulders. Then, enclose a curved rectangle shape below the shoulders to form the boy’s torso.

Draw the arm using a series of curved lines. Note how the lines meet at an angle to form the bend of the elbow, and how the lines get closer together near the end of the arm.
Erase the guide lines from the shirt and arm.

Draw the other arm using curved lines, again noting the elbow and the tapering of the arm.

Draw the hands. Use a series of curved lines to outline each hand. You may use elongated “U” shaped lines to form the fingers. Don’t forget the curved lines that add detail to the palms.

Detail the shirt. Draw a curved line parallel to the end of each sleeve, and a “U” shaped line along the collar. Then, draw wavy lines across the torso to give the shirt a playful pattern.
Draw the leg using curved lines. Note the detail of the zipper, and the curved lines that indicate crinkled folds at the bottom of the pant leg.

Repeat this process to draw the other leg, again noting the detail at the bottom of the leg.

Draw a shoe using curved lines for the top and bottom, and a straight line for the back of the shoe. Draw another curved line parallel to the bottom of the shoe to indicate the sole.

Repeat this process to draw the second shoe, creating a mirror image.
Use a short, straight line and two curved lines to enclose each eyebrow.

Outline each eye using a curved line for the cheek and an upside down "U" shaped line to enclose the shape. Within each eye, draw a large circle. Then, draw two smaller circles within the first. Shade between the small and large circles to indicate the pupil.

Draw the nose using a small curved line, and a dot to indicate the nostril. Give the boy a smile by drawing a large, curved line that intersects a small, curved line at the cheek. Draw a small curve beneath the mouth to indicate the chin.

Color your cartoon boy.
Find more drawing instructions on EasyDrawingGuides.com