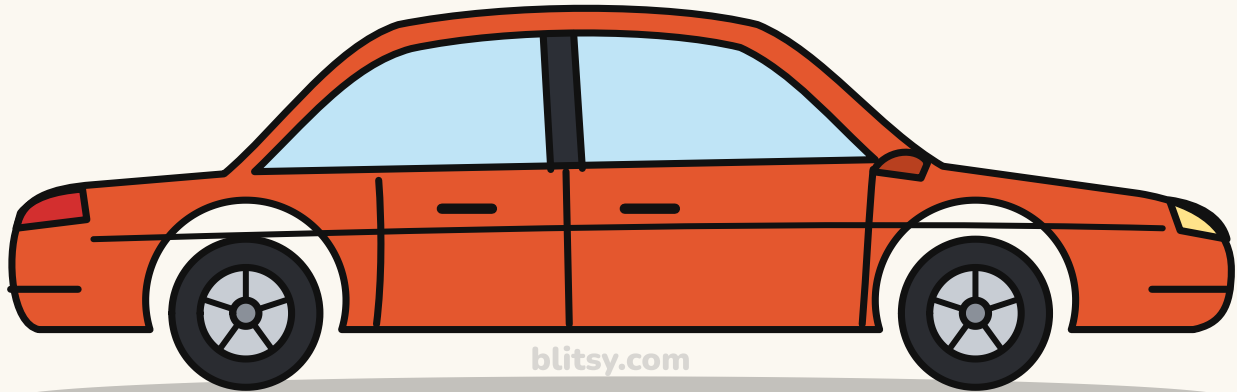


# How to Draw a Car

10 easy steps for beginners



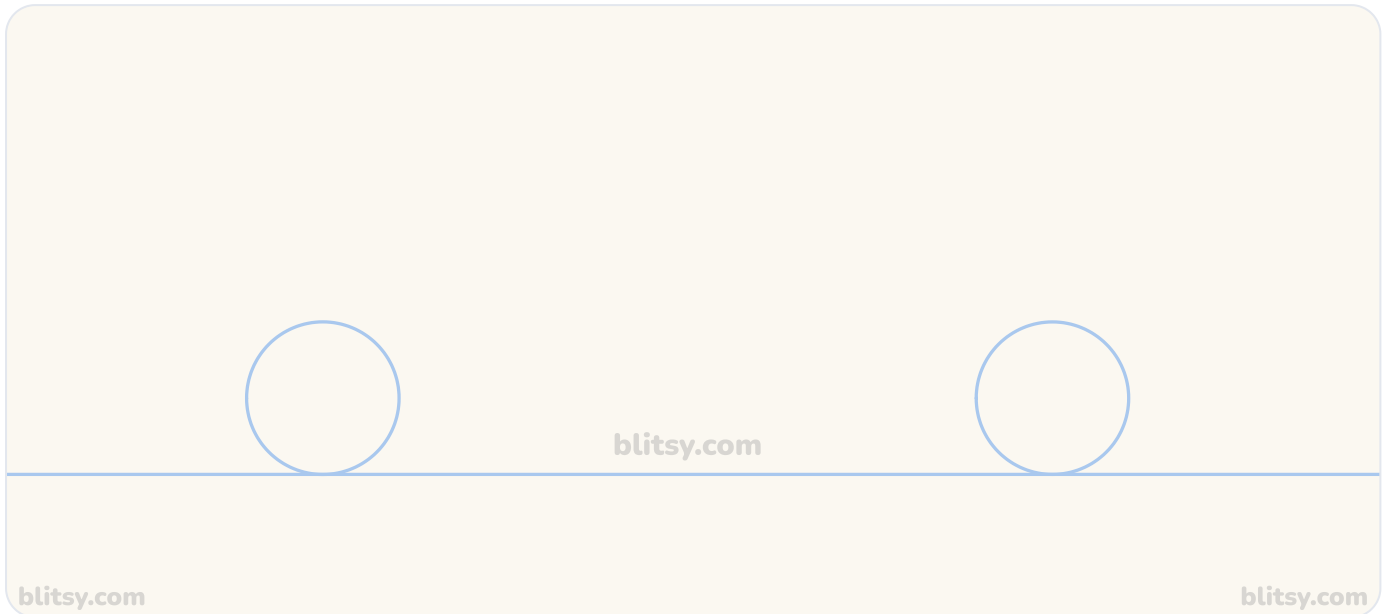
## What you'll need

- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black pen or marker
- Colored pencils or markers
- Paper

## How to use this guide

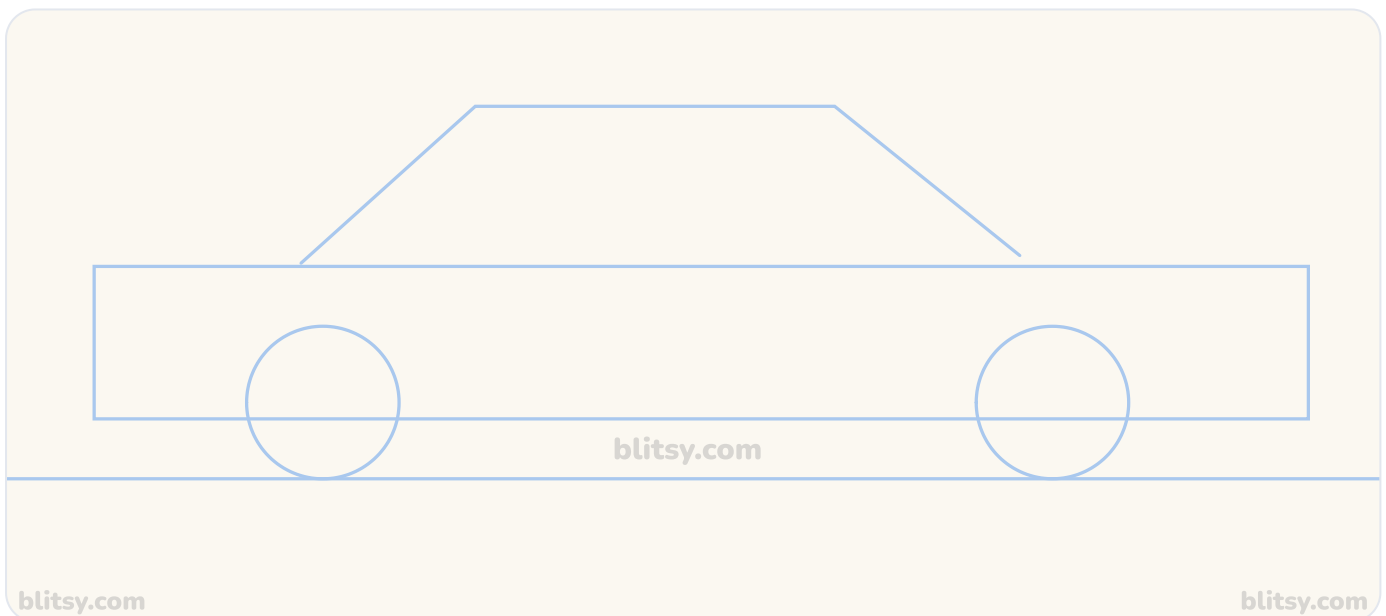
New lines for each step are shown in **blue**; lines you already drew are gray. Draw lightly first — you'll ink and erase in step 9.

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**STEP 1** Draw the ground line and the wheels

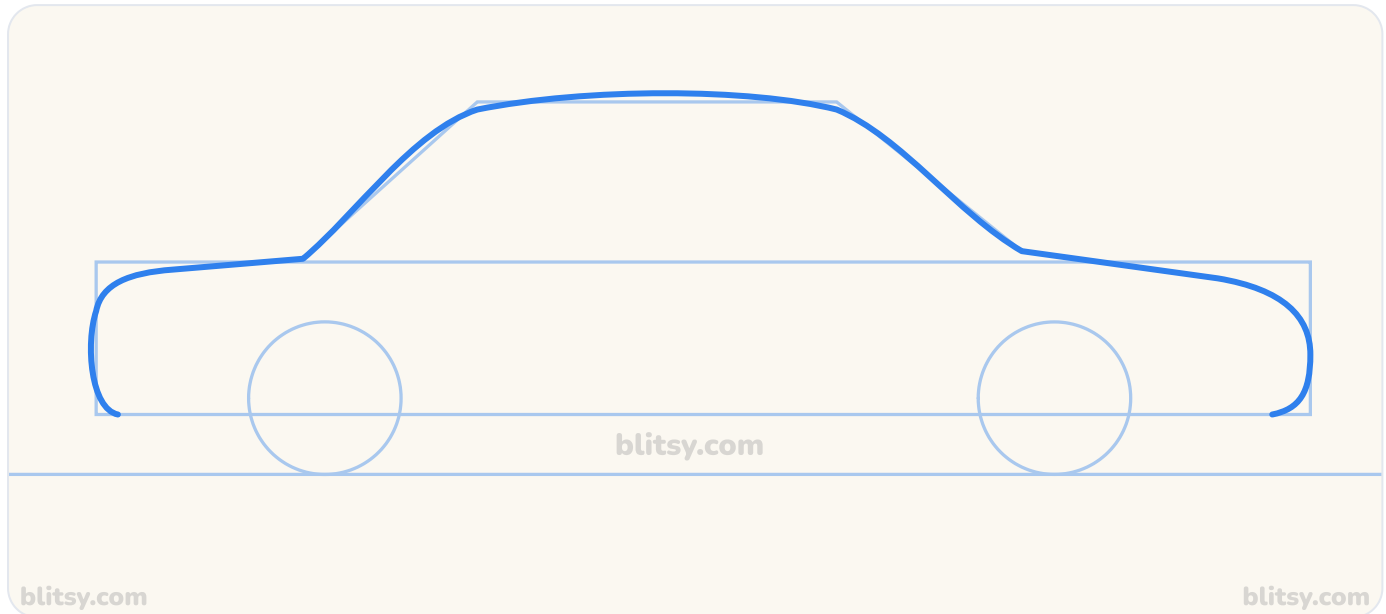
Start with a light, straight line across your paper. This is the ground your car will sit on. Then draw two circles resting on the line. These are the wheels. Leave a big gap between them, about four wheels wide, so the car has room for its doors.

 **Tip:** Press lightly! These are guide lines, and you will erase them later.

**STEP 2** Add the body and cabin shapes

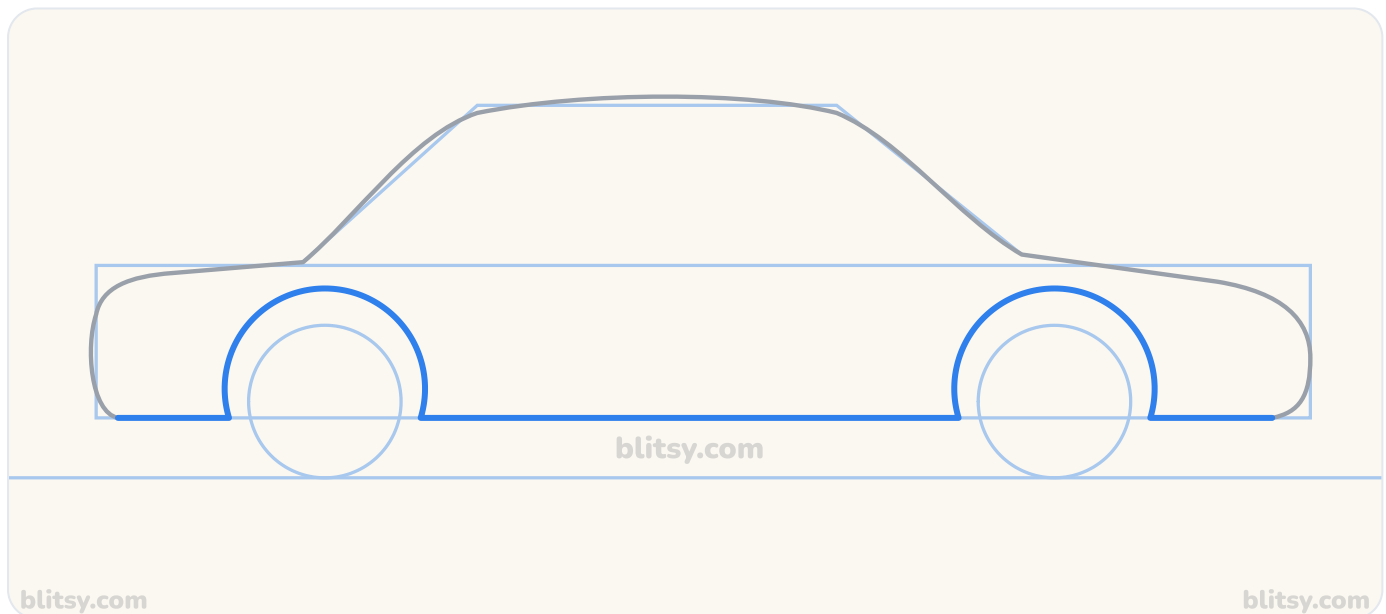
Draw a long rectangle around the wheels. It should start a little behind the back wheel and end a little in front of the front wheel. This box is the body of the car. On top, draw a smaller shape with slanted sides, like a trapezoid. That is the cabin, where the people sit.

 **Tip:** Simple shapes first, details later. That is the secret to every good drawing.

**STEP 3** Draw the outline of the car

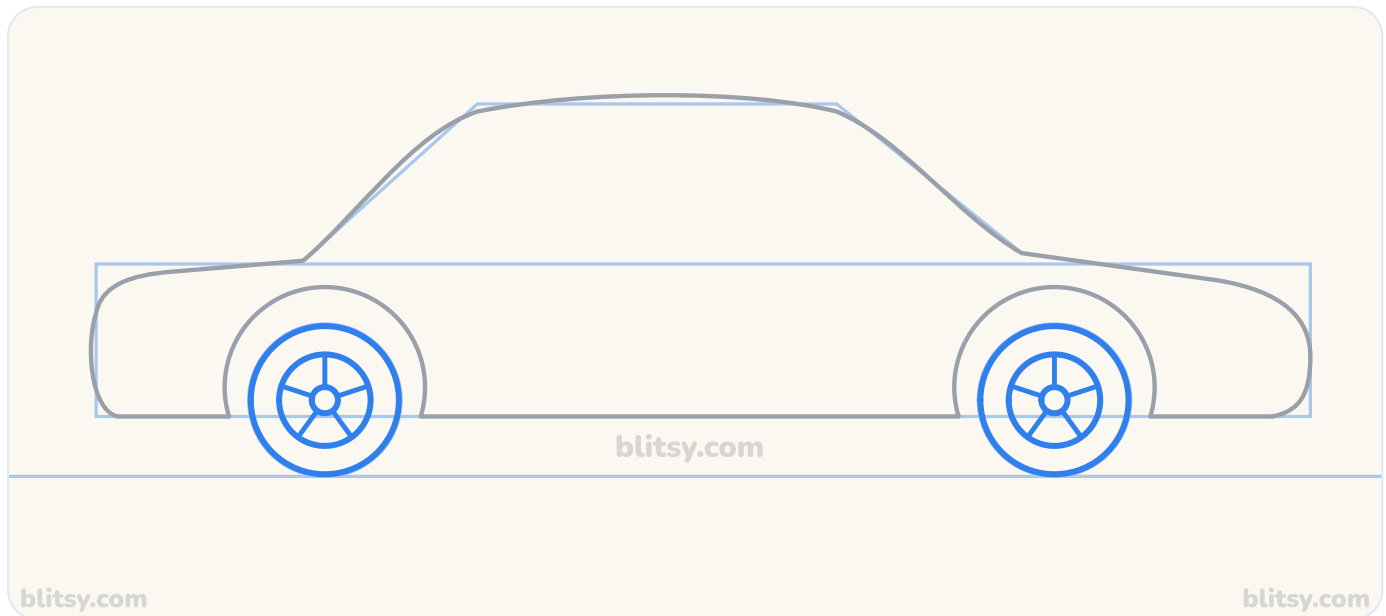
Now the fun part. Start at the back bottom corner and round it off. Follow the top of the box along the trunk, go up the slope of the back window, along the roof, down the windshield, along the hood, and round off the nose at the front. Use your guide shapes, but make the corners soft and curved.

 **Tip:** Keep the outline just inside your guide box, so it looks smooth and not boxy.

**STEP 4** Shape the wheel arches

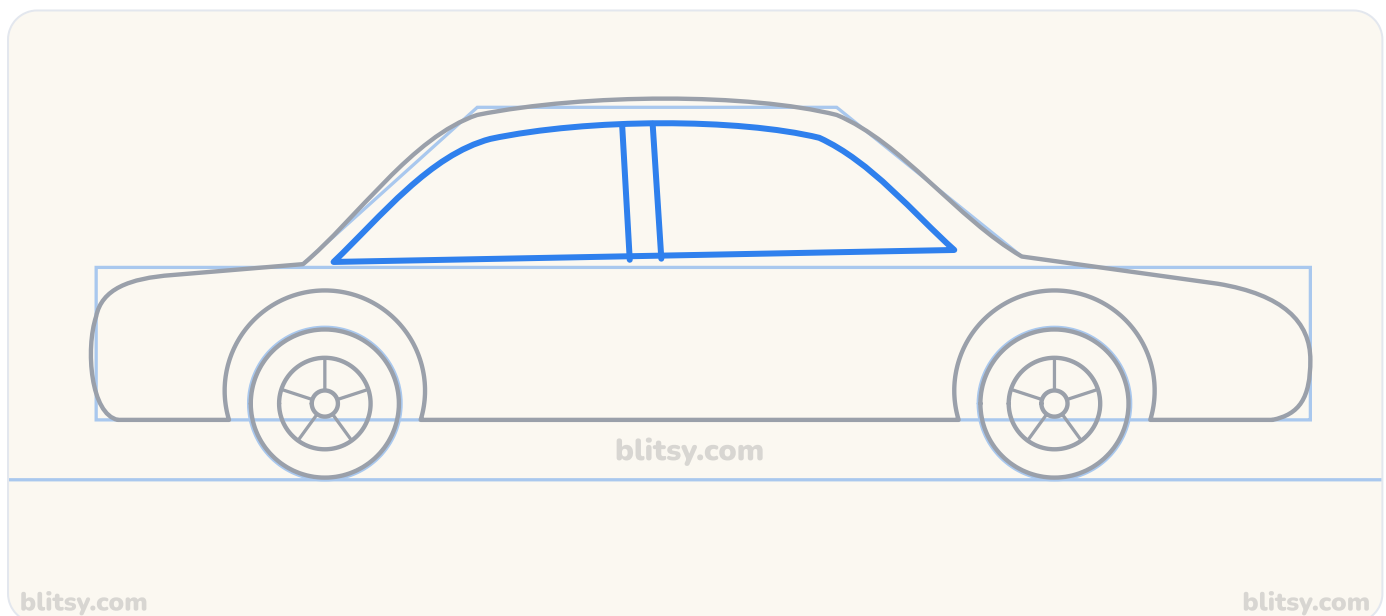
Next, draw the bottom of the car. Draw a short line under the front, then a curve over the front wheel. Continue straight along the bottom of the doors, then add another curve over the back wheel, and finish with a short line under the trunk.

 **Tip:** Leave a small gap between each arch and its wheel, the way real cars have.

**STEP 5 Draw the wheels**

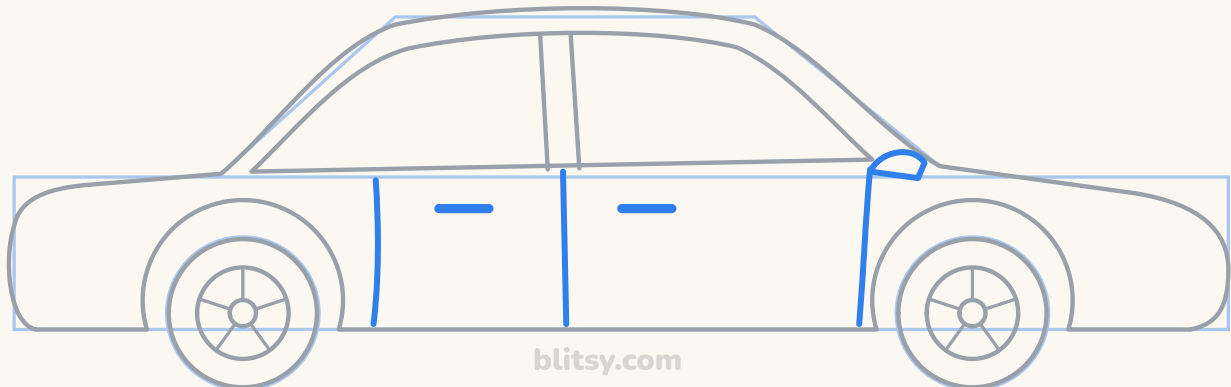
Go over each wheel circle to make the tire. Inside it, draw a smaller circle for the rim. Add a tiny circle in the middle for the hub, then draw five short spokes from the hub to the rim, like a star.

 **Tip:** Turn your paper as you draw circles. Your hand moves more naturally, and the circles get smoother.

**STEP 6 Add the windows**

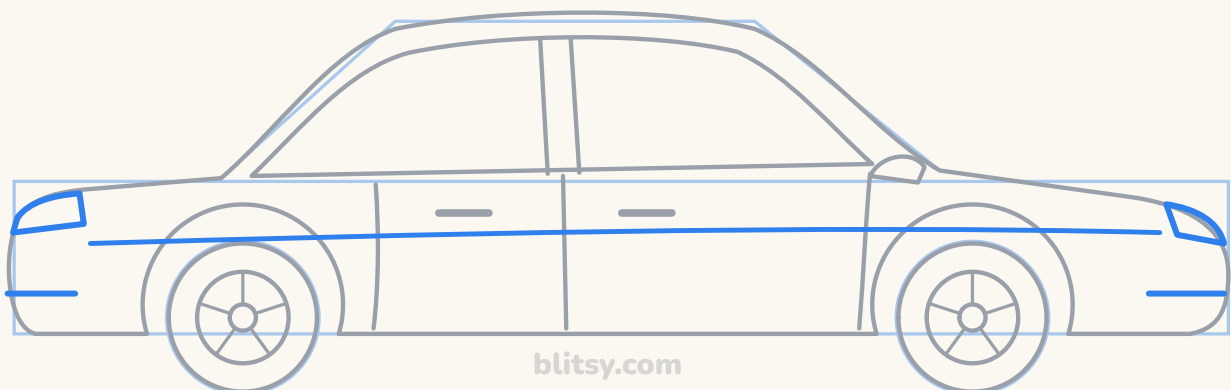
Follow the shape of the roof and draw the window line a little inside it, so there is an even frame around the glass. Then draw two close vertical lines in the middle. This thick line is the pillar between the front and back windows.

 **Tip:** Keep the same gap from the roof all the way around the windows.

**STEP 7 Draw the doors, handles and mirror**

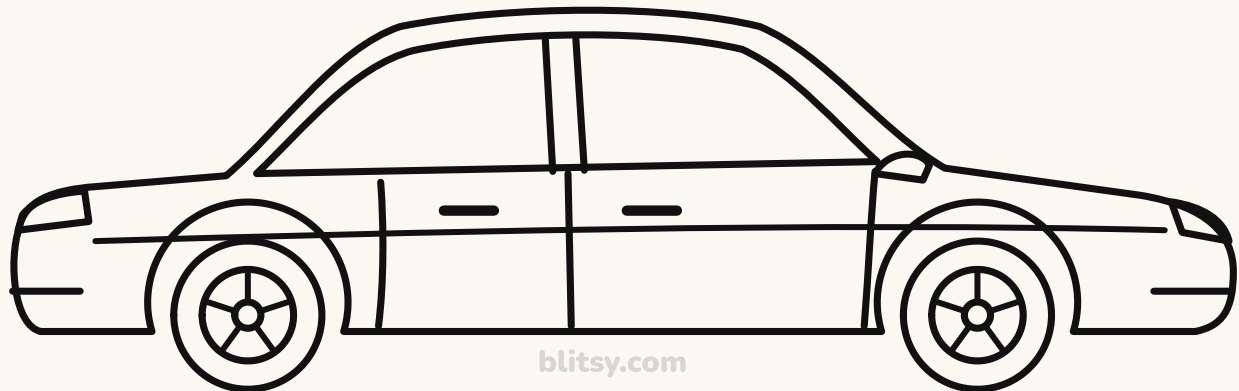
Draw one line behind the back door, one in the middle under the window pillar, and one at the front, just behind the front wheel. Add two short thick lines for the door handles, and a small side mirror where the windshield meets the hood.

 **Tip:** The middle door line should line up with the window pillar. It makes the car look right.

**STEP 8 Add the lights and details**

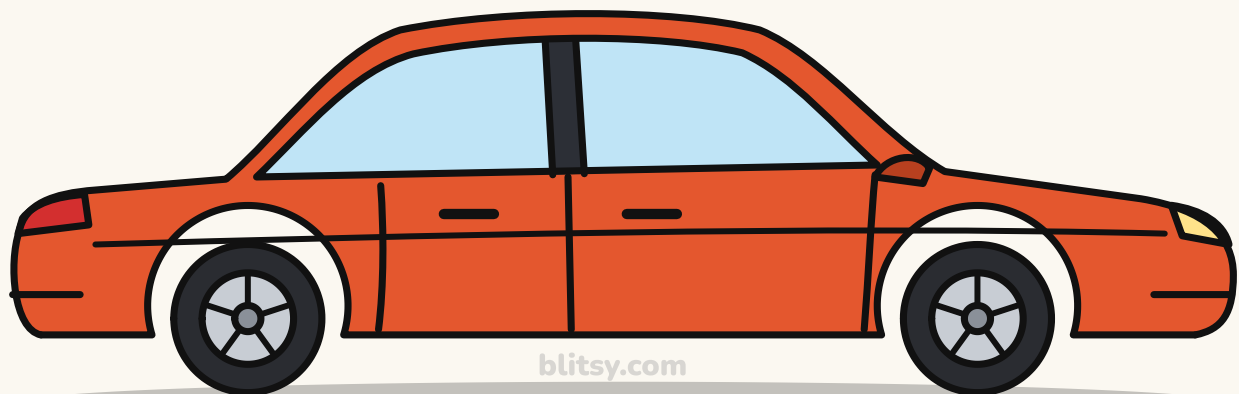
Draw a small headlight shape at the front of the hood, and a tail light at the back. Add one long, gentle line along the side of the car for a bit of style, and two short lines for the front and back bumpers.

 **Tip:** Take your time here. Pause, compare with the picture, and catch up before you move on.

**STEP 9** Ink the lines and clean up

Take a black pen or fine marker and carefully trace every line you want to keep: the outline, wheels, windows, doors, handles, mirror, lights and bumpers. Go slowly and keep your hand steady. When the ink is dry, erase all the light pencil guide lines, the ground line, the circles and the boxes.

 **Tip:** Let the ink dry for a minute before erasing, so it doesn't smudge.

**STEP 10** Color your car

Now bring it to life! Color the body in a bright color, like red. Use light blue for the windows, dark gray for the tires and silver for the rims. Make the headlight yellow and the tail light red. Finish with a soft gray shadow under the car so it sits on the ground.

 **Tip:** Color in one direction, and press a little harder in the darker spots for a smooth finish.