How to Draw a Care Bear

12 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

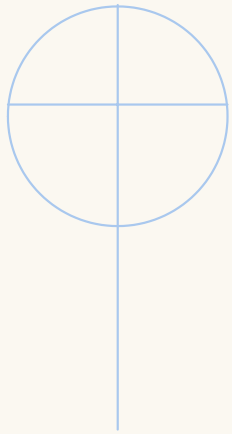
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black marker
- Colored pencils or markers
- Plain paper

How to use this guide

New lines for each step are shown in **blue**; lines you already drew are gray. Draw lightly first, then ink and erase near the end.

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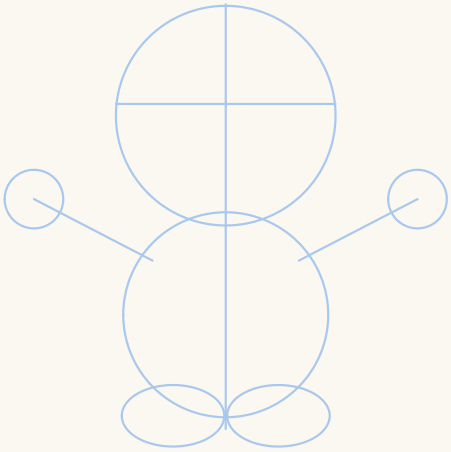
STEP 1 Draw a big head circle and cross lines



Start near the top of the page with a large circle. Make it about a third of the height of the whole bear. Draw a straight line down through the middle, past the bottom of the circle, and a short line across it a little above the center. Your eyes will sit on that line later.

💡 **Tip:** Hold the pencil farther back from the tip. Your lines come out lighter without you having to think about it.

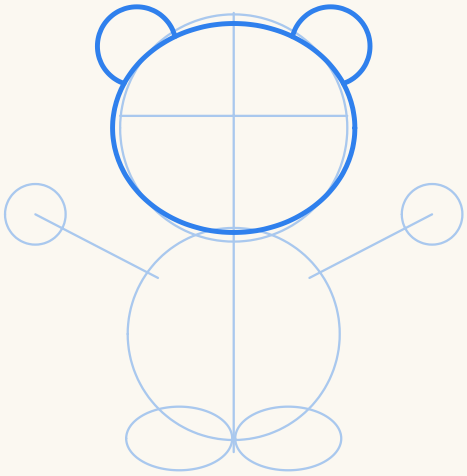
STEP 2 Sketch guides for the body and limbs



Below the head, draw a second circle about the same size, overlapping the head a little. From each side of it, sketch a line slanting up and out, with a small circle at the end for the paw. Finish with two flat ovals under the body for the feet. I map the whole pose this early because a lopsided arm is easy to fix now.

💡 **Tip:** Check that both arm lines rise at the same angle. Cover one side with your hand and compare.

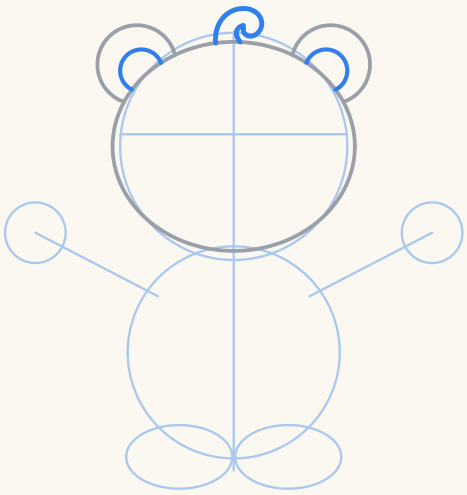
STEP 3 Outline the round head and two ears



Go around the head circle with a firmer line, letting it stretch a touch wider than it is tall. Then add two round ears on the top corners. Only the outer part of each ear shows, so stop the ear line where it touches the head.

💡 **Tip:** Make both ears the same size before you move on. Mismatched ears make the head look tilted.

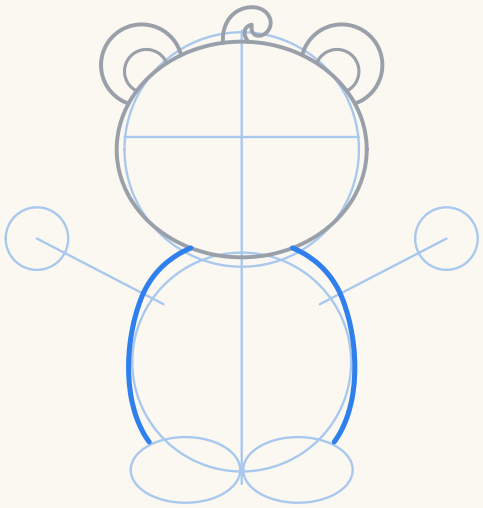
STEP 4 Draw the curl of fur and the inner ears



Right on top of the head, in the middle, draw a small lock of fur that curls over to one side and ends in a tiny swirl. Inside each ear, draw a smaller circle nudged toward the face. That inner patch gets a darker pink later.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the curl in one slow, smooth motion. Two short strokes joined together tend to leave a bump.

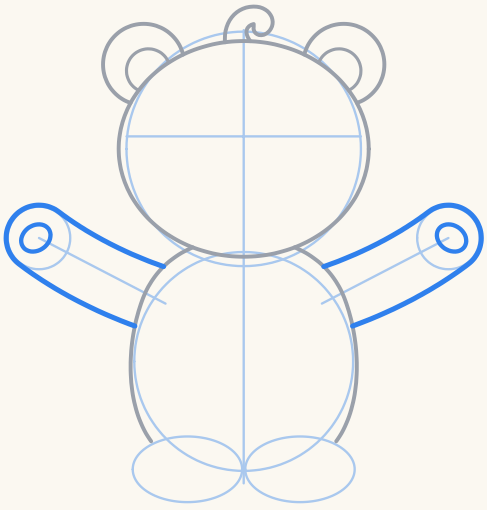
STEP 5 Shape the chubby pear body



Trace over the body circle, but bulge the sides outward as you move down, so the bear gets wider toward the bottom like a pear. Don't draw any body line inside the head. Let the bottom of the body disappear behind where the feet will go.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the body a little narrower than the head. That big-head look is what reads as cuddly.

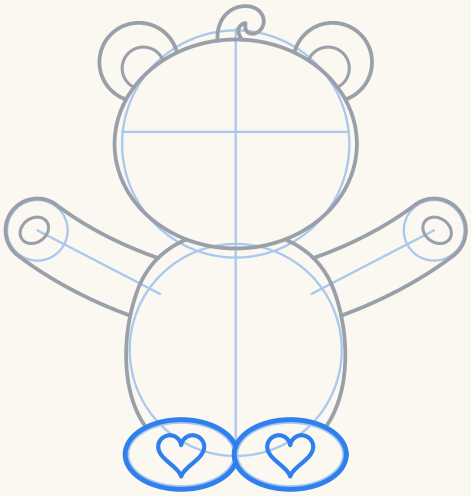
STEP 6 Draw the arms open for a hug



Turn each arm guide into a thick, soft tube that curves gently upward. End it with a round paw shaped like a mitten. The arms start behind the body, so their lines stop where they meet its side. Then put a small oval pad on each paw.

💡 **Tip:** Keep both arms as thick as the paw circle all the way along. Arms that thin out look like noodles.

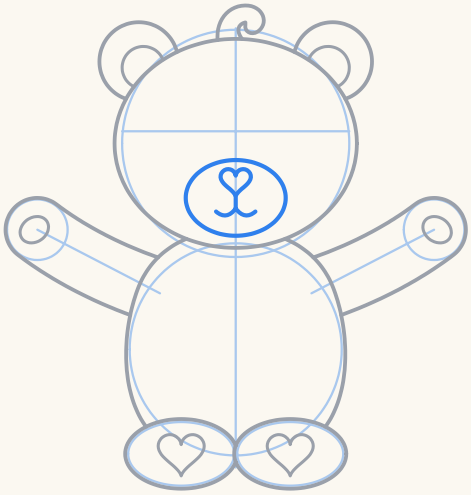
STEP 7 Add the feet and their heart pads



Draw a wide oval over each foot guide, letting the two feet touch in the middle. In the center of each foot, draw a heart for the paw pad. The heart pads are my own small touch; they echo the heart nose and make the bear look sweeter than a plain teddy.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the hearts in the middle of each foot with some pink around them, so they don't crowd the outline.

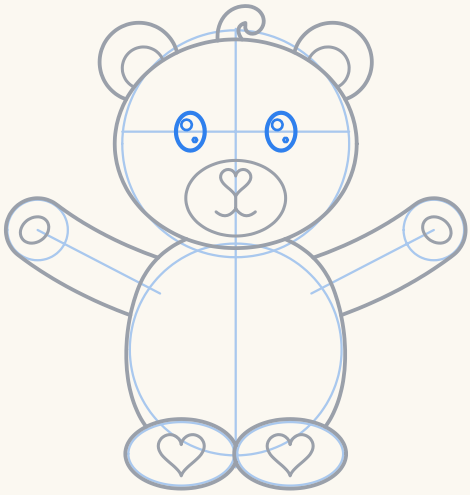
STEP 8 Draw the muzzle and heart-shaped nose



Below the eye line, draw a wide oval for the muzzle so its bottom sits just above the chin. At the top of the muzzle, add a small heart for the nose. From the point of the heart, draw a short line down, then two little curves out to the sides for the smile.

💡 **Tip:** Leave a little gap between the nose and the top of the muzzle so the two lines don't merge.

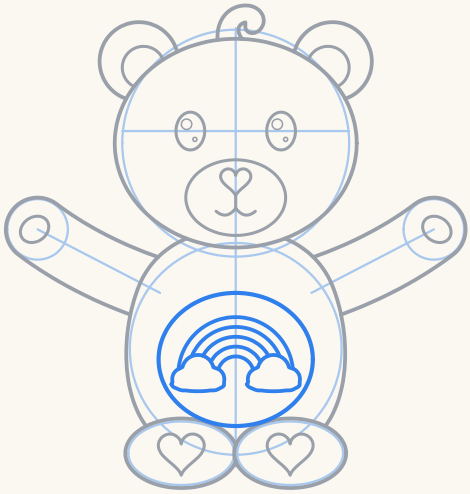
STEP 9 Place the big friendly eyes



Draw two tall ovals sitting on the cross line, spaced about one eye's width from the muzzle on each side. Inside each one, add a small circle near the top and a tiny dot lower down. Those shine spots stay white, and they're what makes the eyes look friendly and awake.

💡 **Tip:** Put both shine circles on the same side of each eye. If they don't match, the bear looks cross-eyed.

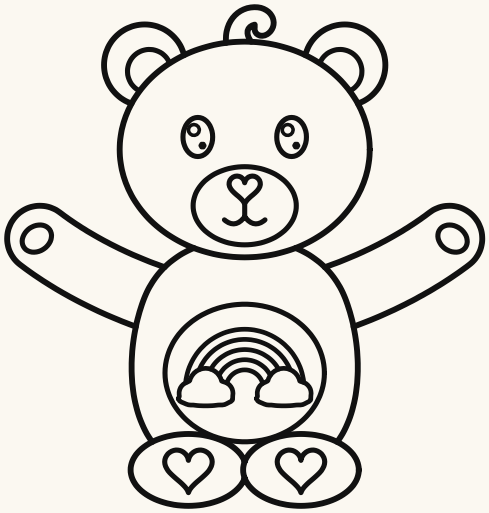
STEP 10 Draw the tummy patch and rainbow badge



In the middle of the body, draw a large oval for the tummy patch. Inside it, draw a rainbow as five curved lines stacked like a bridge, then add a fluffy cloud over each end so the stripes seem to rise out of them. I often see this badge drawn too small. Let the rainbow fill most of the patch so it still reads from across the room.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the outer arc first, then space the inner arcs evenly toward the middle.

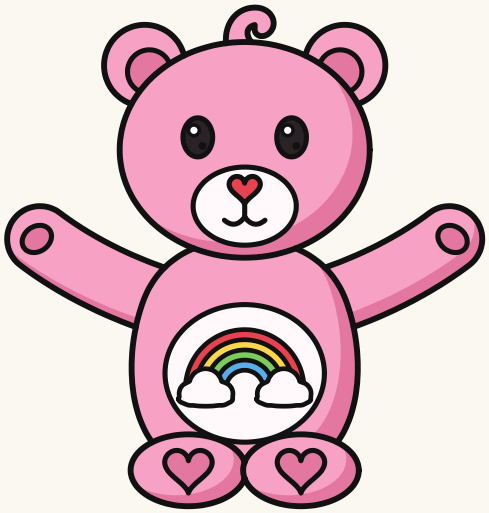
STEP 11 Ink the outline and erase the guides



Go over every keeper line with the black marker. I slow down on the rainbow and hearts; small curves show every wobble. Once the ink is dry, rub out all the guide circles and the center line.

💡 **Tip:** Give the ink a full minute before erasing. Wet ink smears into gray streaks.

STEP 12 Color your Care Bear



Color the fur pink, then shade the right edge of every part with dark pink. Use the same dark pink on the inner ears and paw pads. Leave the tummy patch, the muzzle and the clouds white. From the top, the rainbow stripes are red, yellow, green, then blue. The nose is red, and the eyes are black with white shine spots.

💡 **Tip:** Color the big pink areas in small circles instead of back-and-forth lines. The fur looks softer and more even.