

How to Draw a Police Car

11 easy steps for beginners



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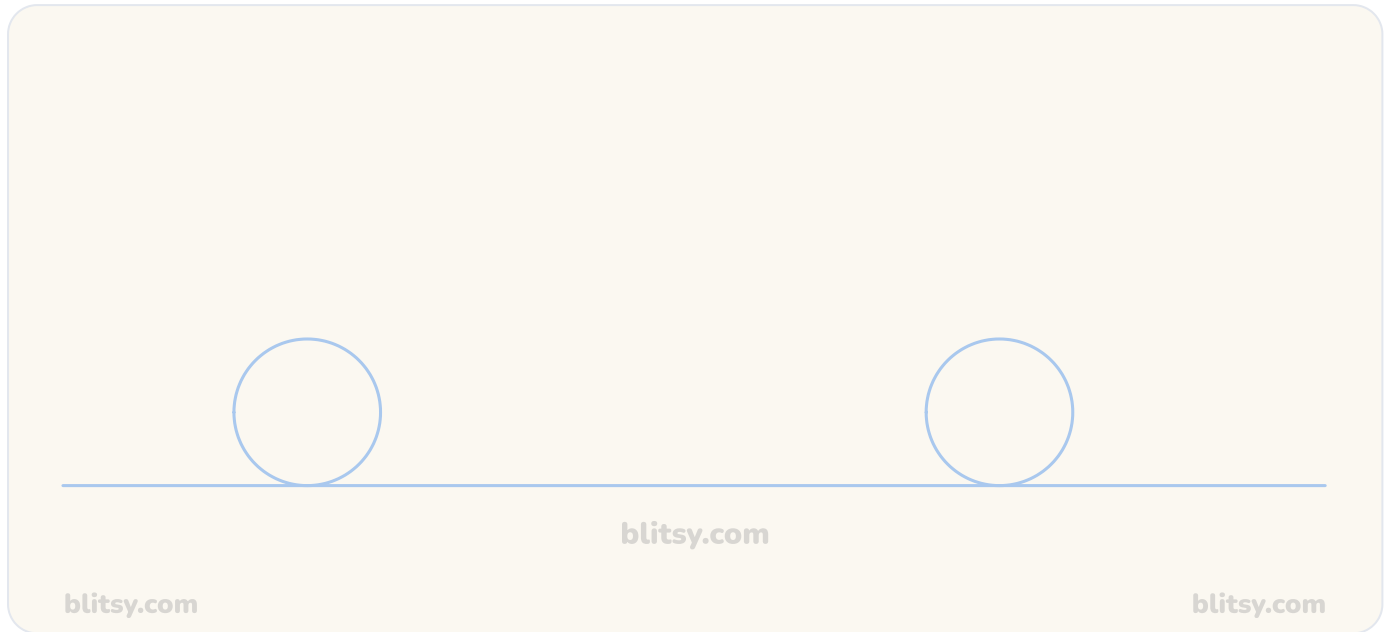
What you'll need

- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black marker
- Colored pencils
- Paper turned sideways

How to use this guide

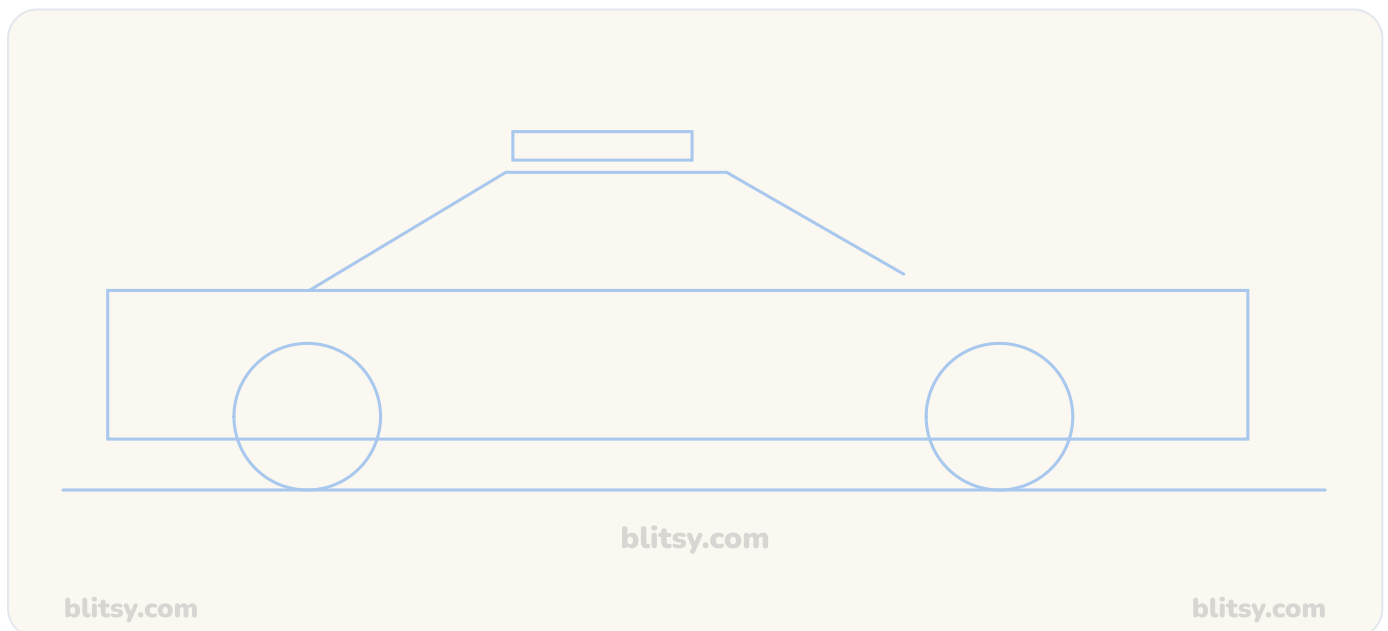
New lines for each step are shown in **blue**; lines you already drew are gray. Draw lightly first, then ink and erase near the end.

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STEP 1 Draw a ground line and two wheel circles

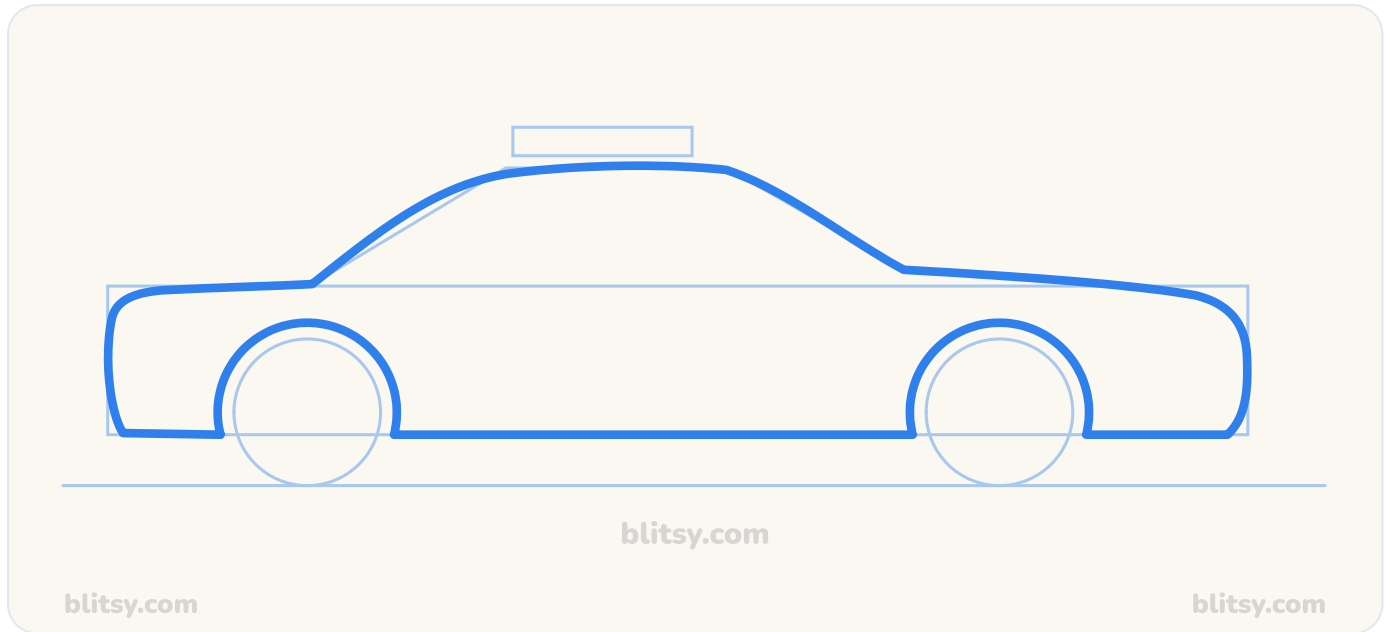
Run one long, straight line across the lower third of your sideways page. Then sit two circles on top of it, one near each end. The space between them should be about four and a half wheels wide. That gap makes it a long sedan, not a hatchback.

 **Tip:** Draw each circle in two halves if one sweep feels wobbly.

STEP 2 Sketch the body box and cabin guides

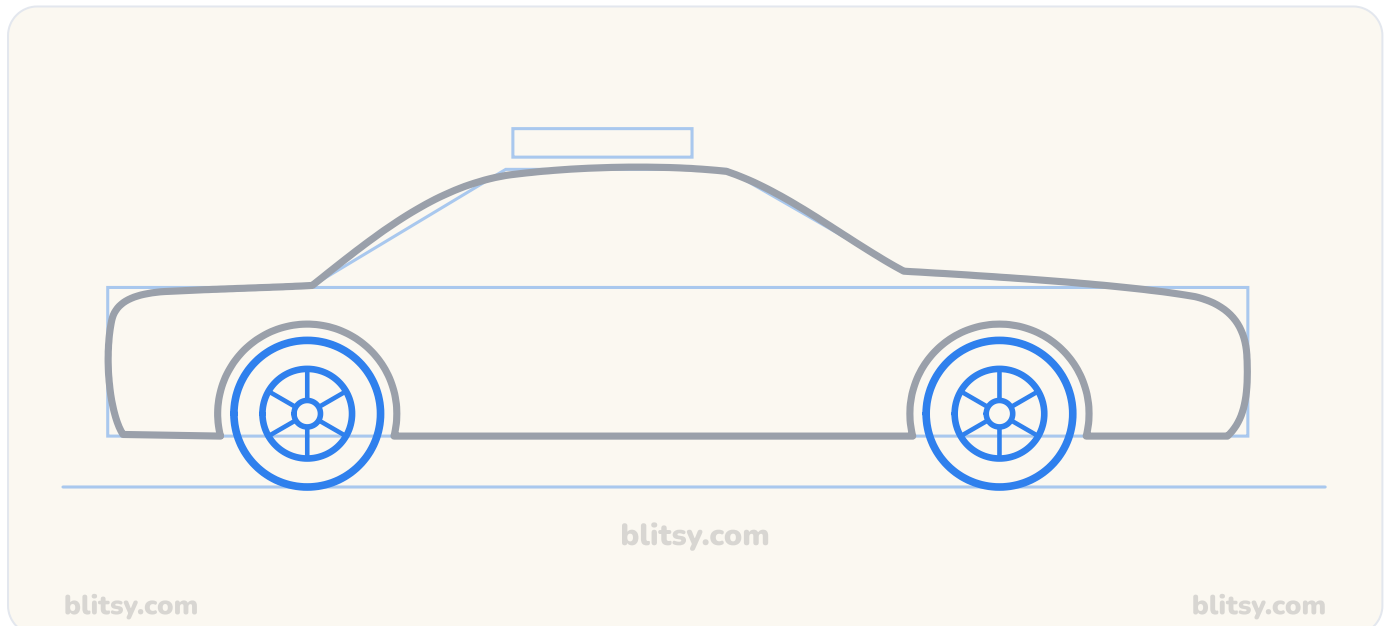
Draw a long, flat rectangle whose bottom edge crosses the middle of both wheels. On top of it, sketch a low cabin: a slanted line up from the back, a flat roof, and a longer slanted line down toward the front. I keep this cabin noticeably lower than a family car's, because a low roof is what makes a patrol car look quick. Finish with a thin rectangle floating just above the roof for the light bar.

 **Tip:** Slant the front of the cabin more than the back.

STEP 3 Trace the patrol car's outline

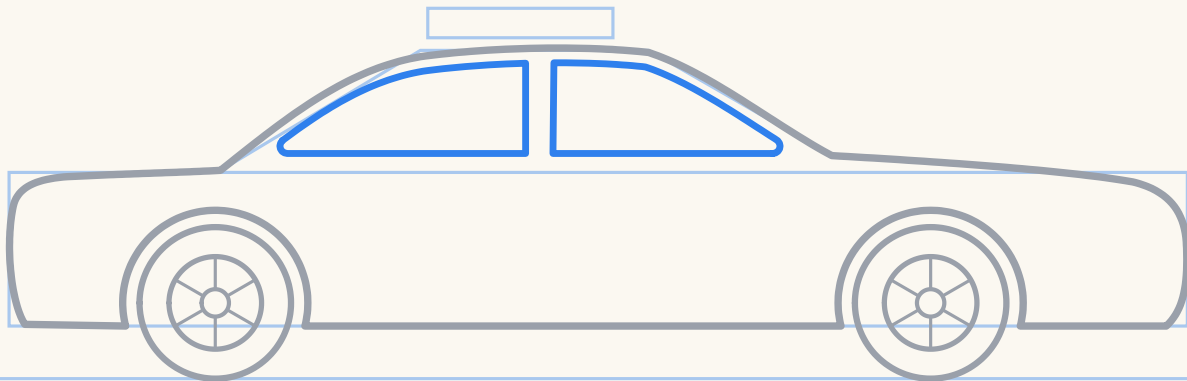
Now draw the real shape in one slow trip around the guides. Start at the rounded back bumper, run along the short trunk, then sweep up the long sloping back window. Cross the roof, slide down the windshield and stretch out along the hood to a rounded nose. Along the bottom, curve up and over each wheel, leaving a small, even gap.

 **Tip:** Stop and lift your pencil at each corner, then carry on.

STEP 4 Give each wheel a tire and rim

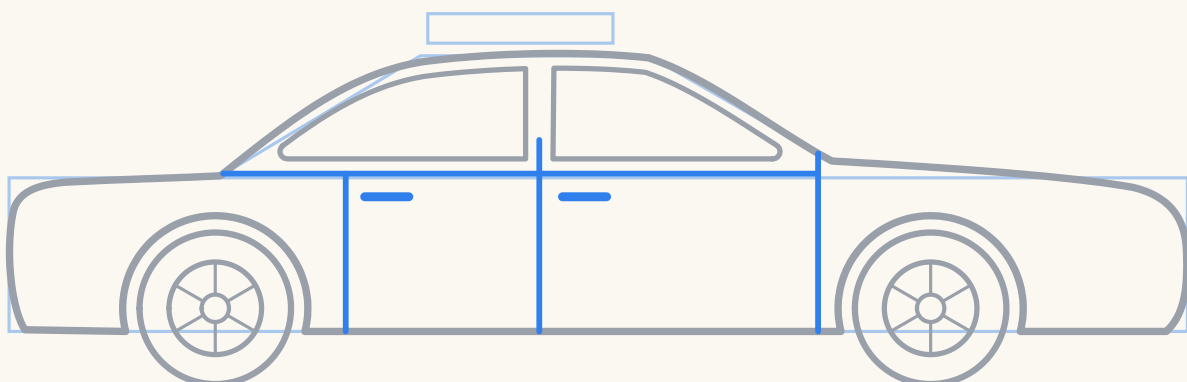
Go over each wheel guide with a firm circle for the tire. Inside, draw a smaller circle for the rim, about two thirds as wide, and a tiny one in the very center. Connect the center to the rim with six short spokes. Spacing them evenly is fiddly, so I place the top and bottom spokes first and fill the rest in between.

 **Tip:** Turn your paper as you draw circles; your hand curves better that way.

STEP 5 Draw the side windows and the middle pillar

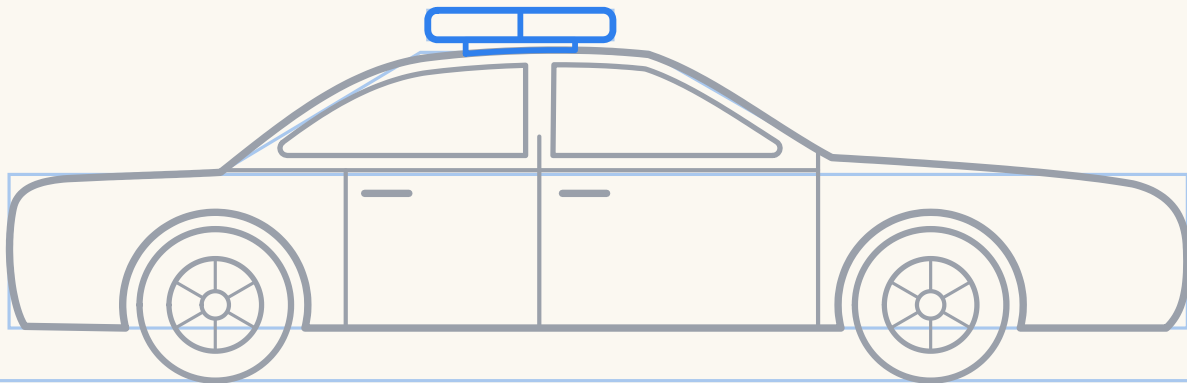
Follow the roofline about a finger's width inside it to draw the window shape. Its bottom edge is a straight line a little above the body box. Leave a narrow upright gap near the middle so you end up with two windows: a long, slanted one at the back and a shorter one at the front. That gap is the pillar between the doors.

 **Tip:** Keep the window gap the same width all the way along the roof.

STEP 6 Mark the doors and handles

Draw a straight line across the car just under the windows, from the back glass to the windshield. Add three upright lines: one behind the rear door, one under the window pillar, and one in front of the front door. Each door gets a short, thick handle near its back edge.

 **Tip:** Line up the middle door line with the window pillar above it.

STEP 7 Build the roof light bar

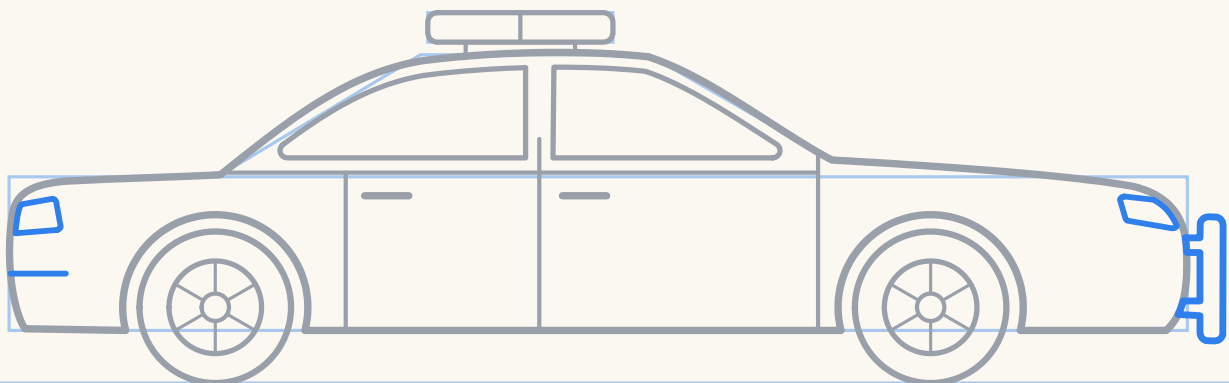
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Turn the floating rectangle into a rounded bar with soft corners. Split it in half with one upright line, because one side will glow red and the other blue. Then connect it to the roof with a short, flat base. Kids love this part, so I let them make it a bit oversized.

💡 **Tip:** Round the bar's corners so it looks like plastic, not a brick.

STEP 8 Add the push bar and the lights

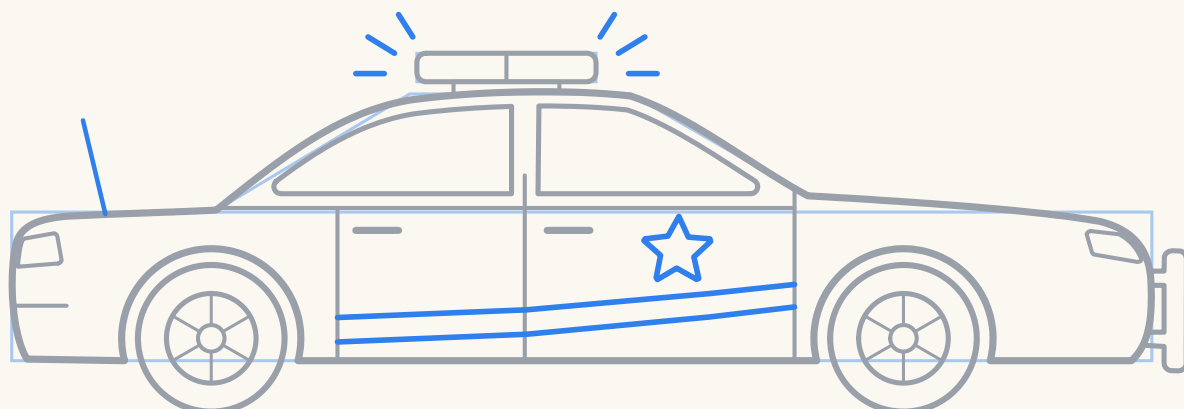
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In front of the nose, draw a tall, narrow post with rounded ends, then join it to the bumper with two short arms. This push bar is a detail that instantly says police. Next, add a slanted headlight on the upper corner of the nose and a small tail light shape at the back. A short line across the rear bumper finishes the back end.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the push bar about as tall as the wheel.

STEP 9 Draw the star badge and a stripe

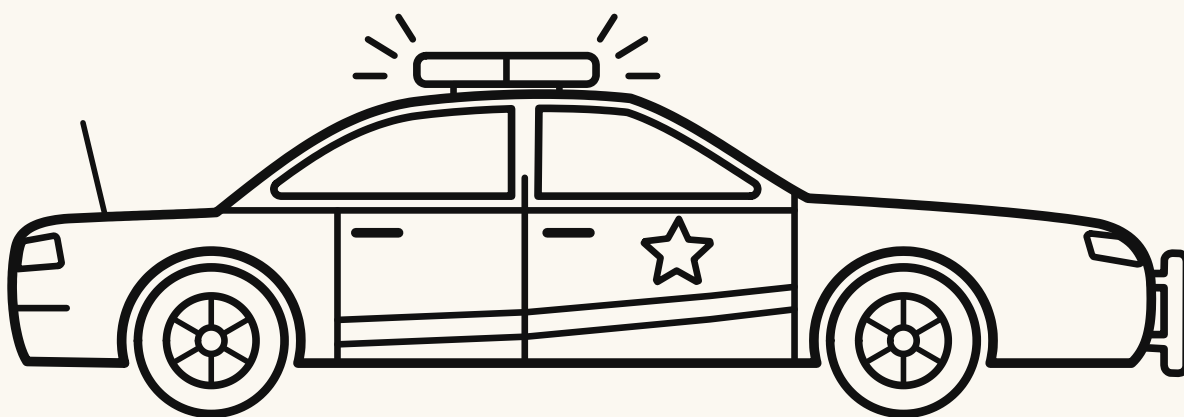
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Place a five-point star on the front door, above where the stripe will go. Below it, draw two long lines that sweep across both doors and climb slightly toward the front, like a swoosh. Add a thin antenna leaning back from the trunk, then a few short flash marks on both sides of the light bar. Younger kids can draw a simple circle badge instead of the star.

 **Tip:** Start the star with an upside-down V, then add the arms.

STEP 10 Ink the lines and erase the guides

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Trace every line you want to keep with your black marker. I always ink the big outline first, then the windows and doors, and leave the wheel spokes for last because they need the steadiest hand. Give the ink a minute to dry. After that, erase the box, the cabin lines, the light bar rectangle and the wheel guides.

 **Tip:** Rest your hand on a scrap of paper so it doesn't smear the ink.

STEP 11 Color the police car

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Color the hood, the front fender and the trunk black, and leave the doors and roof white. Add a soft gray strip along the bottom of the doors so the white looks solid. The windows go light blue with a couple of white streaks. Make the back of the light bar red and the front blue, use the same blue for the stripe, and pick yellow for the star and headlight. Finish with dark gray tires, light gray rims and a faint shadow underneath.

 **Tip:** Color the black areas last, so dark pencil dust can't smudge the white.