How to Draw Cat Noir

11 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

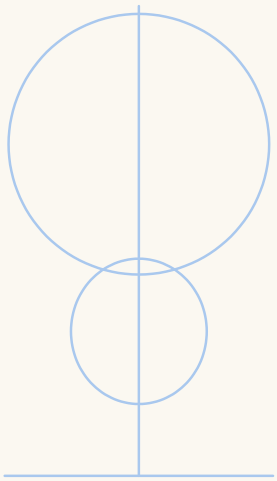
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black fineliner
- Colored pencils or markers
- Plain paper

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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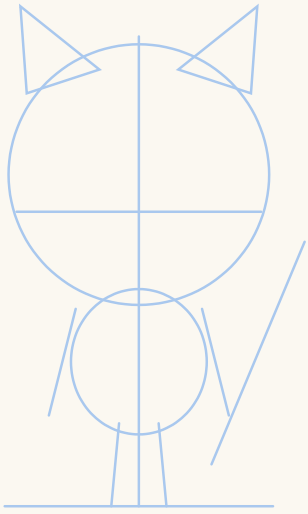
STEP 1 Sketch a head circle and a body oval



Lightly draw a straight line down the center of your paper and a ground line near the bottom. Near the top, draw a large circle for the head. Under it, slightly overlapping, add a small upright oval for the body. On a chibi the head is the star, so the circle should be close to twice as wide as the oval.

💡 **Tip:** Leave room above the circle. His ears and hair spikes stick up past it.

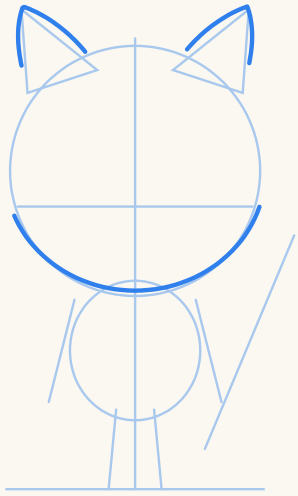
STEP 2 Add the eye, ear, limb and staff guides



Cross the head with a level line just below the middle; the eyes will sit on it. On top of the circle, draw two triangles leaning outward for the ears. Add slanted lines for the arms, two short lines down to the ground for the legs, and one long diagonal line on the right for the staff.

💡 **Tip:** Tilt the ear triangles out a little. Straight-up ears make him look surprised.

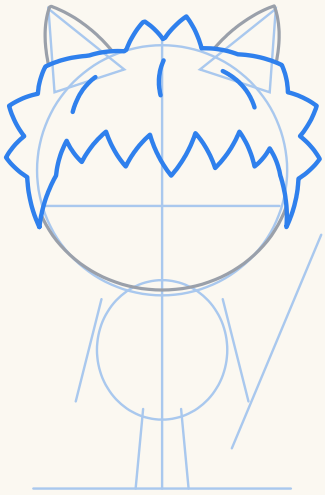
STEP 3 Draw the face and the cat ears



Trace the lower half of the circle for his cheeks and chin, stopping a bit above the eye line on both sides. Then draw the tips of the ears over your triangles, curving the outer edges slightly. You only need the parts above where the hair will go, so the ear bottoms stay open for now.

💡 **Tip:** Round off the very tip of each ear by a hair. Needle-sharp points look more like horns.

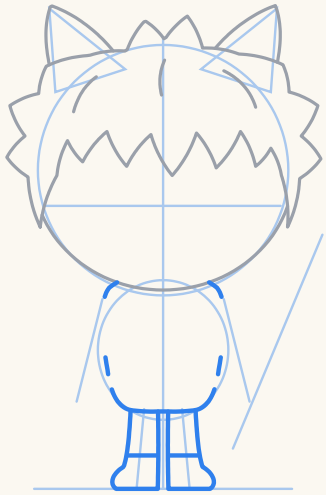
STEP 4 Draw his messy spiky hair



This part makes him Cat Noir. Draw a big zigzag outline around the top of the head, with spikes poking out at the sides and a few between the ears. Bring a lock down each side of the face. Across the forehead, add a row of pointed bangs, letting the middle one hang a little lower. Add three short strands inside.

💡 **Tip:** Make the spikes different sizes on purpose. Even spikes look like a crown, uneven ones look messy in a good way.

STEP 5 Draw the small body and boots



Use the oval to draw a narrow torso with soft shoulders and a rounded bottom. Underneath, draw two short legs side by side, each flaring out into a little boot that rests flat on the ground line. Then draw one short line across each leg for the top of the boot.

💡 **Tip:** Leave a thin gap between the legs. Without it, they'll merge into one black block once colored.

STEP 6 Add the arms and the silver staff



Draw two short arms hanging close to the body, ending in round mitten hands at about hip height. Now follow the diagonal guide to draw the staff as a long, thin rod with rounded ends that passes behind the right hand. Add two thin bands near the ends.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the hand first, then the staff. Stop the staff lines where they meet the hand so he really grips it.

STEP 7 Draw the belt and the curly tail



His tail is really the end of his belt. Draw a band across the waist, about as thick as a finger, between the two arms. Then, from behind the left leg, draw a thick curving line that swings out to the side and finishes in a small curl. Keep its two edges evenly spaced.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the curl as a spiral first with one line, then add the second edge around it.

STEP 8 Draw the mask and the cat eyes



Center the mask on the eye line. It's wider than his eyes and has pointed outer corners that tip upward, a bit like a cat's eye shape, with a dip over the nose. Inside it, draw two round eyes. For the cat look, put a tall, pointed slit in each eye instead of a round pupil, plus a tiny circle for the shine.

💡 **Tip:** Place both shines on the same side of the eye, so he looks like he's facing one light.

STEP 9 Add the smile, the bell and small details



His grin is lopsided, higher on one side, which gives him that cheeky, joking look. I like to add a tiny fang hanging under the smile. Draw two flat ovals for blush. At the collar, draw a round bell with a line across it, a dot and a short slit, then a zipper line down to the belt. Last, draw a smaller triangle inside each ear.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the fang tiny. If it's as long as the smile is tall, he starts to look like a vampire.

STEP 10 Ink the lines and erase the guides



Go over every line you want to keep with your fineliner, working from the top of the head down so your hand doesn't drag through fresh ink. Skip all the pale helper shapes. Once the ink is dry, erase the pencil. Be gentle around the eyes and the tail curl, where the lines sit close together.

💡 **Tip:** Turn the paper as you ink the hair spikes. Pulling the pen toward you gives cleaner points.

STEP 11 Color your Cat Noir



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Start with the light parts: yellow hair, peach face, pink cheeks, green eyes and a gold bell. Then fill the suit and mask with black, along with the ears and boots. Use dark gray for the belt, the tail and the inner ears, and silver gray for the staff. On a black suit, I leave a few soft dark gray streaks on the arms and legs so they still look round.

💡 **Tip:** Color the yellow before the black. Black pencil crumbs smudge into light colors very easily.