How to Draw Goku

12 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

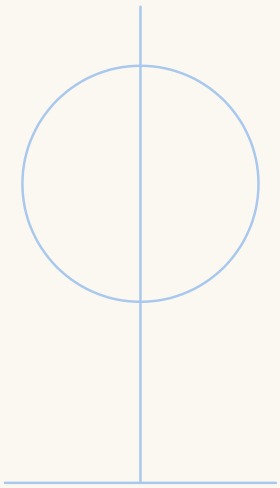
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black fineliner
- Markers or colored pencils
- White paper

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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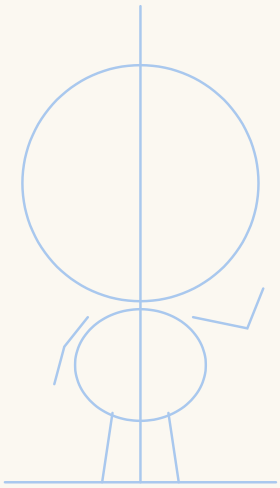
STEP 1 Draw a head circle, a center line and the ground



Start with a big circle in the upper half of the paper. In chibi drawings the head is nearly as tall as the whole body, so don't be shy with it. Run a straight line down through the middle and finish it at a short flat line near the bottom, which is where his boots will stand.

💡 **Tip:** Leave a good strip of empty paper above the circle, because the hair will climb high above it.

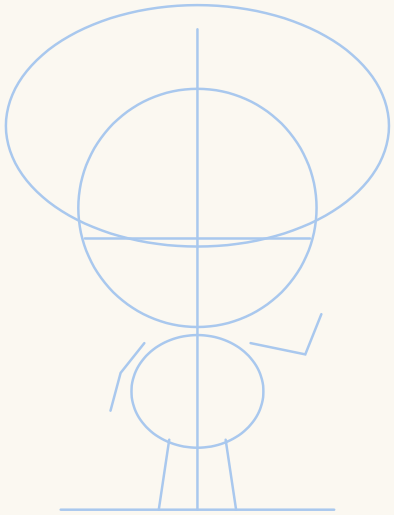
STEP 2 Add a body oval and stick lines for the limbs



Just under the head, sketch a small oval for the body. It should be less than half as wide as the head. Then add the pose as stick lines: one arm bending down at his side, the other bent up with the hand near his cheek, and two short legs reaching the ground line.

💡 **Tip:** Bend the raised arm at a clear corner; a straight stick up reads as waving, not a fist pump.

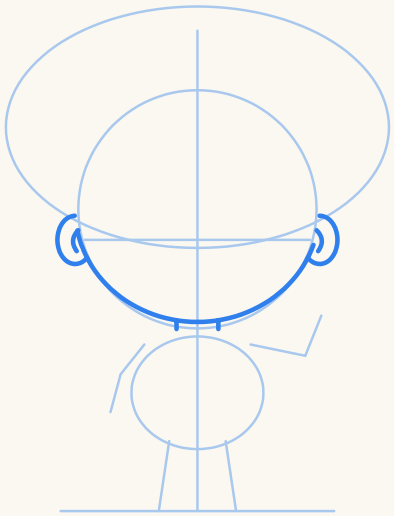
STEP 3 Sketch a hair oval and an eye line



Goku's hair is wider than his head, so a wide oval around the top of the circle helps a lot. It marks how far the spikes can reach. Then draw a level line across the lower half of the head for the eyes.

💡 **Tip:** Make the hair oval much wider than it is tall; that's what gives his head its famous fan shape.

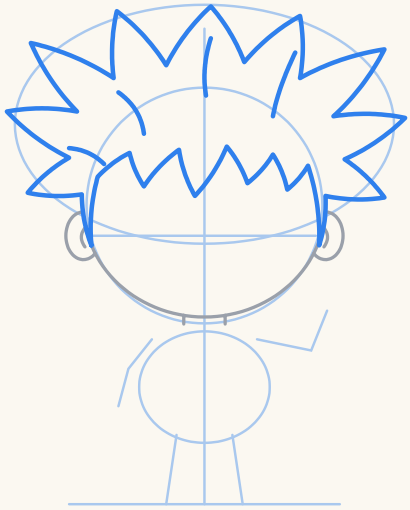
STEP 4 Draw the round face and the ears



Trace the lower part of the head circle for the face, rounding the chin softly. You only need the bottom half or so. Put a small C-shaped ear on each side at eye level, then two short lines under the chin for the neck.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the chin round and wide; a pointy chin makes him look older and less cute.

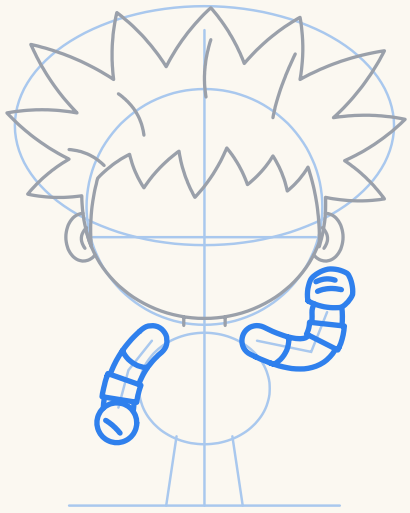
STEP 5 Draw the tall spiky hair



This is the step that makes him Goku, so take your time. Work around the hair oval, drawing big pointed spikes that go up on top and out to the sides, with one low spike sweeping out over each ear. Across the forehead, draw a zigzag of shorter bangs, letting the middle one hang a little lower. A few curved lines inside show where spikes overlap.

💡 **Tip:** Make every spike a different size and tilt; identical spikes turn the hair into a crown.

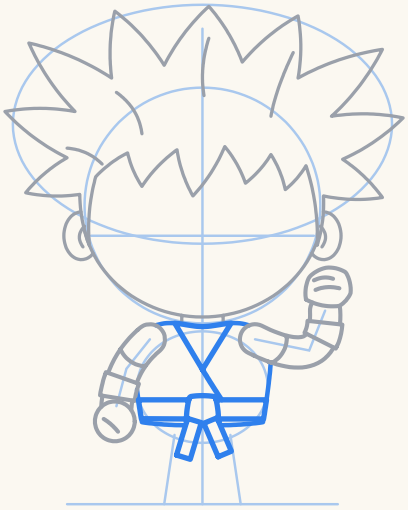
STEP 6 Draw the arms, the fists and the wristbands



Follow the stick lines with a tube on each side. The lowered arm curves gently down to a round fist at his hip. The raised arm goes out to the elbow, then bends up to a fist beside his cheek. Close to each fist, draw a wide band across the wrist, and add short knuckle lines on the fists.

💡 **Tip:** I draw arms before the gi top because they sit in front of it, which saves erasing later.

STEP 7 Draw the gi top, the undershirt and the belt



Draw the gi from shoulder to shoulder, with the sides going straight down behind the arms. Under the chin, a V shape shows the blue undershirt, and a curve below it shows where the gi wraps over. Across the waist add a band for the belt, a small square knot in the middle and two short ends hanging down.

💡 **Tip:** Tilt the two belt ends slightly apart so they look like they're hanging loose.

STEP 8 Add baggy pants and boots



His pants are short and puffy in this style. Draw them wider than the gi at the hips and split them into two legs with a small gap at the bottom. Below, draw two chunky boots with toes pointing slightly outward, plus a curved line near the top of each boot where the pants tuck in.

💡 **Tip:** Rest both boot soles on the ground line so he doesn't look like he's floating.

STEP 9 Give him big eyes and eyebrows



Sit two tall ovals right on the eye line, with roughly one eye's width between them. Inside each, leave a big round shine near the top and a tiny one below, both on the same side. Short, thick brows go just under the bangs. A gentle arch keeps him friendly.

💡 **Tip:** Bigger eyes placed lower on the face push the drawing toward cute; try it and compare.

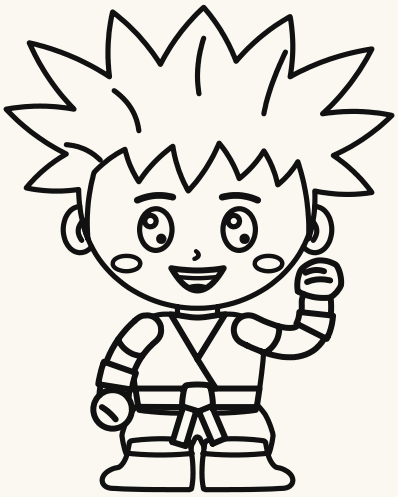
STEP 10 Draw the grin, the nose and the cheeks



Below the eyes, a tiny hook is all the nose you need. Under it, draw a wide open grin: a shallow curve on top and a deeper curve below. Add a strip of teeth along the top edge and a small tongue at the bottom. Two flat ovals on the cheeks finish the happy look.

💡 **Tip:** Center the grin under the nose; even a small shift sideways makes the face look lopsided.

STEP 11 Ink the outline and erase the guides



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Go over every keeper line with your pen, but leave out the circle, the ovals and the stick lines. Most beginners rush the hair here, so I slow down on the spikes and pull each one from its base toward the tip. When the ink is dry, erase all the pencil.

💡 **Tip:** Turn the paper as you ink the side spikes so your hand always moves in a comfortable direction.

STEP 12 Color your Goku



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Fill the hair black, or very dark gray if you want the inside lines to stay visible. The gi top and pants are orange, with a darker orange on the right side and at the hem. Everything else in his outfit is blue: undershirt, sleeves, belt, wristbands and boots. Skin is a soft peach, a little darker just under the hair, with pink cheeks and a dark red mouth.

💡 **Tip:** Color the blue parts last, after the orange is dry, so the two colors don't bleed together.