How to Draw a Jeep

12 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black marker or fineliner
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Plain paper

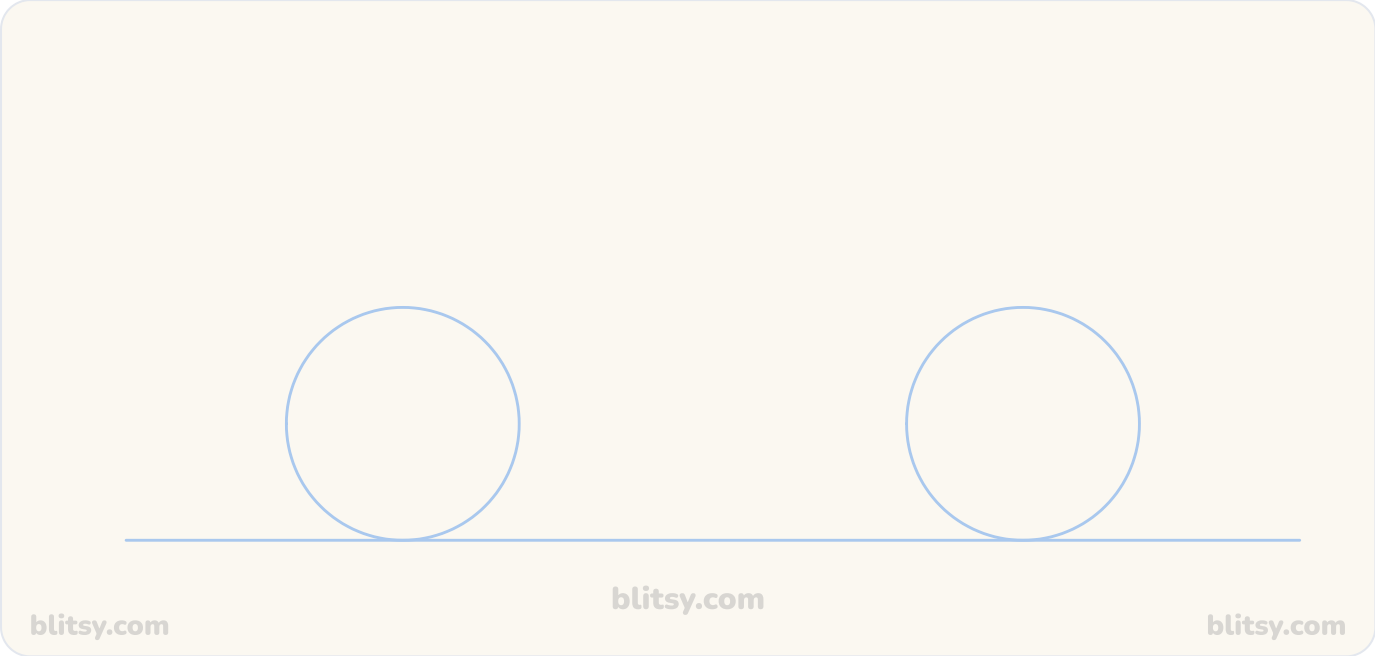
How to use this guide

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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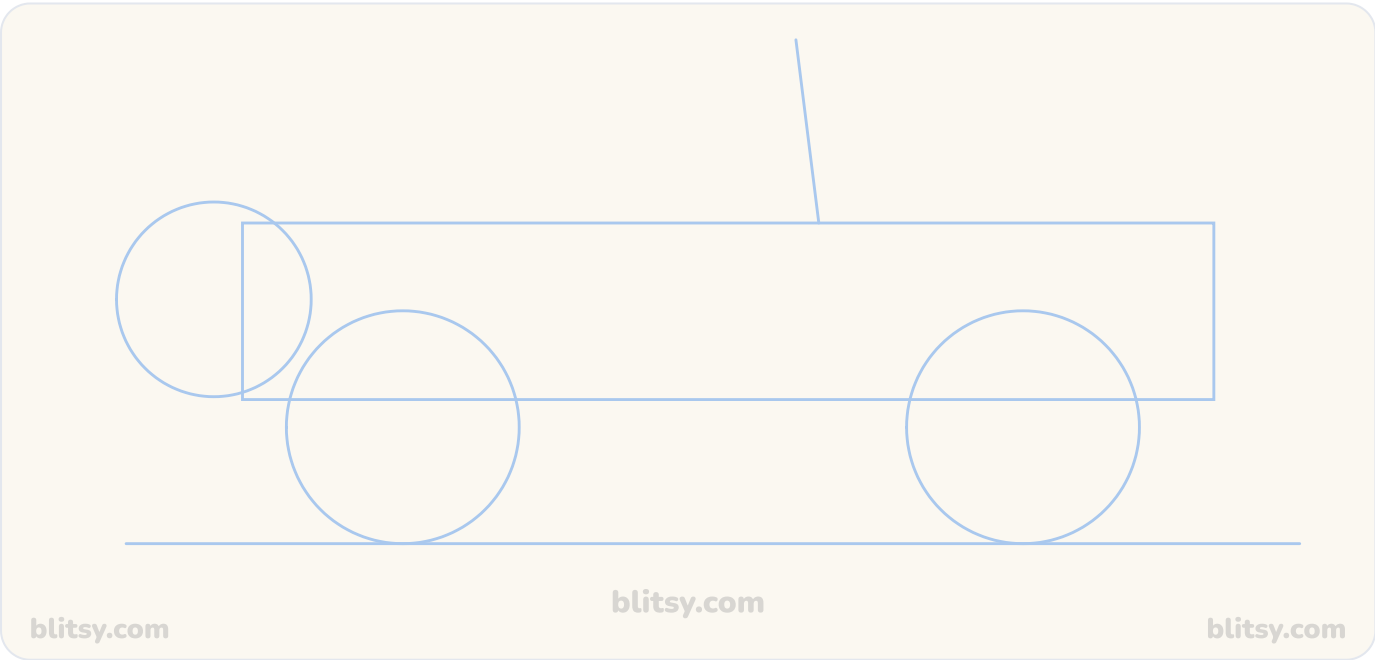
STEP 1 Draw a ground line and two wheel circles



Near the bottom of the page, draw a long, light ground line. Sit two circles on it, one toward the left and one toward the right, with a gap between them of roughly two and a half circles. These are the outside edges of the tires, so make them big. Jeeps have large wheels for their size.

💡 **Tip:** Trace around a coin or a lid if your circles keep coming out lumpy.

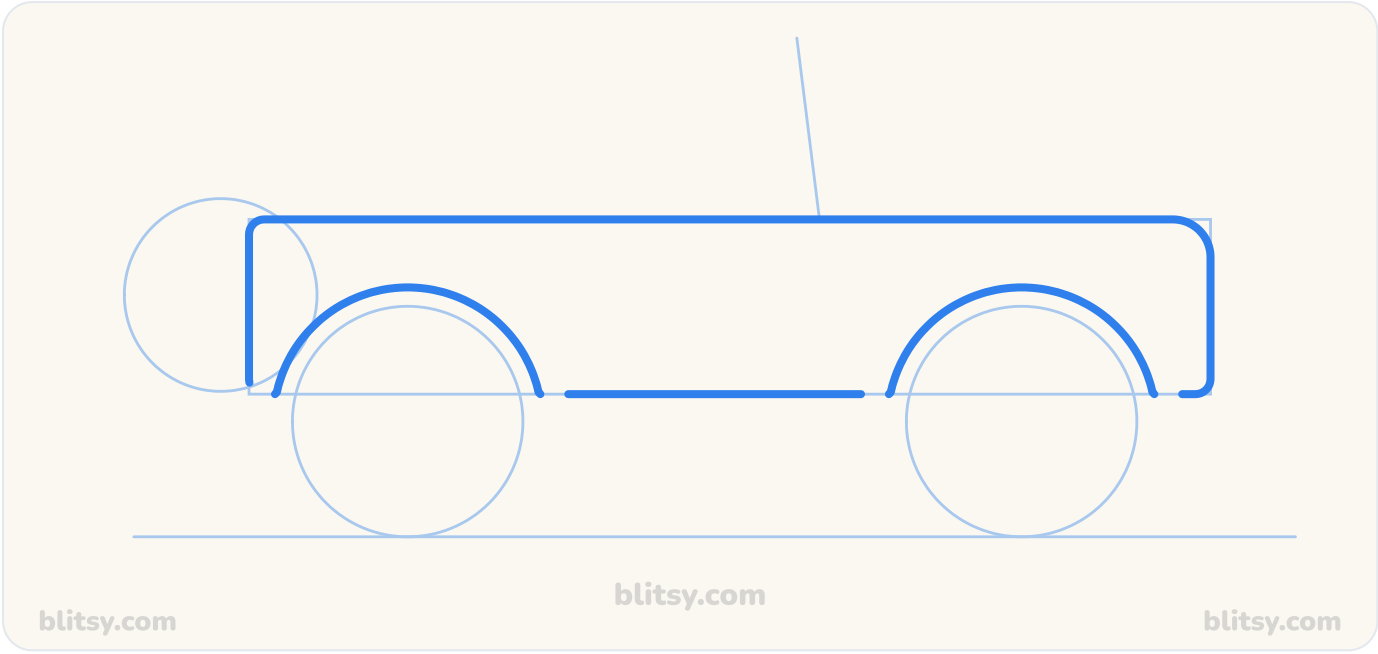
STEP 2 Add the body box and two helper lines



Draw a long rectangle over the wheels. Its bottom edge cuts through the upper part of both circles, and it should stick out a little past each wheel. Add one slanted line rising from the top of the box, just behind the front wheel, for the windshield, and a circle hanging off the back for the spare tire.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the box long and low. A tall box turns the jeep into a van.

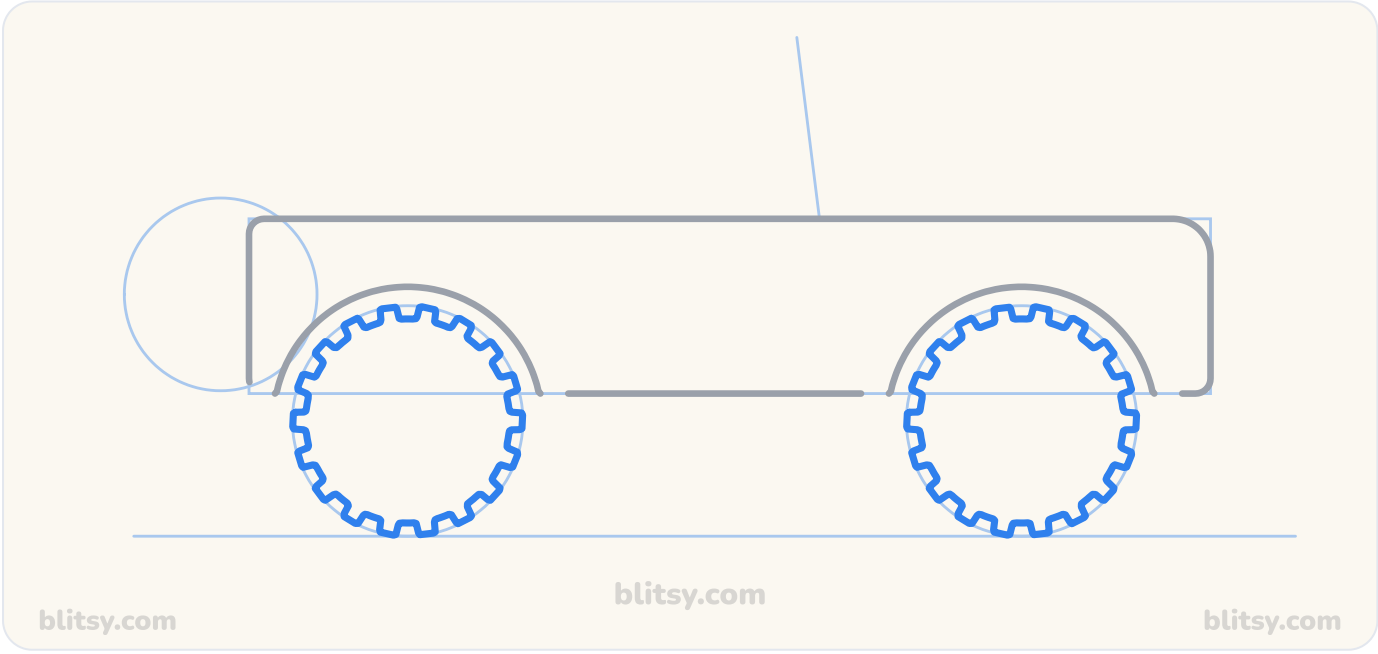
STEP 3 Outline the boxy body with wheel arches



Now go over the box with a firmer line. Round the back corners a little and the front top corner a bit more. Over each wheel circle, draw a big arch that leaves a small gap above the circle, so the tire has room to bounce. The bottom edge of the body runs only between the arches and at the very ends.

💡 **Tip:** Draw each arch in one smooth sweep, starting from the bottom on one side.

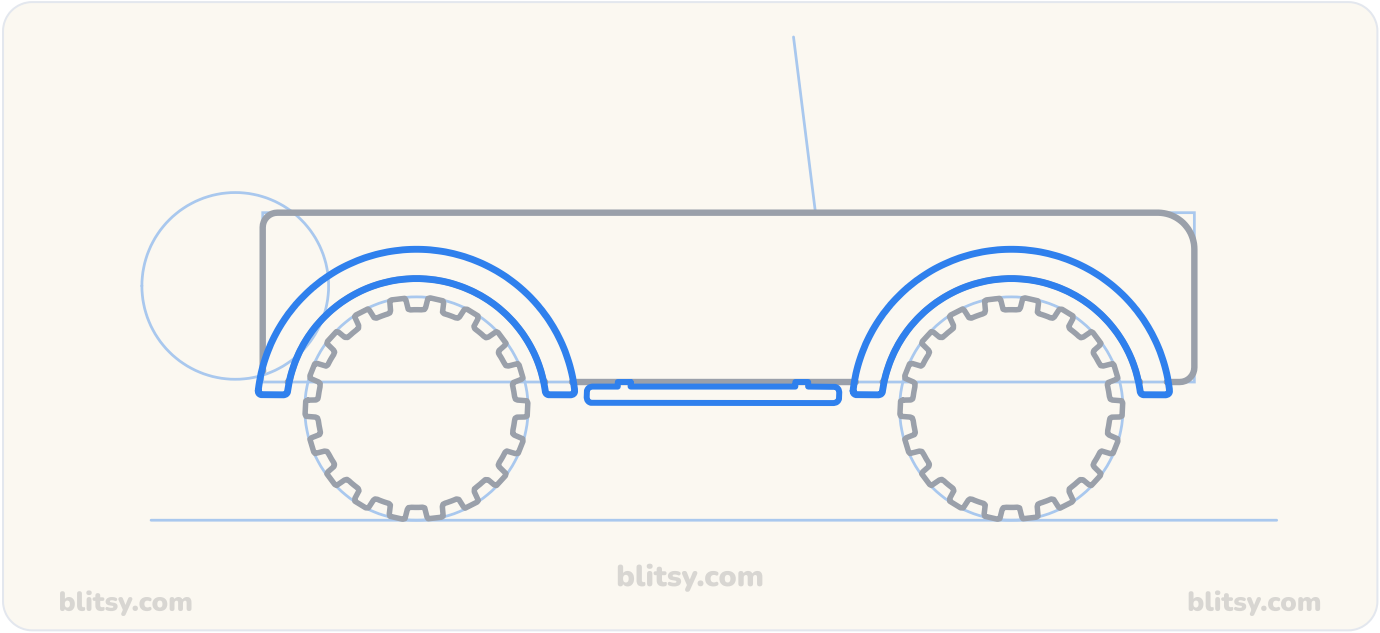
STEP 4 Turn the circles into knobby tires



Draw a slightly smaller circle inside each wheel guide, then add square bumps all the way round it, like the teeth of a gear. Those bumps are the tread blocks that grip mud and rocks. I go for about eighteen per tire and try to keep the gaps even.

💡 **Tip:** Put one bump at the top, one at the bottom, one on each side, then fill in between.

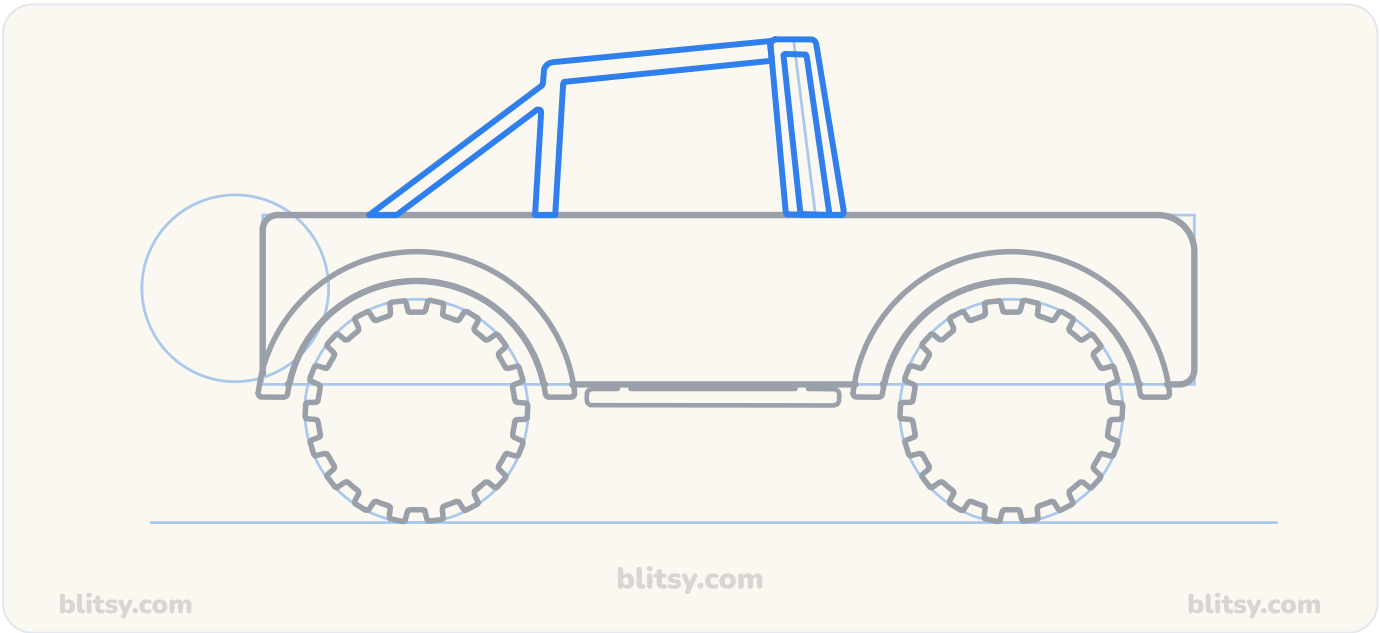
STEP 5 Add fender flares and a side step



Around each arch, draw a second, bigger curve about a finger width outside the first, and close the ends with short flat lines just below the body. This thick band is the fender flare, a big part of the tough look. Between the wheels, under the body, draw a long thin bar for the side step.

💡 **Tip:** Make both flares the same thickness so the jeep doesn't look lopsided.

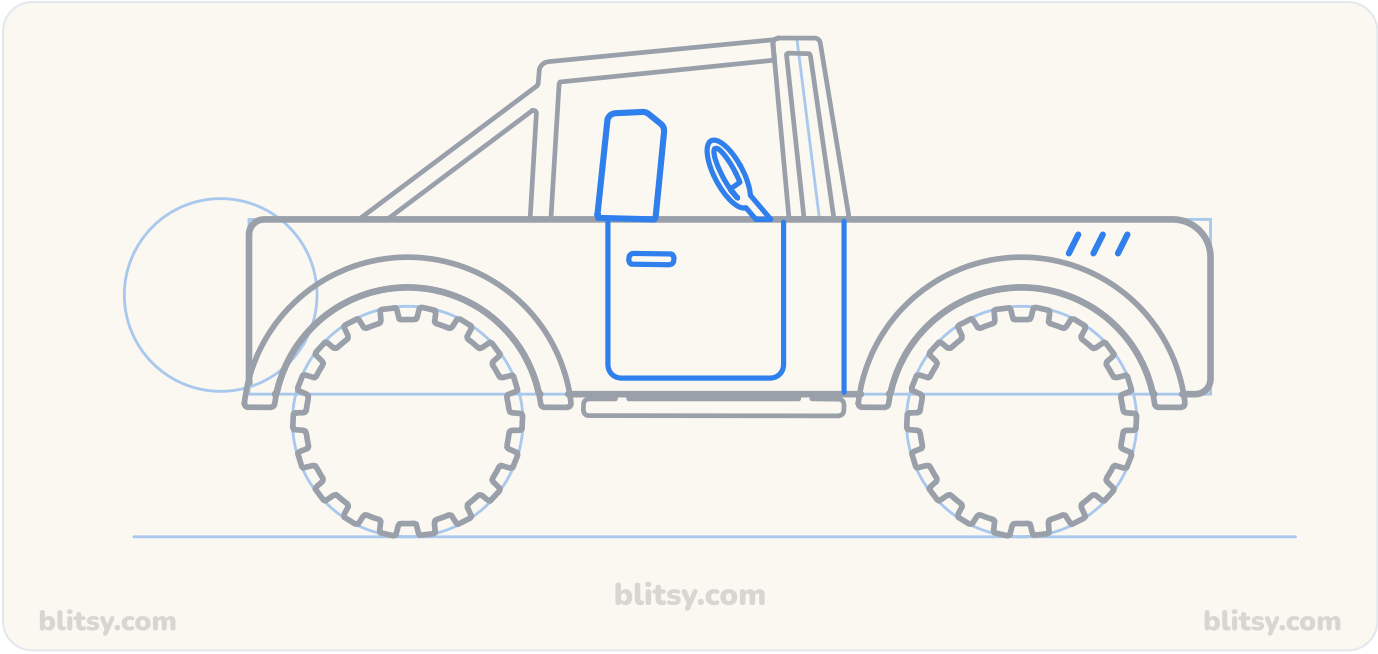
STEP 6 Draw the windshield and the roll bar



Follow the slanted helper line with a narrow frame shaped like a tall, thin box, with a skinny window inside. Behind it, draw the roll bar: one tube rising from the middle of the body, a top tube running forward to the windshield frame, and a slanted brace back down toward the rear. Draw each tube as two lines close together.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the windshield almost straight up. Jeeps look boxy partly because the glass hardly leans.

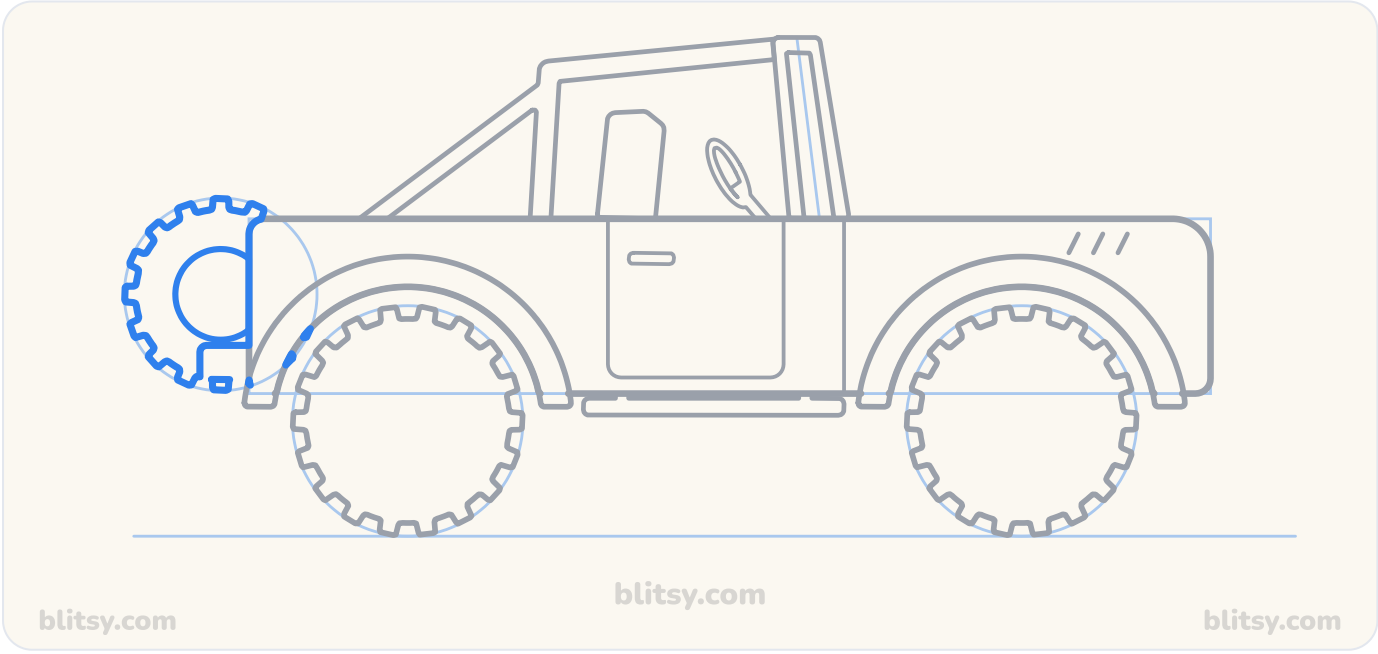
STEP 7 Add a seat, a steering wheel and the door



With no roof, you can see inside. Draw a seat back peeking over the side, just in front of the roll bar post, and a small tilted oval ring for the steering wheel near the windshield, with a short column line. On the side, draw a door with rounded corners and a short handle, plus a line down from the windshield where the hood starts. Three slanted dashes on the hood make vents.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the steering wheel as a ring, not a solid blob, or it reads as a spoon.

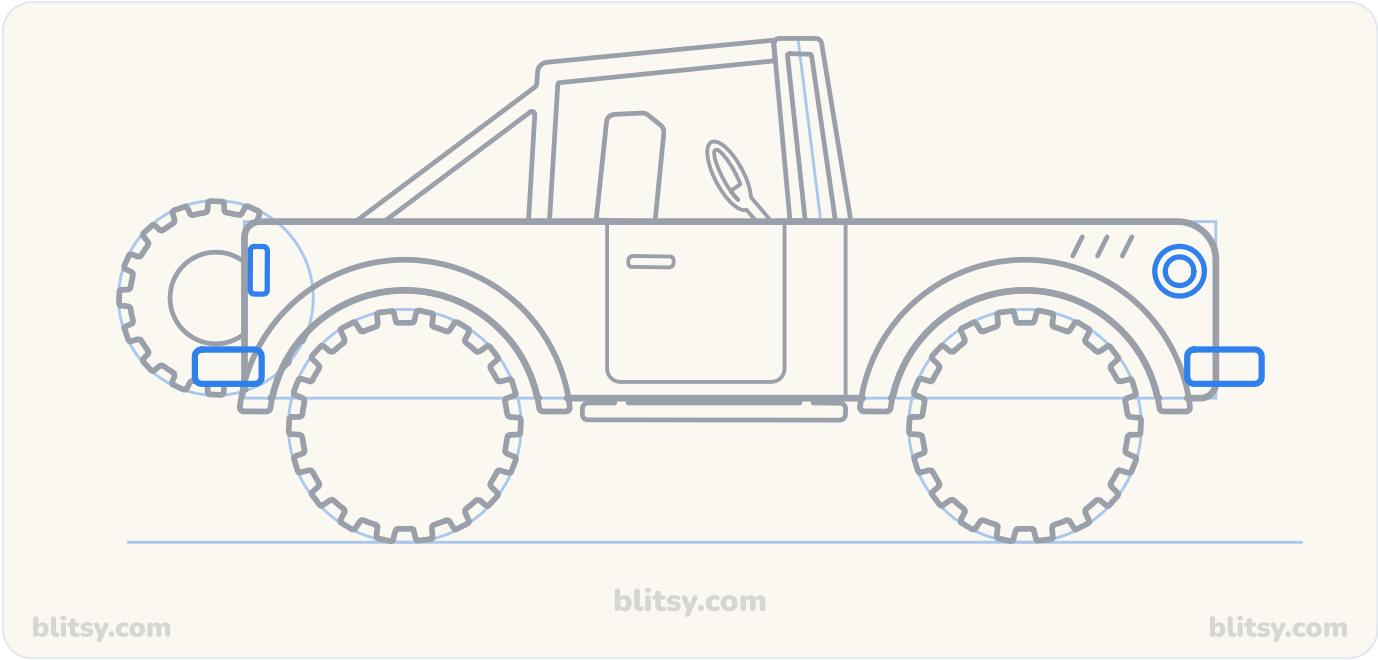
STEP 8 Hang the spare tire on the back



Use the circle behind the jeep as your guide. Draw the same knobby edge you used on the big tires, but only on the part that shows behind the body. Add a smaller rim circle inside it. The rest of the spare is hidden behind the jeep, so stop your lines where they meet the body.

💡 **Tip:** Make the spare a little smaller than the road tires so it doesn't steal the show.

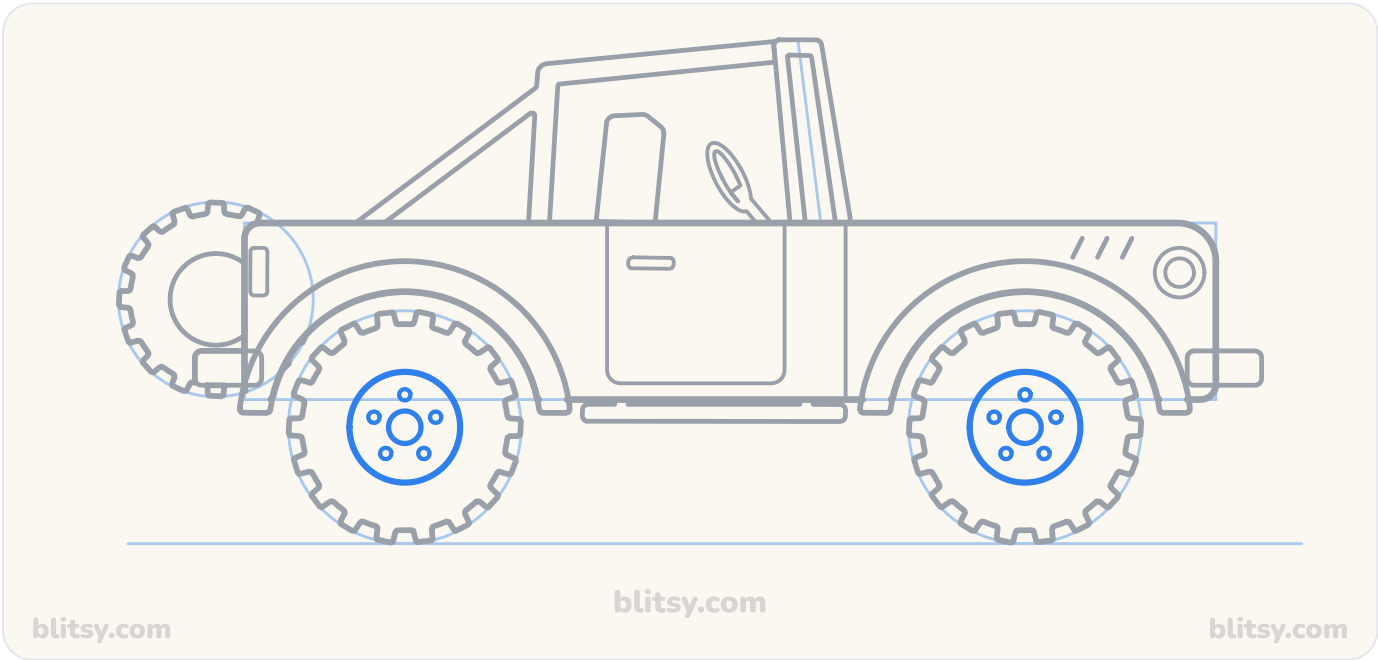
STEP 9 Draw the headlight, bumpers and tail light



Near the front top corner, draw a round headlight with a smaller circle inside it. Low at the front and back, add a short rounded bumper that sticks out past the body. The back bumper overlaps the spare, so erase the spare lines behind it. Finish with a small upright tail light on the back edge.

💡 **Tip:** Put the headlight close to the front edge. Too far back and it looks like a porthole.

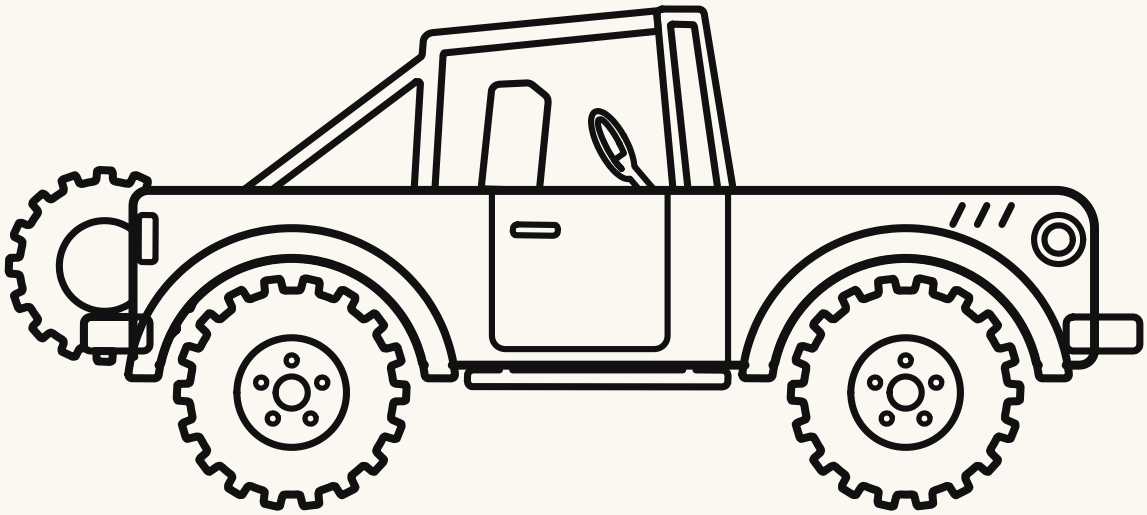
STEP 10 Add rims, hubs and bolts



Inside each tire, draw a rim circle about half the size of the tire, a small hub circle in its center, and five tiny bolt circles around the hub. Space the bolts like the points of a star. This small detail makes the wheels look solid and heavy.

💡 **Tip:** Put the first bolt straight above the hub and the rest fall into place.

STEP 11 Ink the jeep and erase the guides



Go over all the keeper lines with a black marker. I do the tires first, since all those little bumps need a fresh, steady hand, then the body and the roll bar. Skip the guide circles, the box and the helper line. Once the ink is dry, erase every pencil mark.

💡 **Tip:** Turn the paper while you ink the tread bumps so your hand always pulls the same way.

STEP 12 Color your jeep



Olive green goes on the body and the windshield frame, with a darker green band along the bottom for shade. Fender flares, bumpers, step, roll bar and steering wheel are dark gray. Tires are black, rims light gray, the glass light blue and the seat brown. A yellow headlight, a red tail light and a soft gray shadow under the tires finish the job.

💡 **Tip:** Bright orange is a fun swap for the olive green. Keep the flares dark either way.