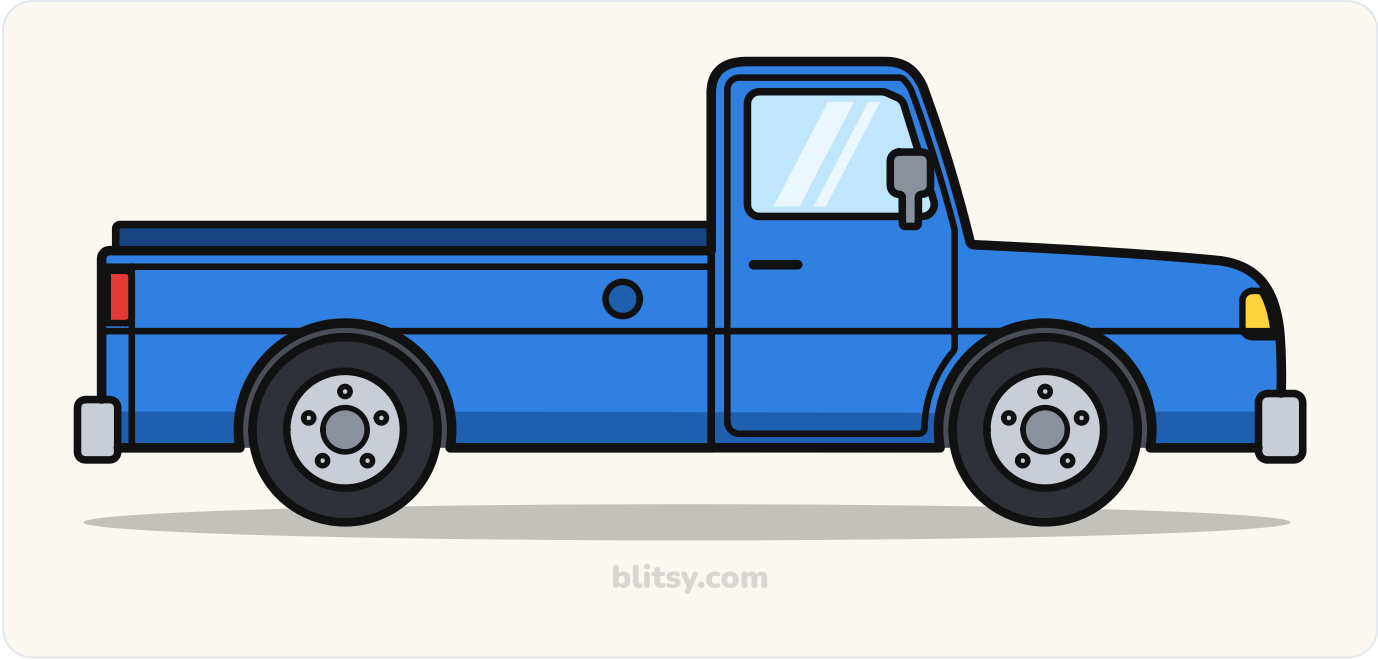
How to Draw a Truck

10 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

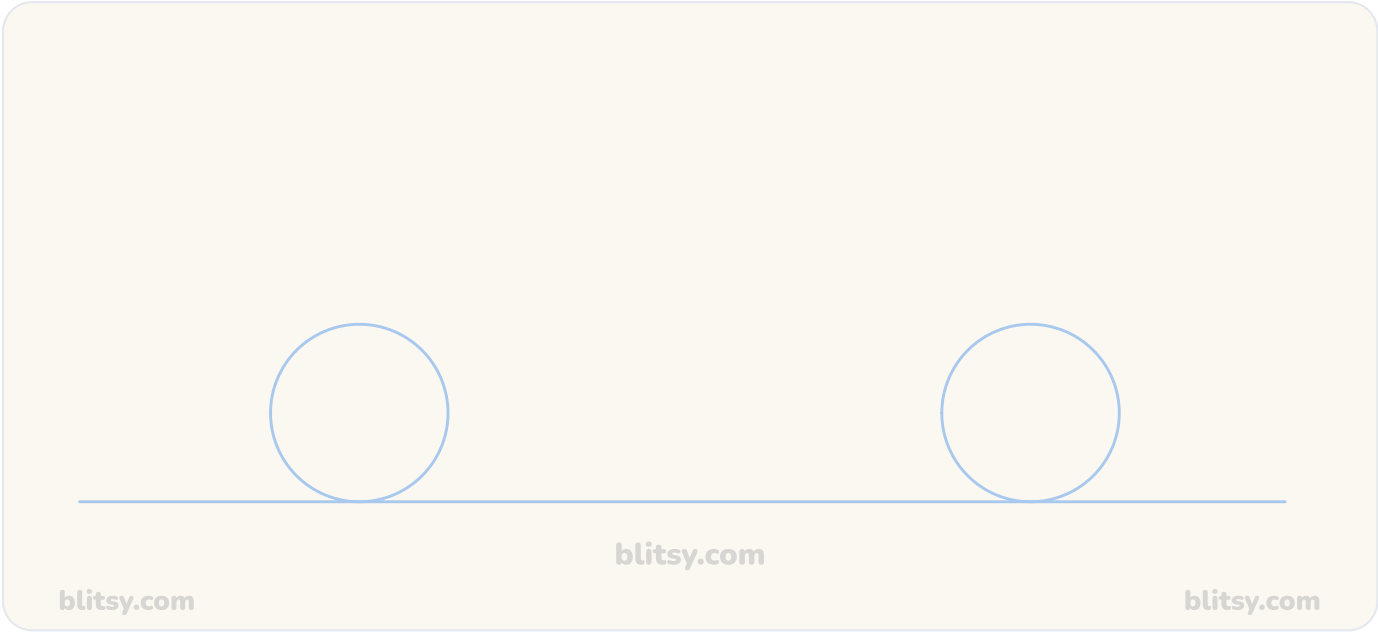
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A ruler (optional)
- A black marker or fineliner
- Colored pencils or markers
- Plain paper

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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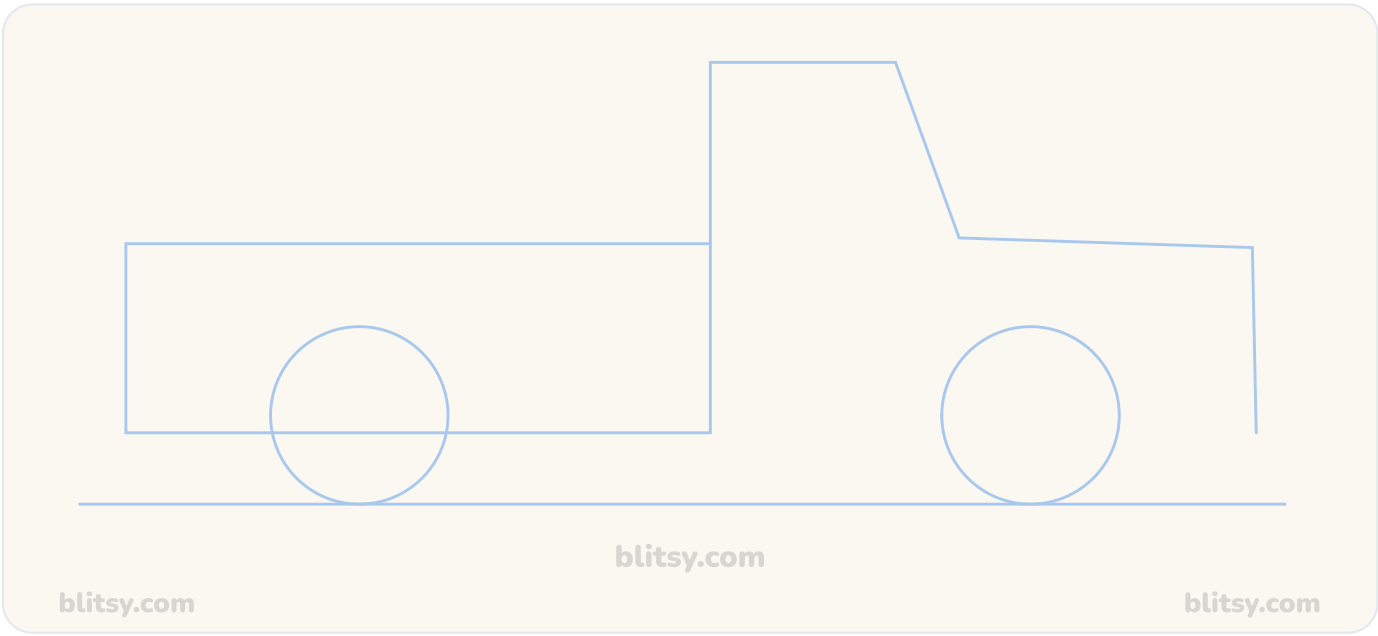
STEP 1 Draw a ground line and two wheels



Draw a long, light line across the lower part of the page. Sit two circles on it, one near the left end and one near the right, so they just touch the line. Leave a big gap between them, roughly three wheels wide, because the whole truck stretches across that space.

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

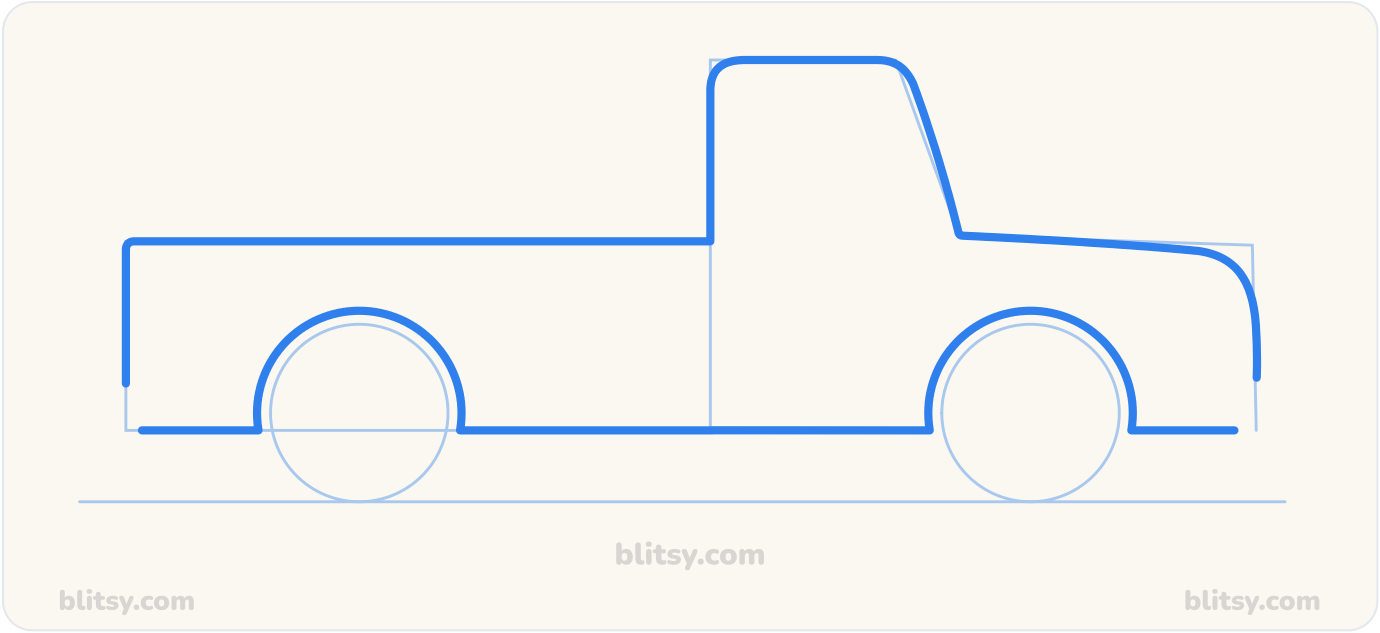
STEP 2 Sketch boxes for the bed, the cab and the hood



Draw a long, low rectangle from just behind the back wheel to a little past its middle point; that's the cargo bed. Its bottom edge runs through the middle of both wheels. Next, at the right end of that box, raise a tall cab with a slanted front edge, then run a long flat hood forward and drop it down in front of the front wheel.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the cab roof well above the bed. That height difference is what makes it read as a pickup.

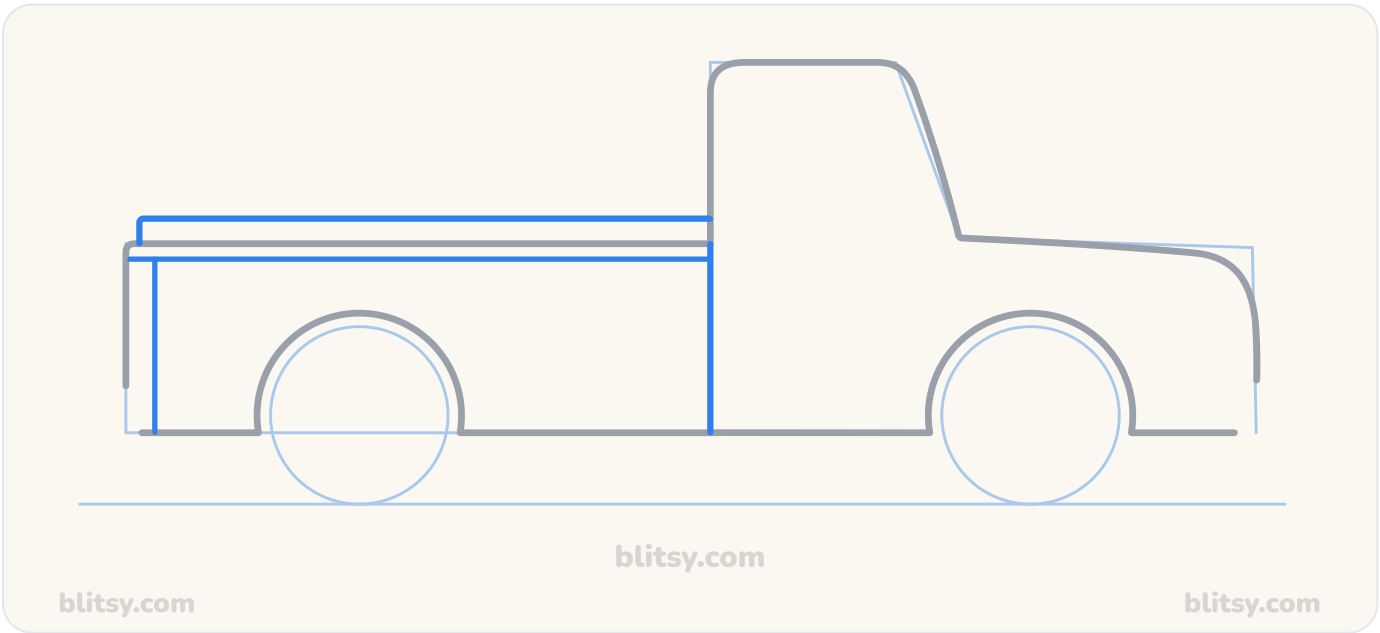
STEP 3 Trace the outline of the pickup



Now go around the boxes with one smooth line. Round off the roof corners, curve the nose down at the front, and swing a half circle over each wheel for the wheel arches. I leave a small gap between the arch and the tire. Without it, the wheels look glued onto the body instead of tucked under it.

💡 **Tip:** Draw each wheel arch a bit bigger than its circle, like a loose hood over the tire.

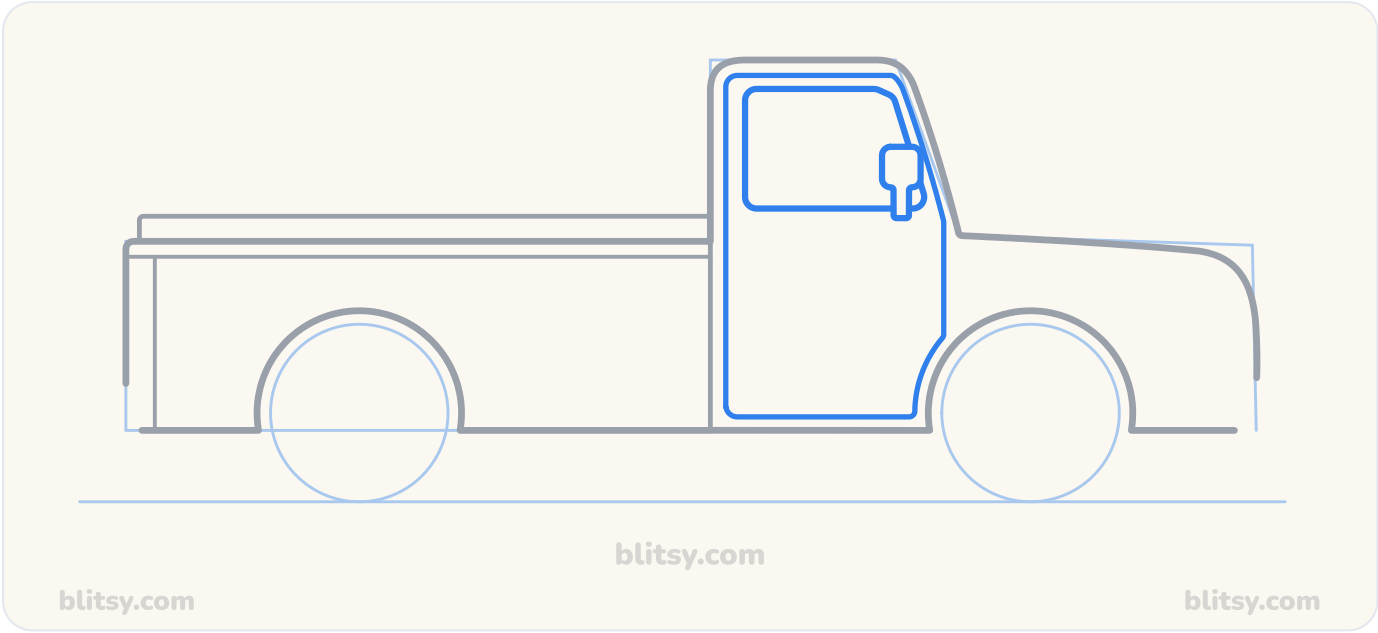
STEP 4 Show the open cargo bed



Above the bed's top edge, add a thin strip that stops at the cab. It's the inside of the far bed wall, and later it gets a darker color so the bed looks open and empty. Draw a straight line down where the bed meets the cab, then a rail line just under the bed top and a short upright line near the back for the tailgate.

💡 **Tip:** Don't make the strip thick. A thin sliver is enough to show you're looking into an empty bed.

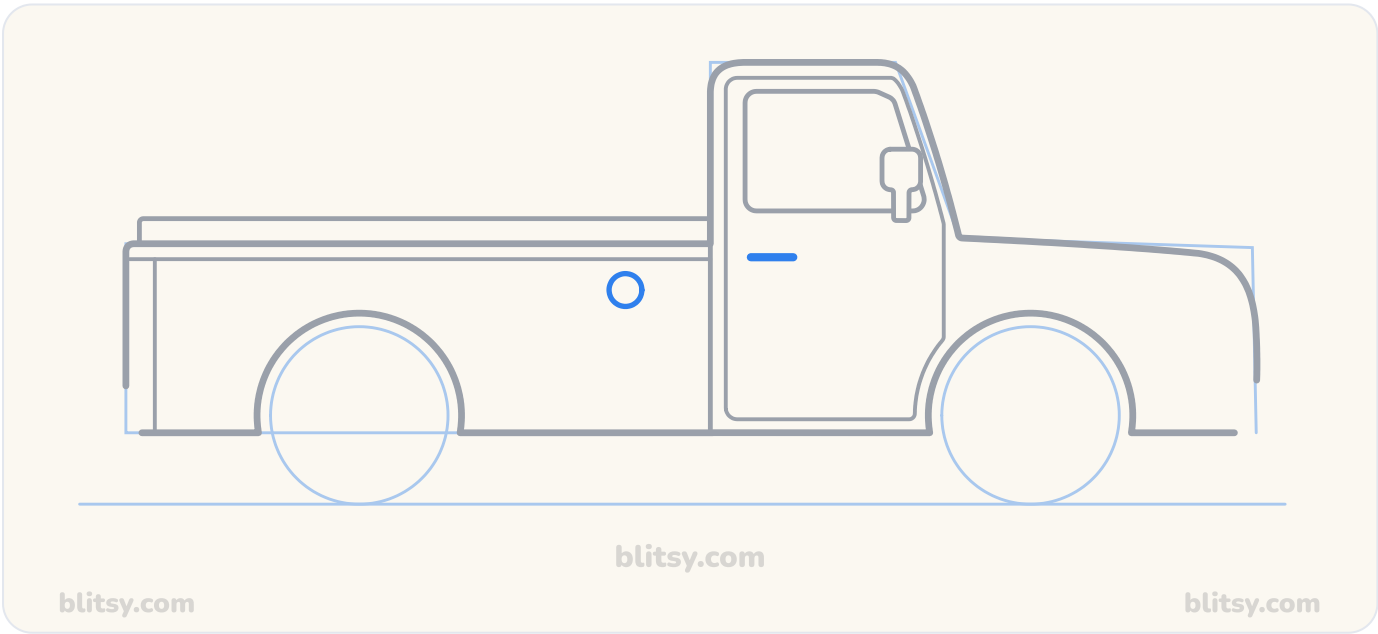
STEP 5 Add the door, the window and the side mirror



Draw a tall rounded rectangle inside the cab for the door, letting its front bottom corner curve around the wheel arch. Up top, put a big window with a slanted front edge that copies the windshield line. Where the window's front corner sits, add a small rounded mirror on a short stem.

💡 **Tip:** Match the slant of the window to the slant of the windshield so the cab doesn't look twisted.

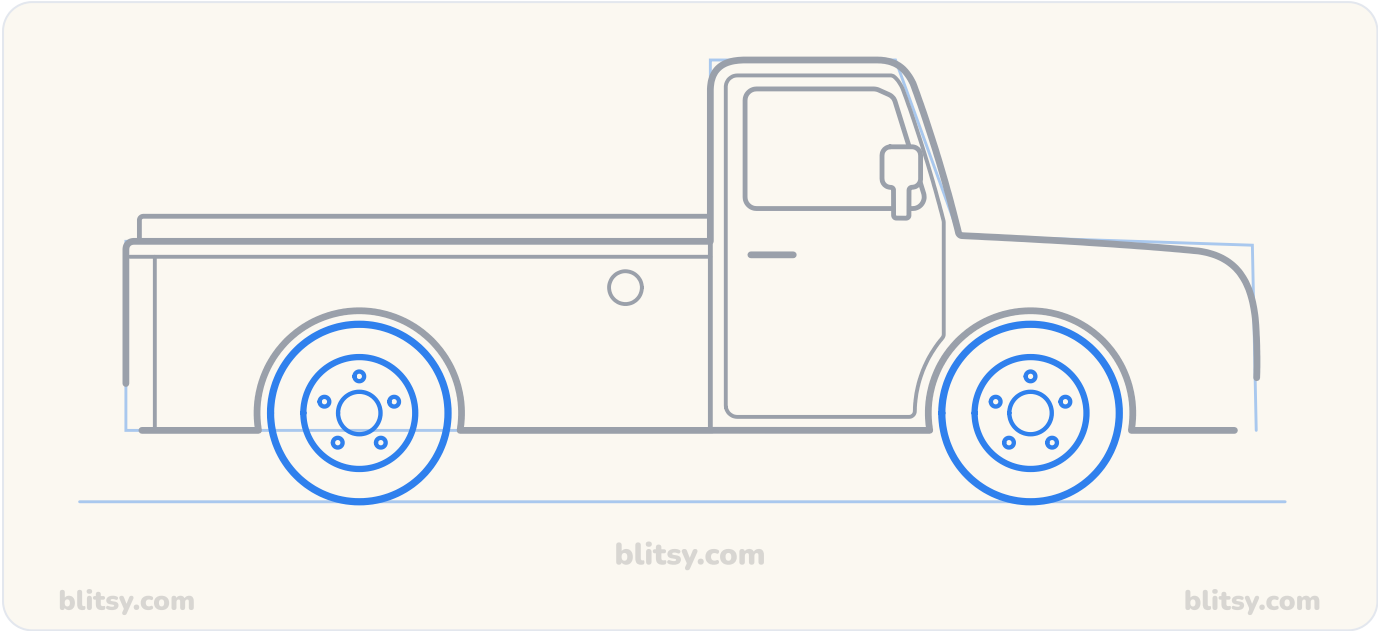
STEP 6 Draw the door handle and a fuel cap



A short, thick line just under the window makes the door handle. Put it near the back of the door, because that's where a real handle sits. On the bed side, about a hand width behind the cab, draw a small circle for the fuel cap. These two tiny details make the truck look much more real for almost no work.

💡 **Tip:** Press a little harder for the handle so it stands out as a solid bar.

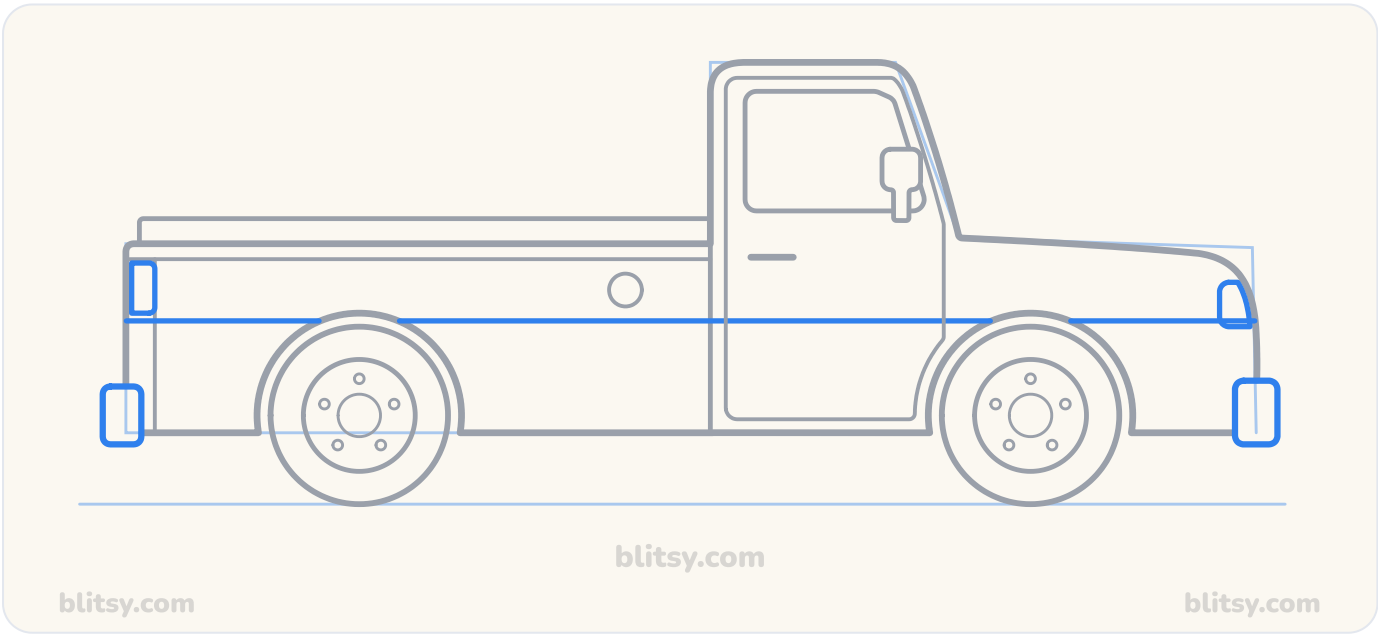
STEP 7 Turn the circles into tires with hubcaps



Trace over each wheel circle firmly for the tire. Inside it, draw a smaller circle for the rim, then a small one right in the middle for the hubcap. Around the hubcap, space five little dots evenly for the bolts. If five dots feel fussy, three work fine, and small kids can skip them completely.

💡 **Tip:** Place the bolts like the points of a star: top first, then the two sides, then the two bottom ones.

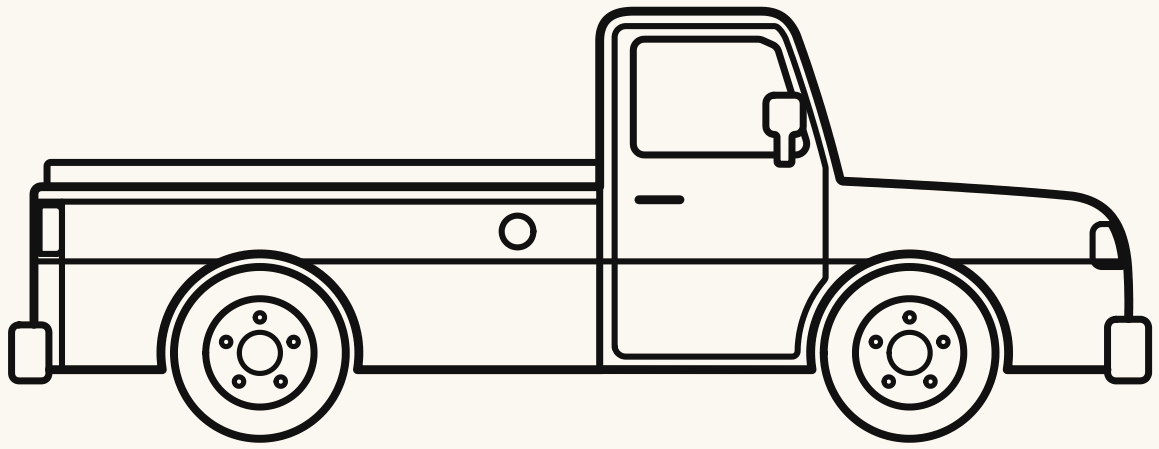
STEP 8 Add the lights, the bumpers and a body line



At the very front, under the curve of the nose, draw a rounded headlight. At the back, add a narrow tail light near the top of the bed. Stick a small rounded block onto each end, low down, for the bumpers; they poke out past the body a little. Finish with one long straight line along the side, about halfway up, from the tailgate to the headlight.

💡 **Tip:** Line up the two bumpers at the same height or the truck will look like it's tipping.

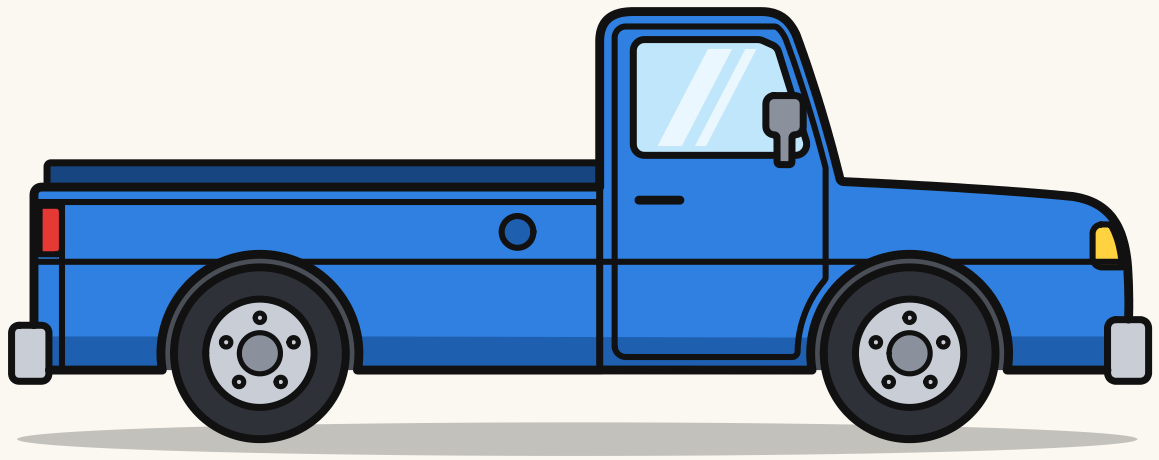
STEP 9 Ink the lines and erase the guides



Go over every line you want to keep with the black marker. I like to start with the big outline, then the door and window, and save the wheels for last because their circles need a steady hand. Let the ink dry for a minute, then erase the boxes and the ground line.

💡 **Tip:** Turn the paper as you ink the round tires so your hand always pulls the marker toward you.

STEP 10 Color the pickup truck



Color the body blue and add a darker blue band along the bottom for a bit of shading. The strip inside the bed gets dark blue, and so does the fuel cap. Light blue fills the window, with two white streaks left for shine. Make the bumpers, rims and mirror gray, the tires black, the headlight yellow and the tail light red.

💡 **Tip:** Color the big blue body with long strokes in one direction. It looks smoother, like real paint.