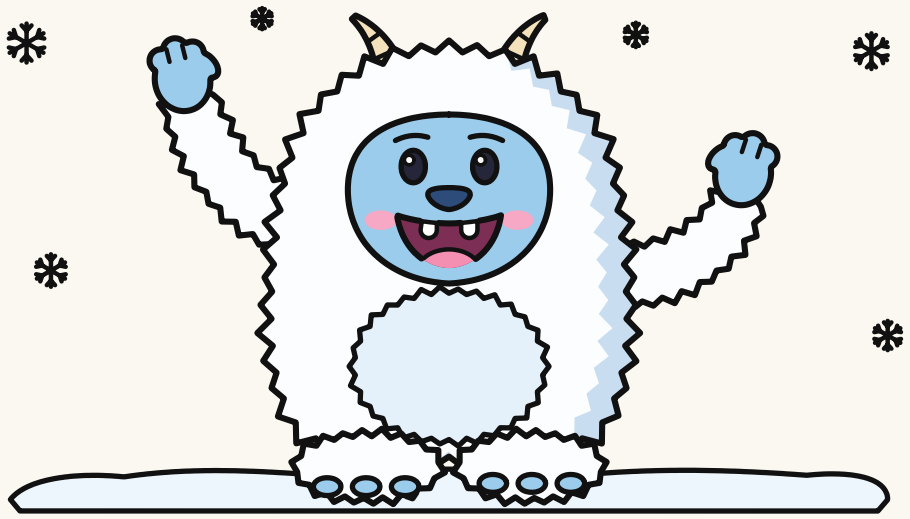
How to Draw a Yeti

11 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

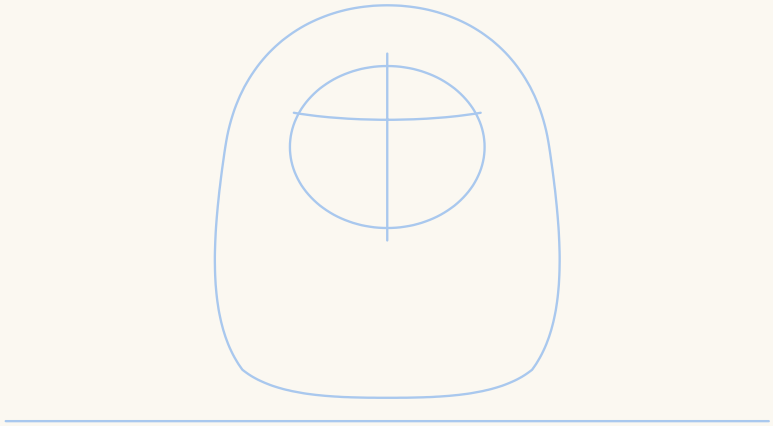
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black marker
- Colored pencils or crayons
- White paper

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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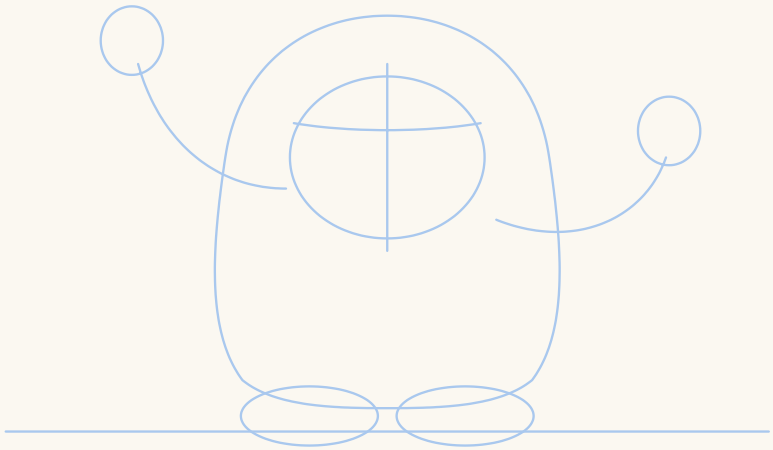
STEP 1 Sketch a gumdrop body and a face oval



Draw a light ground line near the bottom of your page. Sitting on it, sketch a tall rounded shape like a gumdrop: a dome on top, almost straight sides, and a flat bottom. The head and body are one piece on a yeti, so there's no neck to worry about. In the top half, draw a wide oval for the face, then a cross through it with the sideways line curving slightly down.

💡 **Tip:** Leave room on both sides of the body. The arms reach out wide later.

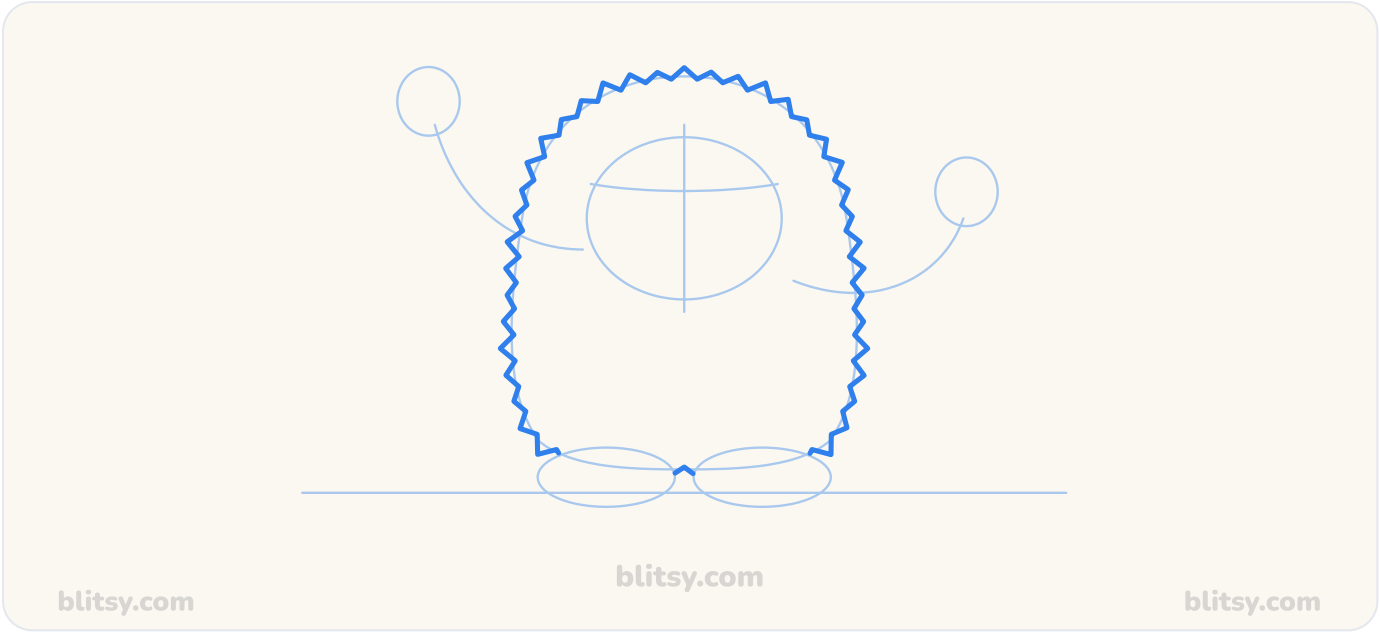
STEP 2 Add arm lines and two foot ovals



From each side of the body, draw one curving line for an arm. I like the left arm swinging high above the head and the right one bending up at shoulder height, so the yeti looks like it's waving and cheering at once. Put a small circle at the end of each line for the hands. At the bottom, two flat ovals side by side make the feet.

💡 **Tip:** Make the arms long. Short arms turn a yeti into a teddy bear.

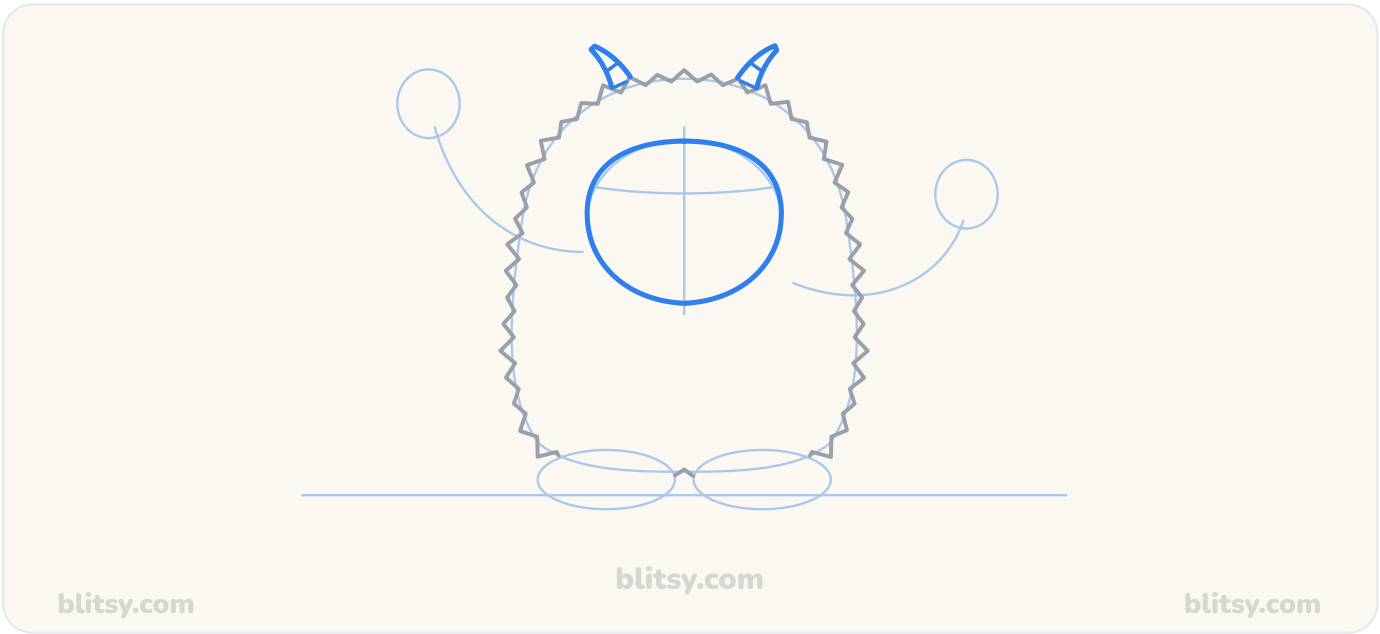
STEP 3 Draw the jagged fur outline



Now trace around the gumdrop with a zigzag line, little pointed tufts all the way round. Keep each point about the same size and let them stick out a bit past the guide. That zigzag is the whole trick to fluffy fur. You can leave the very bottom open, because the feet will cover it.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the zigzag slowly in short sections. Rushing makes the points grow bigger and bigger.

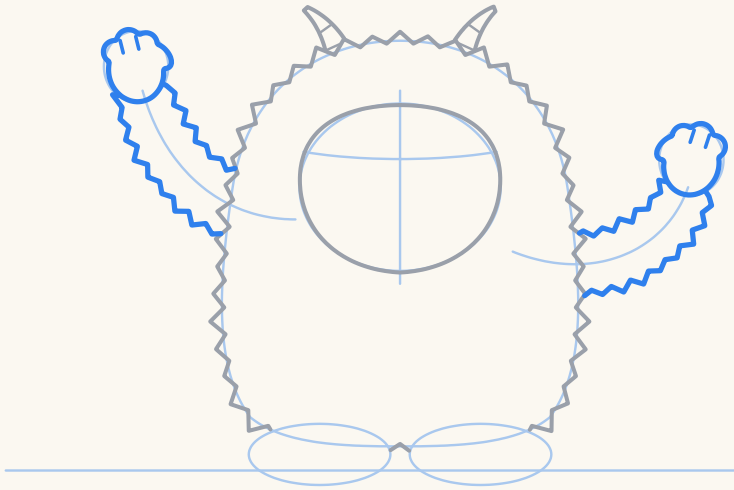
STEP 4 Add little horns and the face



On top of the head, draw two small curved horns that point up and outward, coming out of the fur. A thin line across each one gives a ringed look. Then trace the face oval with a smooth, firm line. Smooth is important here: the face is skin, not fur, and the contrast with the zigzag around it is what makes the yeti look friendly.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the horns tiny. Big horns push the character toward scary.

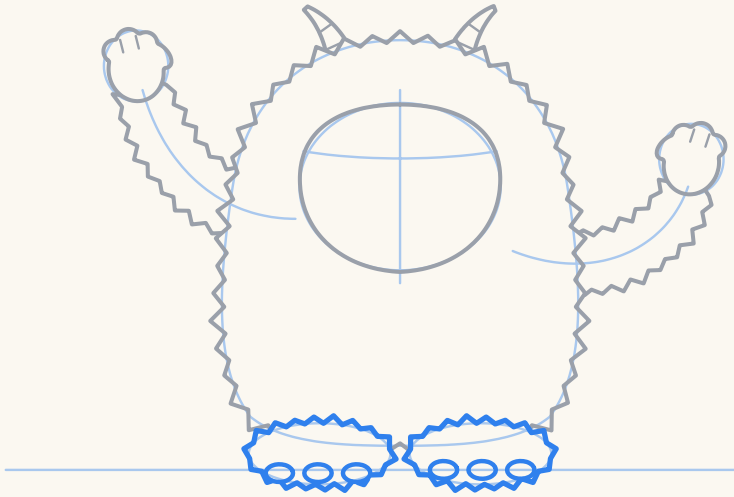
STEP 5 Draw long furry arms and mitten hands



Build each arm around its guide line with two zigzag edges, a finger width or two apart, starting from behind the body. At the end of each arm, draw a rounded mitten hand: a palm, three bumps on top for fingers and a small thumb on the inner side. Two short lines between the bumps separate the fingers.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the hand first, then fill in the arm up to it, so the two always line up.

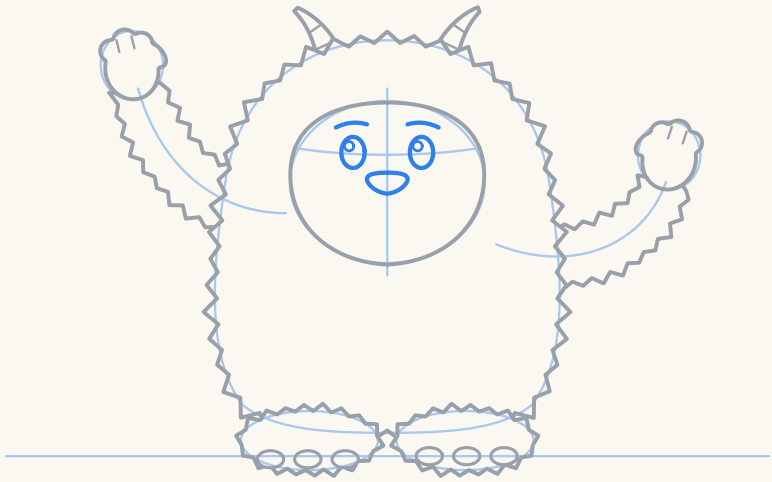
STEP 6 Give it big fuzzy feet



Over each foot oval, draw a shorter zigzag than the body uses, so the feet look fluffy but not wild. The feet overlap the bottom of the body, which makes the yeti look like it's standing toward you. Along the bottom edge of each foot, add three small ovals for the toes.

💡 **Tip:** Big feet make the yeti look steady and a little goofy, so don't shrink them.

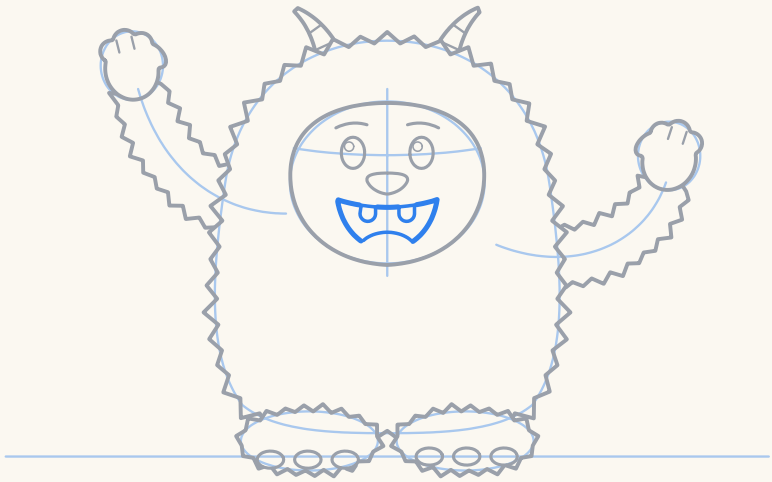
STEP 7 Draw the eyes, brows and nose



Place two upright oval eyes on the curved cross line, spaced a little wider than an eye apart. Add a shine circle near the top of each one, both on the same side. Short brows that arch upward keep the expression happy. The nose is a small rounded triangle, point down, just below the eyes and right on the center line.

💡 **Tip:** Eyes set low and wide on the face read as cute. High, close eyes look surprised.

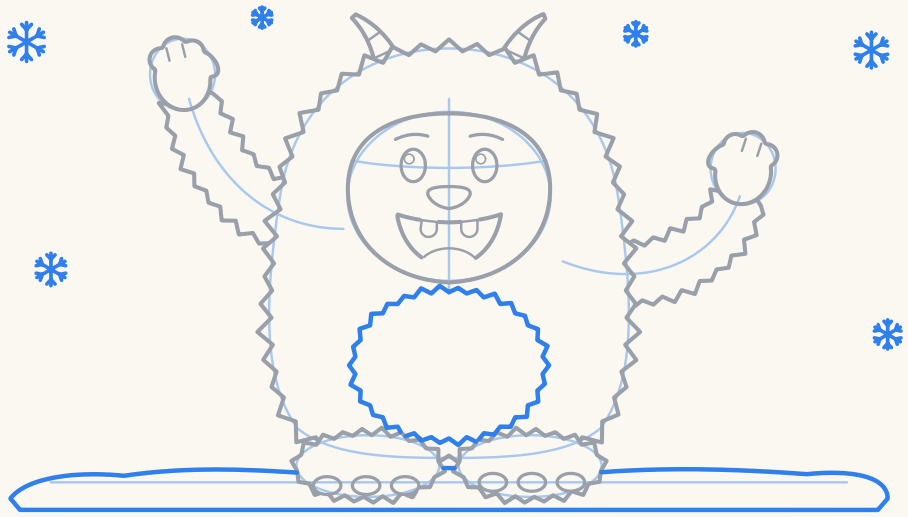
STEP 8 Add a big happy smile



Under the nose, draw a wide open mouth: a nearly straight top edge and a deep U underneath, like a slice of watermelon. Hang two little square teeth with round bottoms from the top edge, one on each side of the center. A curved line near the bottom of the mouth makes the tongue. This smile does most of the work in keeping the yeti sweet.

💡 **Tip:** Two small teeth look silly and friendly. A whole row of pointy ones looks fierce.

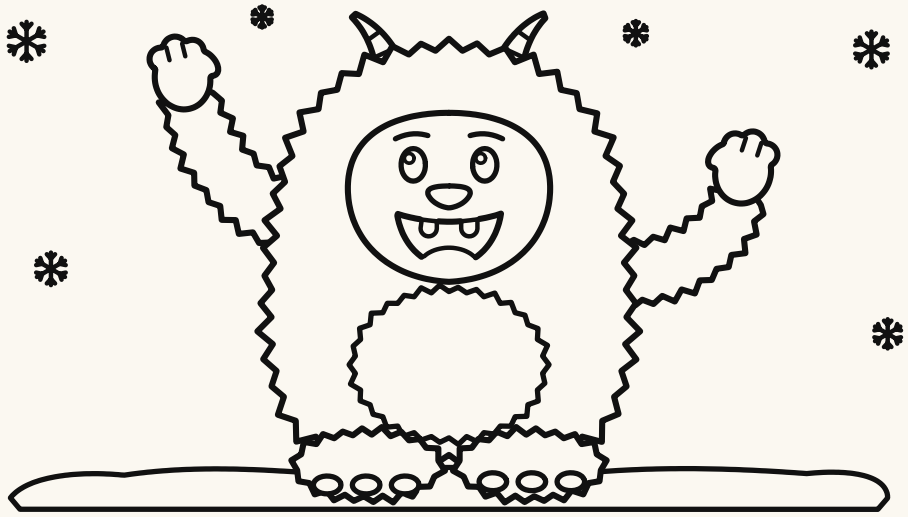
STEP 9 Draw the belly, snow and snowflakes



In the middle of the body, draw a round belly patch with a tiny zigzag edge. Next, around the feet, sketch a long, low snow pile with a gently bumpy top, wider than the yeti. Finish with a few snowflakes scattered around the sky: three crossing lines each, plus a small V near every tip.

💡 **Tip:** Vary the snowflake sizes so the sky doesn't look like a pattern.

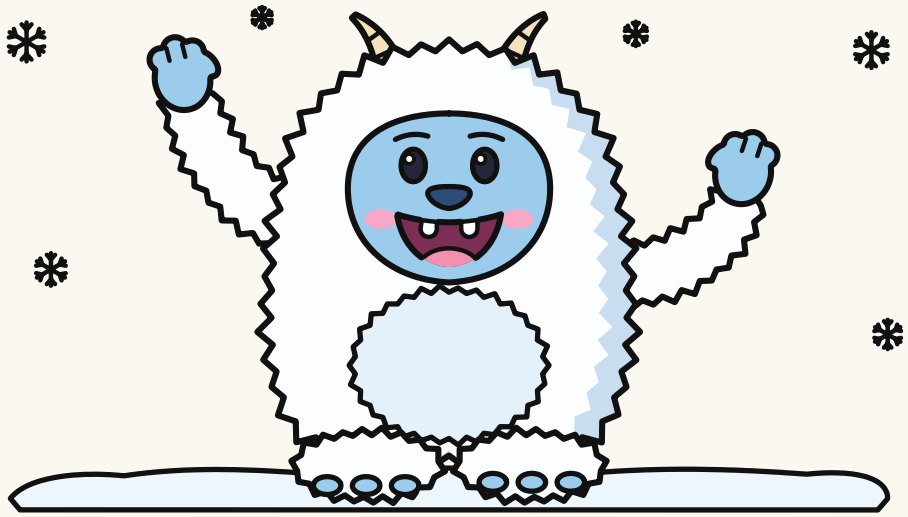
STEP 10 Ink your yeti and erase the guides



Go over every final line with a black marker. I start with the face, since it matters most, then the fur and arms, and the feet and snow last. Leave out the gumdrop guide, the cross and the arm lines. When the ink has dried completely, erase all the pencil.

💡 **Tip:** Wait a full minute before erasing. Marker smears more easily than you'd think.

STEP 11 Color your yeti



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Most of the fur stays white, so color only a strip of gray blue along the right edge of the body for a soft shadow. The belly gets a very light blue. Use a stronger light blue for the face and hands plus the toes, and cream for the horns. Inside the mouth goes dark pink with a pink tongue, the cheeks get a pink blush, the nose is navy and the eyes black with a white shine.

💡 **Tip:** Press very lightly for the belly and shadow. Pale blue on white looks frosty.