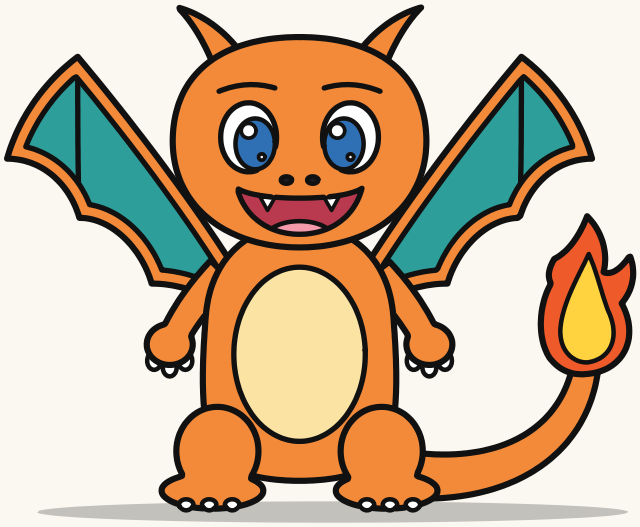
# How to Draw Charizard

12 easy steps for beginners




## What you'll need

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

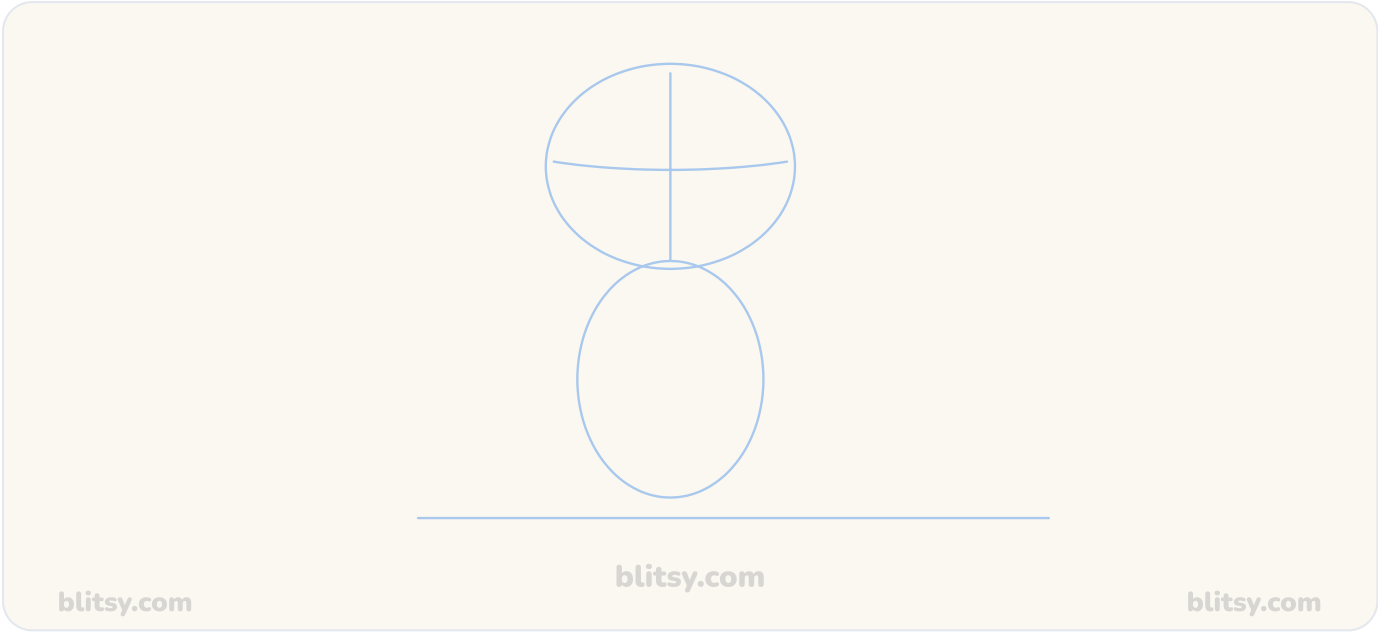
## How to use this guide

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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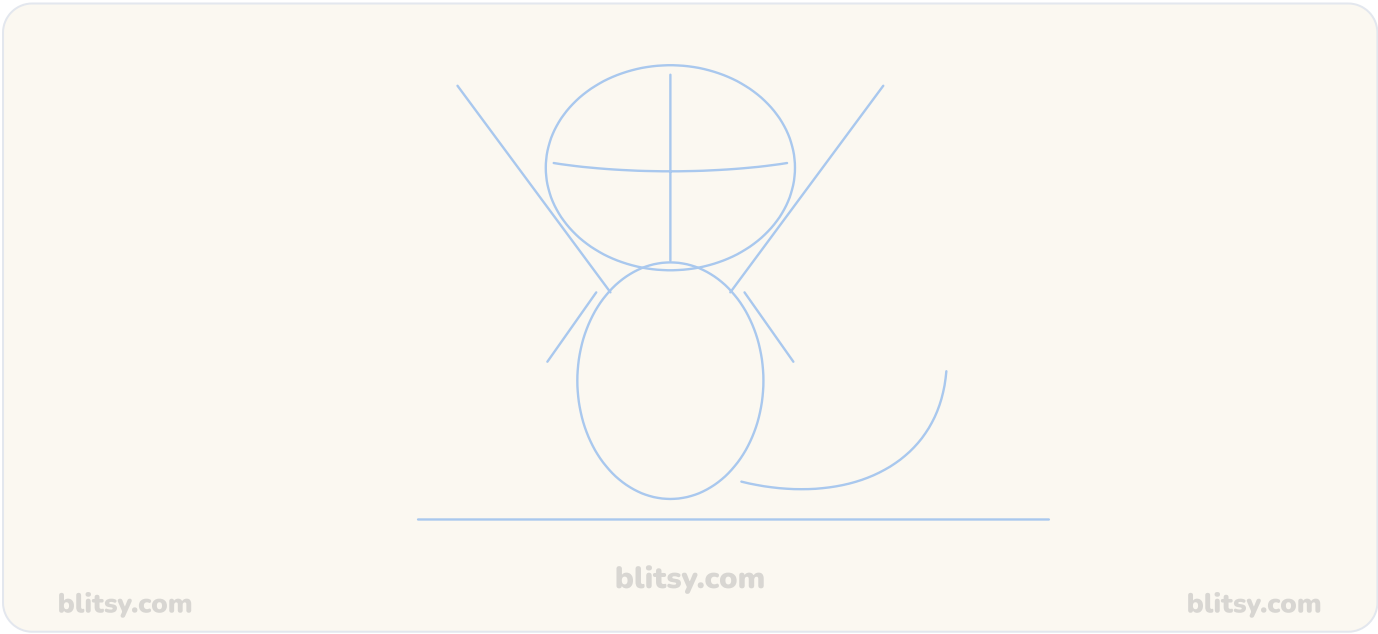
## STEP 1 Draw the head and body guides




Start with a light ground line near the bottom of the page. Above the middle, draw a wide oval for the head. Under it, draw a taller oval for the body that touches the head and almost reaches the ground. Add a vertical line down the head and a gentle curve across it, a little below halfway, where the eyes will go.

💡 **Tip:** In chibi style the head is about as big as the body. If your head oval looks small, make it wider now.

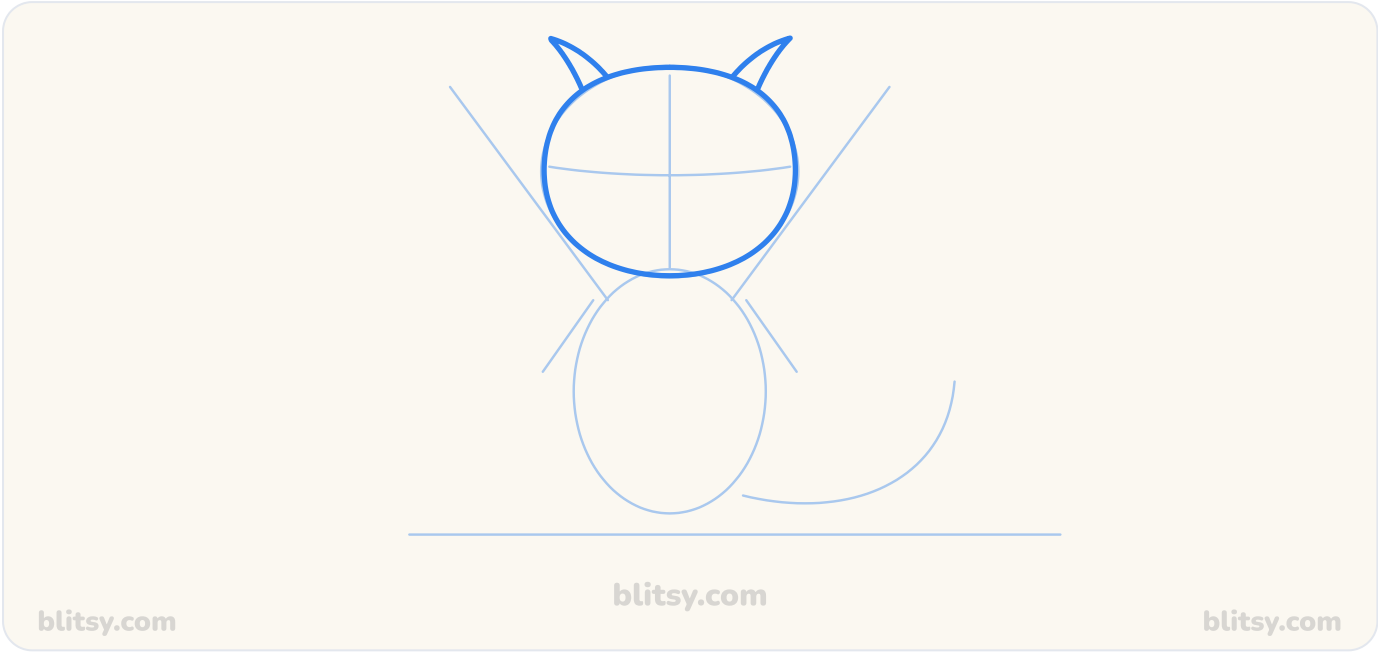
## STEP 2 Add wing, arm and tail lines




From each shoulder, draw a long straight line slanting up and out past the head. That's the top bone of each wing. Below them, add two short slanted lines for the arms. Then sweep one curved line from the right side of the body along the ground and up, like a hook. The tail will follow it.

💡 **Tip:** Make both wing lines lean at the same angle. Hold the paper at arm's length to check.

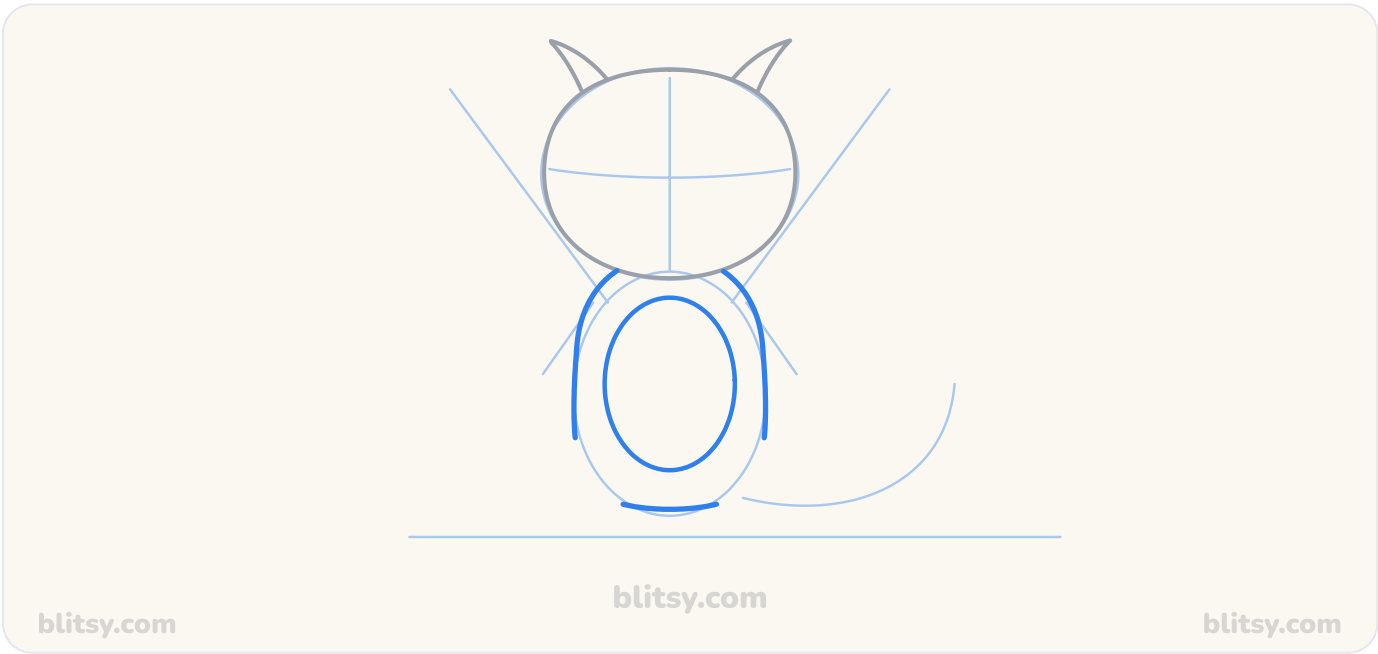
## STEP 3 Outline a round head with two horns




Trace the head oval with a firmer line, letting the cheeks bulge a little at the bottom so the face looks full. On top, toward the back on each side, add a horn: a narrow curved point that leans outward. Stop each horn where it meets the head.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the horns slim and pointy. Wide triangles turn into cat ears very quickly.

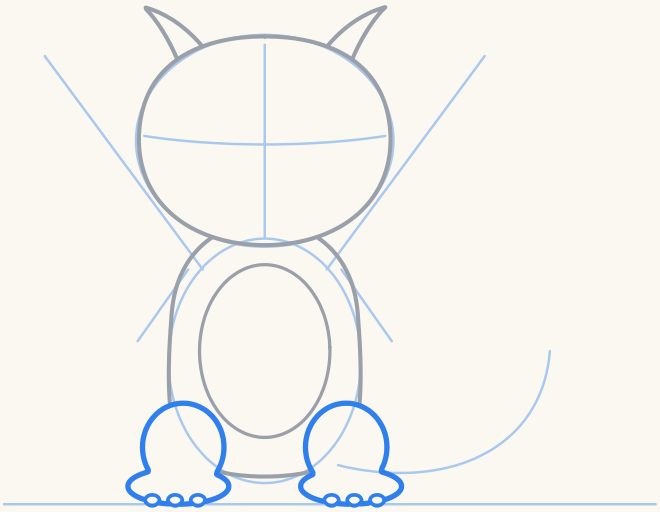
## STEP 4 Draw the body and the cream belly




Follow the body oval to make a soft pear shape: narrow under the chin and wider near the bottom. Leave small gaps low on both sides, since the legs will cover those spots. Inside, draw a tall oval for the belly. I keep a finger of space between the belly and the body line so the orange shows around it.

💡 **Tip:** A belly that touches the sides looks like a bib. Leave that orange border.

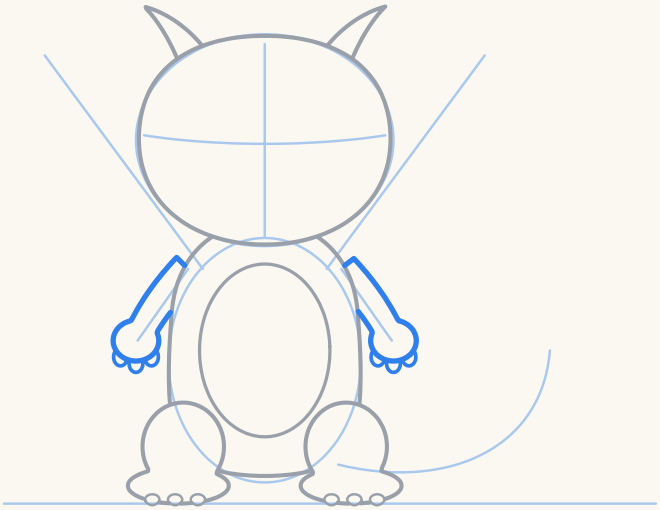
## STEP 5 Add stubby legs and toe claws



At the bottom corners of the body, draw two round thighs. Below each one, a flat oval foot rests on the ground line and pokes forward. Along the front of each foot, add three small rounded claws in a row. Short, chunky legs are a big part of the cute chibi look.

💡 **Tip:** Rest the feet right on the ground line, and the dragon will look steady instead of floating.

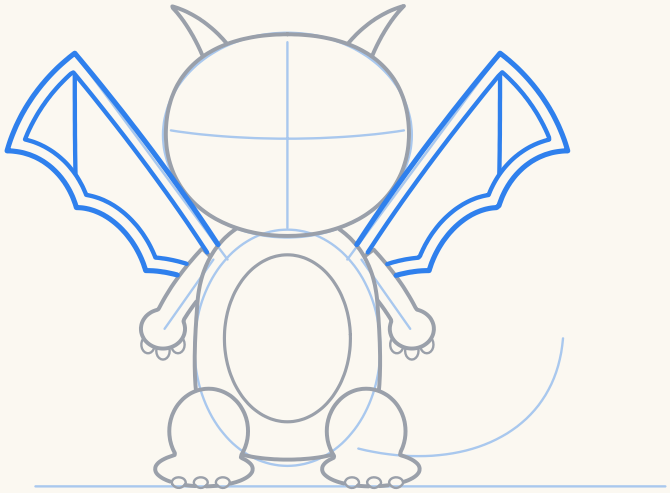
## STEP 6 Draw short arms with little claws



Each arm starts behind the top of the body and slants down and out along its guide. Give it real width, about as thick as a finger on the page, and finish it with a round mitten hand. Three tiny bumps under each hand are the claws.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the arm's top edge first, then the bottom edge. Matching widths come easier that way.

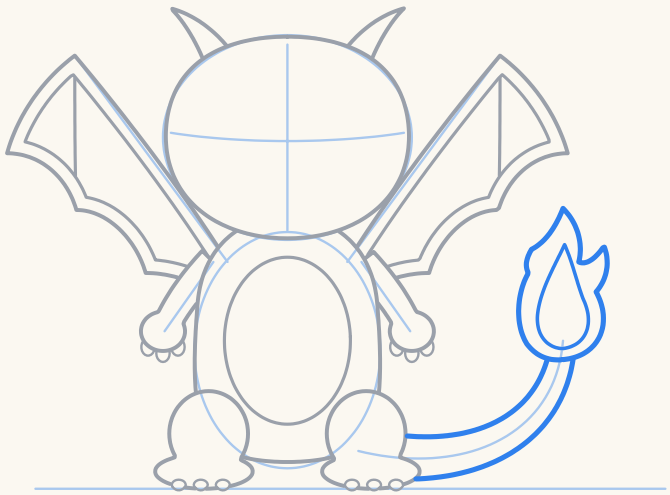
## STEP 7 Draw big wings with a teal lining



Along each wing guide, draw the top edge up to a point above the shoulder. From that point, come down the outside, then make two scooped curves back toward the body, like the bottom of a bat wing. Draw a second line just inside the whole wing for the lining. One line from the top point down to the first scoop shows the wing bone.

💡 **Tip:** Turn your paper so you always pull the pencil toward you on the scoops.

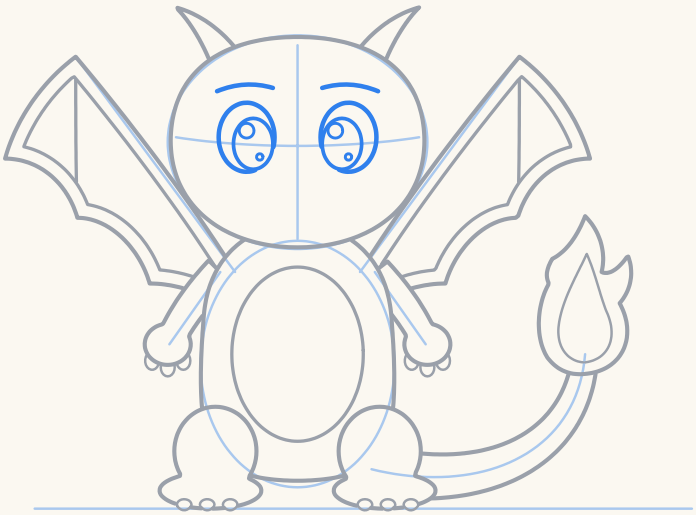
## STEP 8 Add the tail with a flame tip



Draw the tail as two lines along the hook guide, wide where it leaves the body and thinner toward the end. At the tip, draw a flame: a teardrop with a pointed top and a small flick on each side. Inside it, add a smaller teardrop for the hot yellow center. Leave out any tail line that would run behind the leg.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the flame a little larger than the hand. A tiny flame gets lost once it's colored.

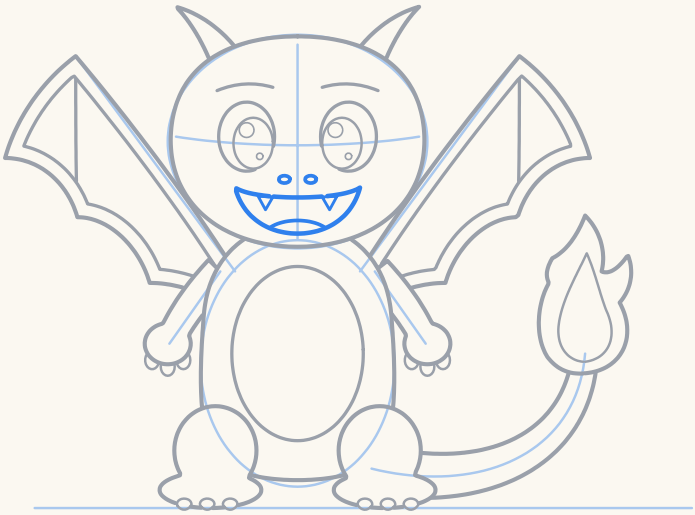
## STEP 9 Draw friendly eyes and brows



Sit two big ovals on the curved guide line, one each side of the center. Inside each, draw a smaller oval for the iris, nudged a bit toward the middle of the face. Add a round shine at the top and a tiny dot lower down. Curved brows above the eyes keep the expression happy rather than fierce.

💡 **Tip:** Put the shine in the same corner of both eyes, or Charizard will look cross-eyed.

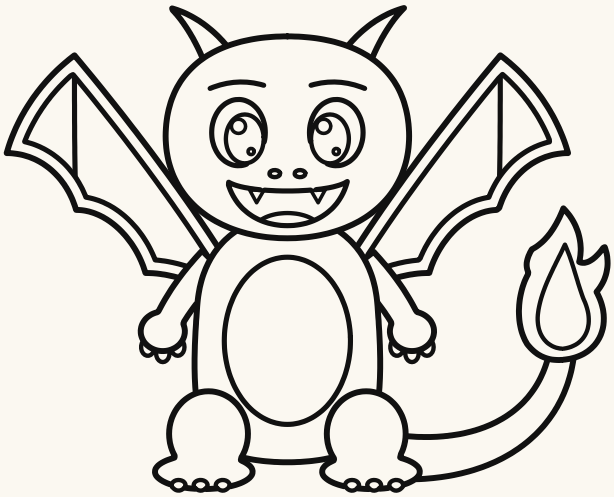
## STEP 10 Add nostrils and a happy grin



Two small ovals just under the eyes make the nostrils. Below them, draw a wide open mouth: a nearly straight top line and a round curve underneath. Add two little fangs hanging from the top line near the corners, then a curved tongue line at the bottom of the mouth.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the fangs small. Tiny fangs look playful, while long ones look scary.

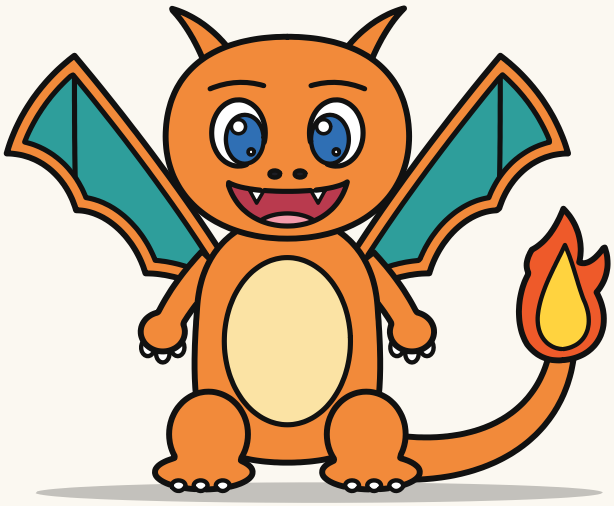
## STEP 11 Ink the lines and erase the guides



Go over every keeper line with a black marker. I like starting with the face, because that's where a shaky line shows most, and I finish with the wings and tail. Wait until the ink is dry, then erase all the pencil guides. You should be left with a clean outline.

💡 **Tip:** Lift the marker at every scoop and claw instead of going round in one stroke.

## STEP 12 Color your Charizard



Orange covers the head and horns, the arms and legs, the tail and the outer frame of the wings. Fill the belly with cream and the inside of the wings with teal. The flame is red orange outside and yellow in the middle. Color the eyes blue but keep the shine white, the mouth red with a pink tongue, and leave all the claws and fangs white.

💡 **Tip:** Color the teal lining in strokes that run from the top point down, the way the wing stretches.