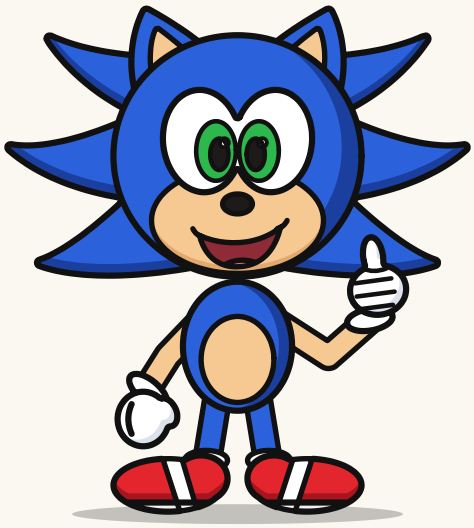
How to Draw Sonic

12 easy steps for beginners



What you'll need

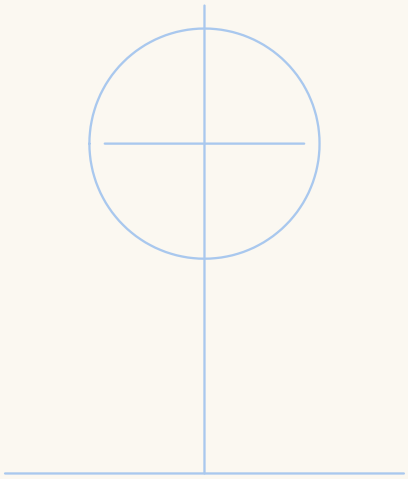
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black marker or fineliner
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Plain paper

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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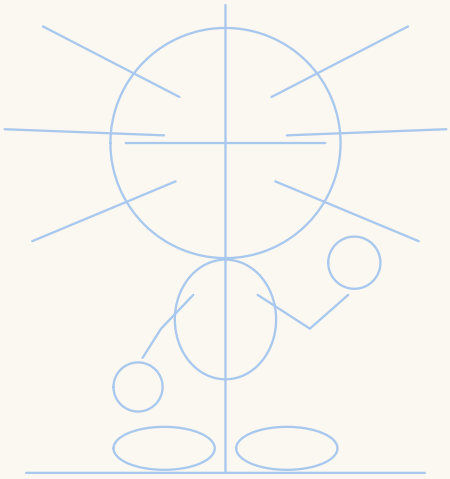
STEP 1 Draw a head circle and guide lines



Start with a flat ground line near the bottom of the page and a straight line down the middle. Near the top, draw a big circle for the head, centered on that middle line. Cross it with a short level line a little above halfway; the eyes will sit on it. In chibi style the head is nearly as tall as the body, so keep it big.

💡 **Tip:** Trace around a cup or a roll of tape if your circles come out lumpy. Nobody will know once it's inked.

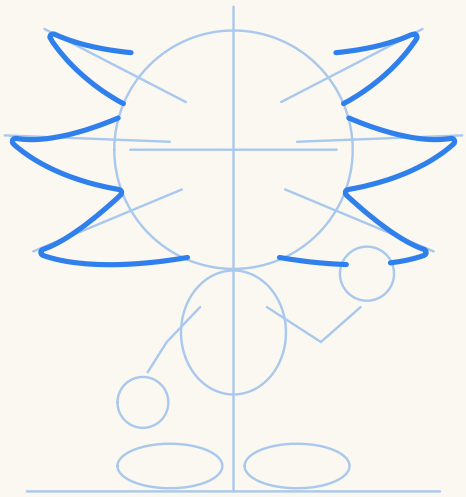
STEP 2 Add guides for the spikes and body



From behind the head, draw three straight lines going out on each side: one up and out, one straight across, one down and out. Those are the directions of the spikes. Under the head, add an egg-shaped oval for the body. Then sketch simple bent lines for the arms with a small circle at each hand, and two flat ovals on the ground for the shoes.

💡 **Tip:** Put the right hand circle up near the chin. That raised hand is where the thumbs up goes.

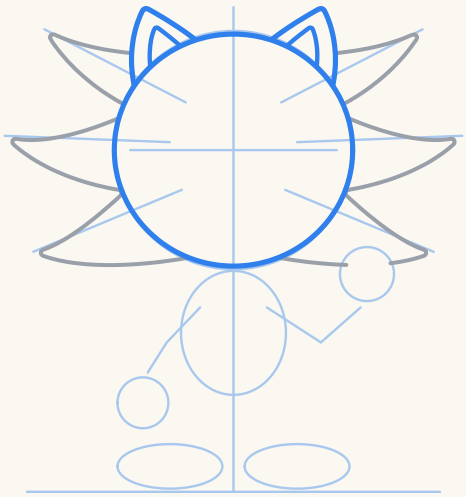
STEP 3 Draw the swept-back spikes



Follow each guide line with a long, curved spike that starts wide at the head and ends in a sharp point. Let every spike bend slightly downward, as if the wind is pushing it back. Don't draw the spike edges inside the head circle; stop where they meet it.

💡 **Tip:** Make the middle spikes the longest. Equal spikes all around make him look like a sun instead of a hedgehog.

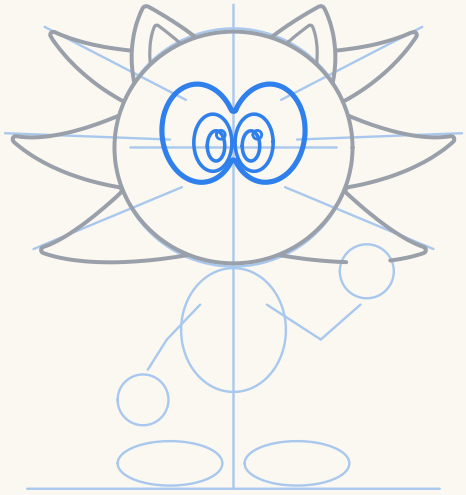
STEP 4 Outline the head and pointed ears



Go over the head circle with a firmer line. On top, add two pointed ears that lean slightly outward, with their bases tucked behind the head. Inside each ear, draw a smaller triangle for the inner ear. The ears sit a little in from the sides, about where the clock would show eleven and one.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the ear tips soft and slightly rounded. Sharp, tall ears push him toward looking like a cat.

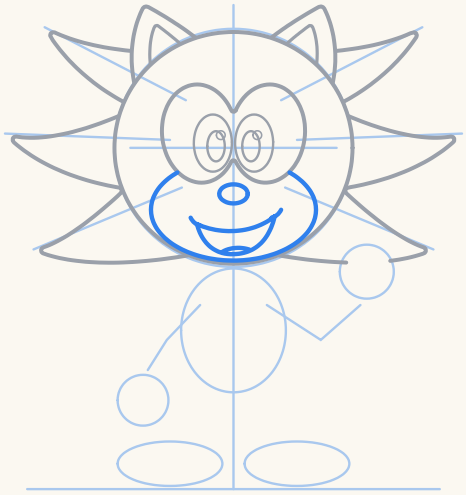
STEP 5 Draw the big connected eyes



Sonic's eyes are one white shape: two tall ovals that touch in the middle, with a little dip on top where they join. Place it on the eye line, filling most of the upper face. Inside each half, draw an oval iris leaning toward the middle, a tall pupil inside it and a small shine circle.

💡 **Tip:** Put both shine dots on the same side. When they match, the eyes look straight at you.

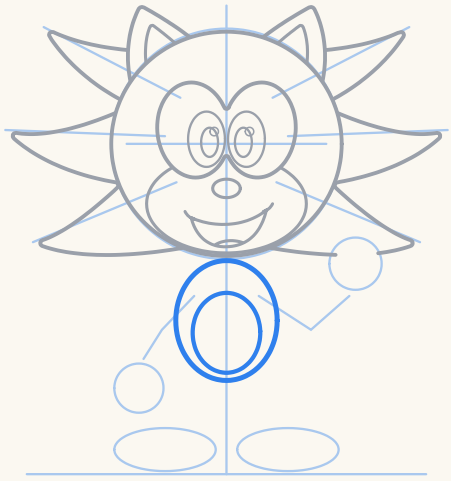
STEP 6 Add the muzzle and a smile



Below the eyes, draw a wide rounded shape for the muzzle. It covers the lower face and tucks up under the eyes. Right where the eyes end, add a small oval nose. Under it, draw an open smile that rises a bit more on one side, with a short dimple line at each corner and a small tongue at the bottom.

💡 **Tip:** That lopsided smile is what gives Sonic his confident look. A perfectly even grin feels too sweet for him.

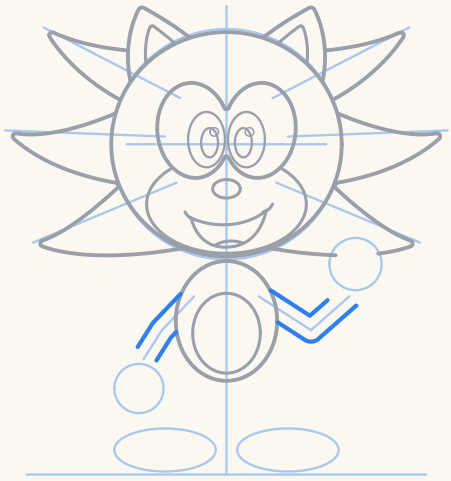
STEP 7 Outline the small body and belly



Trace the egg-shaped body under the head. The top is hidden behind the chin, so start where it peeks out. Inside, draw a smaller oval for the light belly, leaving an even band of body around it. I keep the body small on purpose; a short body makes the head and shoes look extra big and fun.

💡 **Tip:** If the body looks too wide, shave a little off both sides before moving on. It's easier to fix now than after the arms.

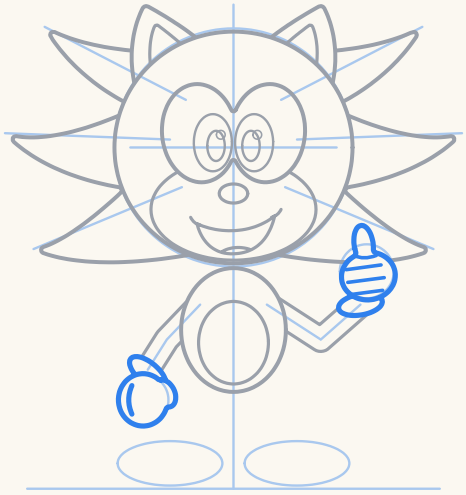
STEP 8 Draw two arms, one bent up



Sonic's arms are slim, but give them a real width with two lines each, not a single stick. The left arm hangs down and slightly out toward its hand circle. The right arm bends at the elbow and comes back up toward the raised hand circle. Leave the ends open for now, since the gloves will cover them.

💡 **Tip:** Keep both lines of an arm the same distance apart all the way down. Arms that pinch in the middle look broken.

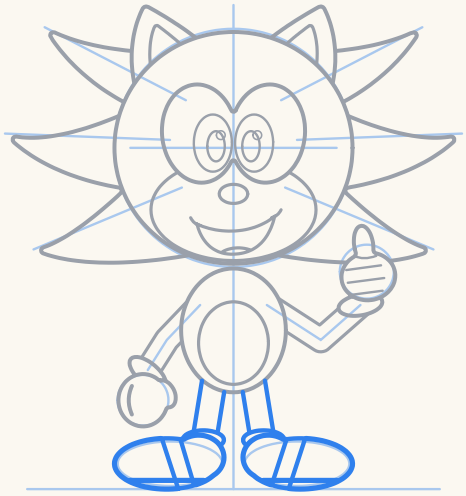
STEP 9 Add the gloves and a thumbs up



At the end of each arm draw a small oval cuff. The lower hand is a round mitten shape with a short line for the thumb. For the raised hand, draw a rounded fist, then a thumb sticking straight up from the top. Three short lines across the fist show the curled fingers.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the fist a little bigger than the lower glove. Hands closer to us should look larger.

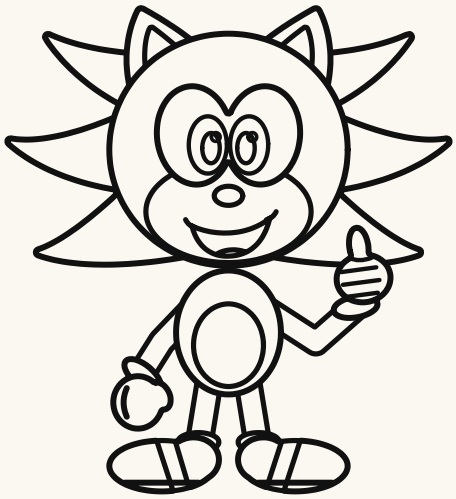
STEP 10 Draw the legs and red sneakers



Two short legs go straight down from the body, each drawn with two lines. At the bottom of each leg, add a small white sock cuff. Then draw the shoes over the foot ovals: long, rounded, pointing slightly outward, with a flat sole line near the bottom. Finish with a slanted strap across the middle of each shoe.

💡 **Tip:** Go big on the sneakers. They should be about as long as the body is tall, or he loses his running-shoe charm.

STEP 11 Ink the drawing and erase the guides

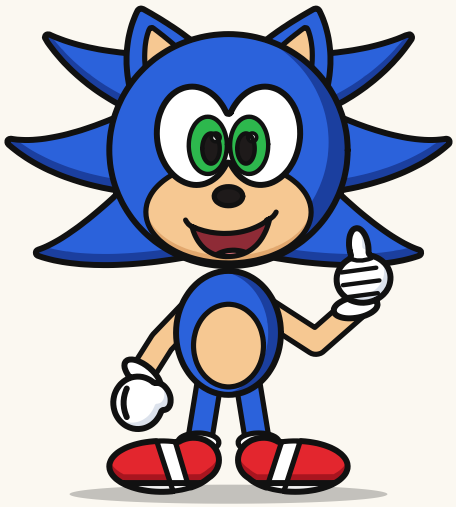


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Trace every keeper line with your marker, slowly. I ink the face first, while my hand is fresh, and then work outward. Let the ink dry for a minute before erasing all the pale guide lines, or the marker will smear across the page.

💡 **Tip:** Ink the long spike curves in one smooth pull from the head out to the tip, not in short scratchy bits.

STEP 12 Color your Sonic



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Fill all the fur with a bright blue. The muzzle and belly get a light peach, and so do the arms and inner ears. Color the irises green, the nose and pupils black, and the sneakers red. Leave the white parts bare, then add a gray shadow under his feet.

💡 **Tip:** Press a little harder with the blue along one side of the head and spikes. That darker edge makes him look round.