How to Draw Winnie the Pooh

12 easy steps for beginners



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What you'll need

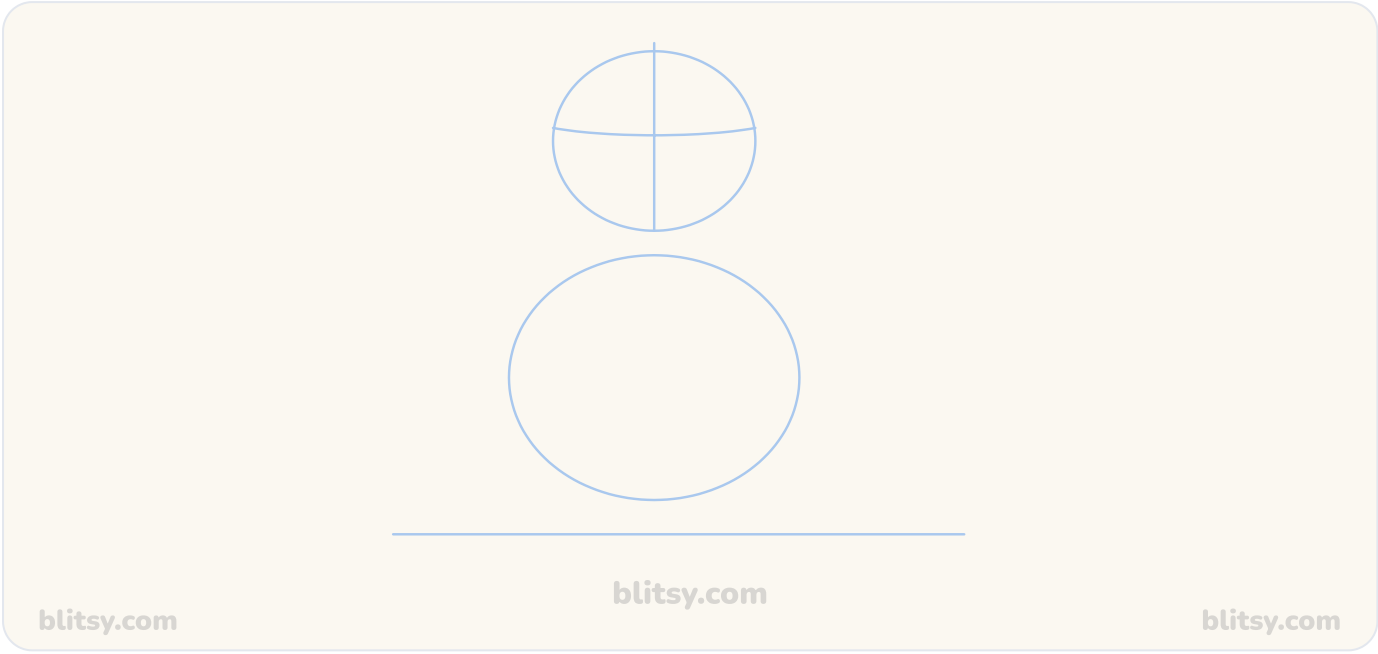
- A pencil
- An eraser
- A black marker or fineliner
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Plain paper

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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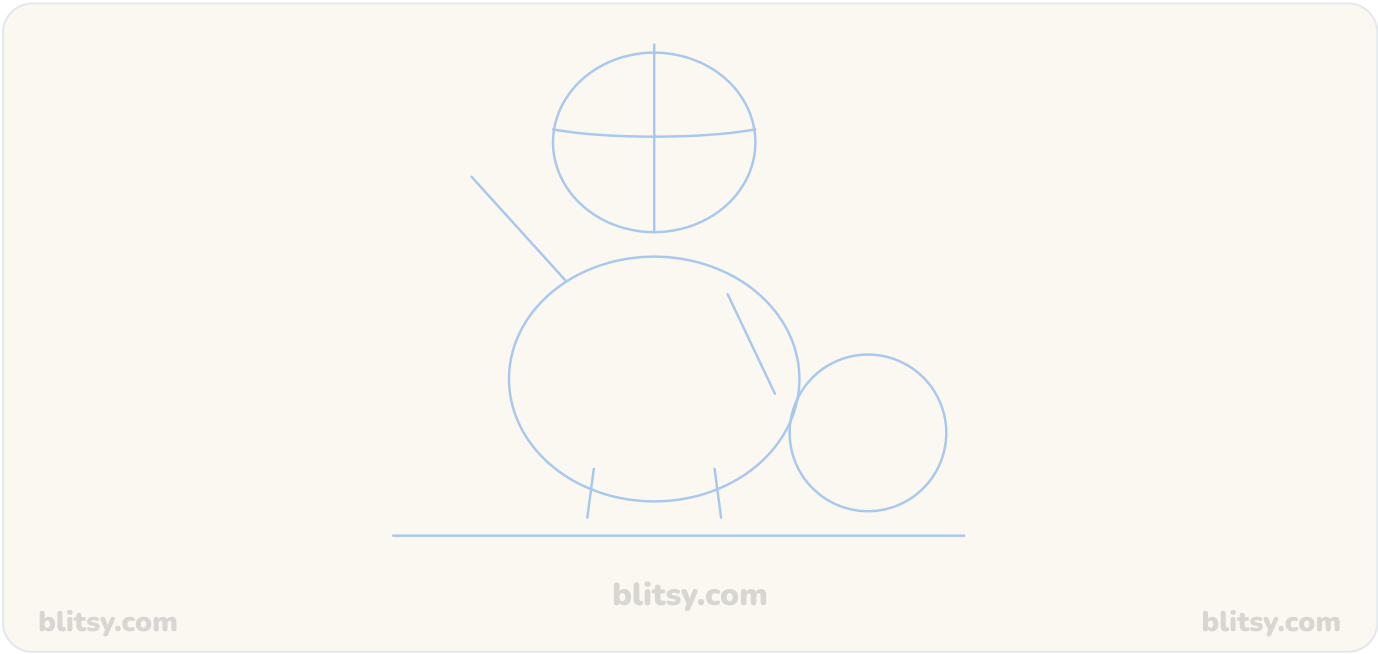
STEP 1 Sketch the head circle and a big body oval



Draw a light line near the bottom of the page for the ground. Above it, sketch a wide oval for the body that almost touches that line. Put a smaller circle on top for the head, overlapping the body a little, then add a line down its middle and a gentle curve across it, slightly above center. The eyes will sit on that curve.

💡 **Tip:** Press so lightly you can hardly see it. Every line in this step gets erased.

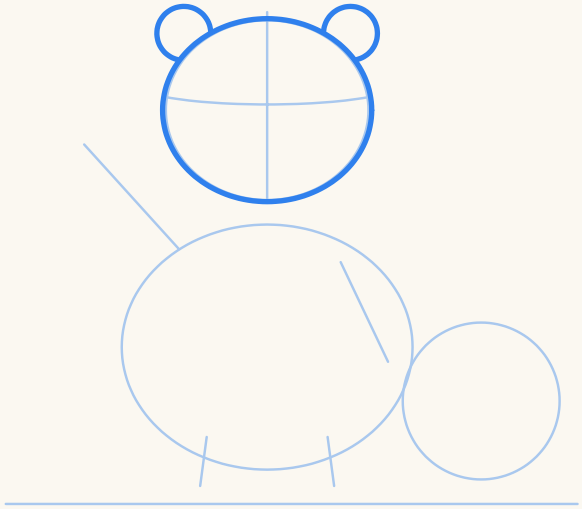
STEP 2 Add guide lines for the limbs and the honey pot



From the upper left of the body, draw one slanted line going up and out. That's the waving arm. On the right, a shorter line goes down from the shoulder toward the side. Add two short lines under the body for legs, and a circle on the right, sitting on the ground, for the honey pot.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the pot circle touching the body's right side so the arm can reach it later.

STEP 3 Draw a round head with small round ears



Trace over the head circle with a confident line, making it just a touch wider than tall. On top, near each side, draw a small round ear. Pooh's ears are tiny compared to his head, about a quarter of its width.

💡 **Tip:** If the ears come out big, he starts to look like a teddy bear or a mouse. Small and round keeps him Pooh.

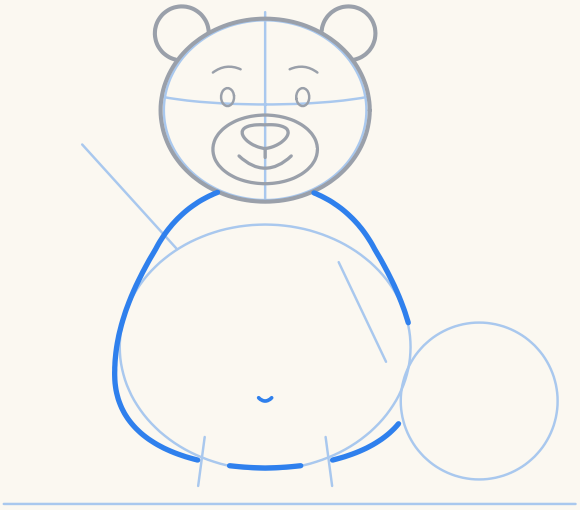
STEP 4 Add the muzzle, nose and eyes plus a smile



Low in the face, draw a soft oval for the muzzle, wider than tall. At its top sits a rounded triangle nose. A tiny line drops from the nose into a wide, gentle smile. Now place two small oval eyes on the curved guide, fairly close together, with short arched brows above.

💡 **Tip:** Draw the smile as one curved line. A big open mouth changes his whole mood.

STEP 5 Outline a round, pear-shaped body



Starting under the head, curve the body outward on each side so it's narrow at the shoulders and widest near the bottom, like a pear. Round the bottom off and leave the right side open where the arm and pot will cover it. Add a tiny curved belly button low in the middle.

💡 **Tip:** Make the body clearly wider than the head. Pooh's charm is in that round tummy.

STEP 6 Draw the hem of his short red shirt



About halfway down the body, draw one line straight across with a slight downward curve in the middle. Everything above it is the shirt, and everything below is his tummy. The shirt's top edge is hidden by his chin, so you don't need a collar.

💡 **Tip:** Keep the hem above the widest part of the body. A short shirt is half of what makes him recognisable.

STEP 7 Add a waving arm with a short sleeve



Follow the slanted guide on the left with two lines a little apart, and finish them in a round mitten paw at the top. The arm starts behind the body, so stop the lines where they meet the body outline. Close to the shoulder, draw a curved line across the arm for the end of the sleeve.

💡 **Tip:** Give the arm real thickness. Stick arms make a soft bear look stiff.

STEP 8 Draw short legs and flat oval feet



Pooh's legs are so short they barely show. Draw two small stubs under the body, then a wide flat oval at the bottom of each one, resting right on the ground line.

💡 **Tip:** Make the feet wider than the legs. That gives him a steady, solid stance.

STEP 9 Draw the honey pot with a rim and a drip



Turn the pot circle into a round jar with a short, straight neck at the top. Across the neck, draw a flat rim that sticks out a little on both sides, with a thin oval on top for the honey inside. Then let one drop of honey run down over the rim on the left, ending in a round blob.

💡 **Tip:** One drip is plenty. Several drips make the rim look messy once it's colored.

STEP 10 Add the hugging arm and the HUNNY label



From the right shoulder, bring a thick arm down and round to the pot, ending in a mitten paw that rests on its left side. Add the short sleeve line near the shoulder, as on the other arm. On the pot's belly, draw a small rounded rectangle and write HUNNY inside in simple capital letters. The spelling is part of the joke, so keep it.

💡 **Tip:** Lightly mark five even spaces in the label first, then fit one letter in each.

STEP 11 Ink the outline and erase the guides



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Trace every keeper line with the black marker. I start with the face while my hand is steady. Wait for the ink to dry before erasing, or it'll smear. Then rub out all the light circles and lines until only the clean drawing remains.

💡 **Tip:** Write the HUNNY letters slowly with short strokes. Lettering is where shaky ink shows most.

STEP 12 Color your Pooh bear



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Golden yellow covers all his fur, with a lighter yellow on the muzzle. The shirt and sleeves are bright red. Color the pot orange brown with a darker rim. The honey is orange yellow and the label cream. The nose and eyes are black, with a small white shine left in each eye. A slightly darker yellow along his right side makes him look round.

💡 **Tip:** Color the tummy in small circles instead of straight strokes. It looks softer and fills more evenly.