Draw a Giant Panda Step by Step

1. To begin, look for some basic shapes. You can start with a circle for the head. The circle doesn't have to be perfectly round – it's a head, after all!

2. Next, add the ears. These can be drawn as two curved lines on the top of the head. Notice the ears come to a little bit of a point, but not much.

3. Now it's time to draw the panda's face. To do this, make some guidelines first. These will help you know where to put the eyes, nose, and mouth. Draw the first guideline as a vertical (up and down) line down the center of the face. Be sure to draw this line very lightly – you'll be erasing it later.

4. Now draw a horizontal (side to side) line across the center of the face. Draw this one lightly, too, since you'll be erasing it soon also.

5. Time to add the features. Start with the black patches around the eyes. These are oval or bean-shaped. Place these patches on the horizontal line. Make sure they are the same distance from the vertical line.

6. Add the eyes. The eyes are two small circles. Place the eyes inside of the oval patches on the horizontal line.

7. Draw the nose below the eyes on the vertical line. The nose is shaped like an upside-down triangle.

8. Draw the mouth below the nose. The mouth is split by the vertical line. Draw a small vertical line to connect the nose to the mouth.

9. Now erase the guidelines!

10. You can't see the panda's whole body, but you can see its neck, chest, and arms. To draw these, start by drawing a line down from each side of the head for the outer arms.

11. Next, draw two shorter lines to show the inside of the arms.

12. Draw a line connecting these shorter lines. This line doesn't need to be straight.

13. Finally, because of the way this panda is sitting, we can see part of its neck. To show this, draw a short line from the left arm up to the left ear.

14. Great job! Now it's time to color in this panda. You can color in the black areas with a marker or pen. Or you could shade it in with a pencil. You can also draw the fur. If drawing the fur, be sure to make the lines go in the same direction the fur goes.

**Note: When you are coloring in around the panda's eyes, be sure to leave a lighter shade (such as grey) around them. This way, you'll be able to see the panda's eyes.

15. Color the panda's eyes black. Remember to leave a tiny dot of white for the catchlight. This is the light that is shining off the eyes.

16. Now add some fur to the head and the face. You can soften the outline of the head by erasing the solid lines and drawing short lines for fur instead.

Add a chin underneath the mouth with the same type of short lines.

A few furry spots on the face works well, too. Be sure not to put too much fur on the face; it will make the face look like it's a dark color instead of white.

17. Add some fur to the neck by erasing the solid line and replacing it with short, furry lines. Add some furry lines to the chest, too, but not too many. You will want to keep this area looking white.

You can add a little more black fur to the edges of the arms as well. No need to erase the outlines – just add lots of dark fur right on top.

Congratulations! You drew a Giant Panda!