

# Draw a giraffe

## Step by Step



1. To begin drawing a giraffe, make an oval for its head.



2. Next, make a “U” shape on the top of it’s head. This will be the giraffe’s horns.





3. Finish the shape of the horns by drawing the top and outside edge of each one.

4. Next, draw a curved line on both sides of the face. This will be the nose.



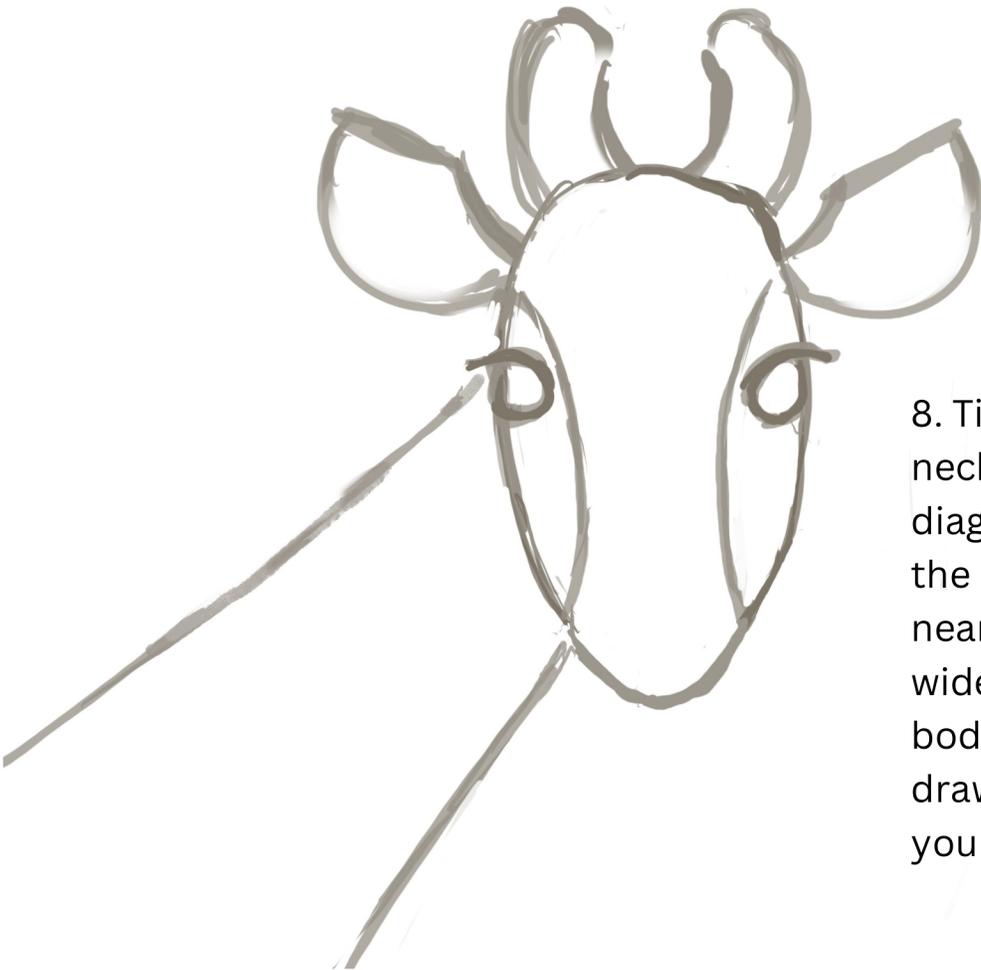


5. Let's start the ears! The top of the ears are made with two lines. The first line is a curved line that touches the head. The line on top is a straight diagonal line.

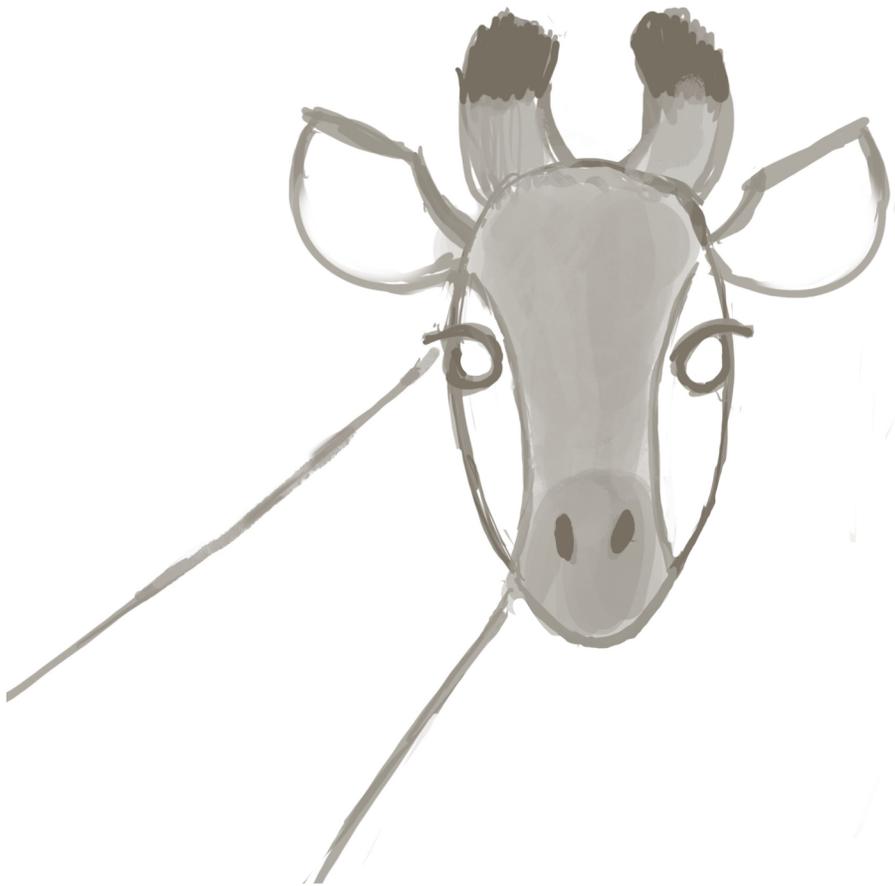
6. To create the lower part of the ear, draw a curved line from the tip of the diagonal line back to the head.



7. Draw in the eyes just under the ears on the top half of the head. Giraffes have long eyelashes, so you can draw these too.



8. Time to add the long neck! The neck is made with two straight diagonal lines. Start one line near the eye. The other line starts near the nose. The neck becomes wider as it gets closer to the body. You can show this by drawing the lines further apart as you move down the neck.



9. Shade in the nose and the horns. Make the tops of the horns darker.

Add two small lines for the nostrils on the nose. .

10. Color in the eyes. Be sure to leave a white spot for the catchlight. This is the sunlight that is reflecting off the eye.

Draw a few spots on the sides of the giraffe's face. These do not have to be symmetrical (the same on both sides.)





11. To finish the head, add some dark shadows to the inside of the ears.



12. Time to add the spots on the neck! Spots on a giraffe aren't circles -- they are all kinds of unusual shapes.

Fun Fact: The spot patterns on giraffes are similar to human fingerprints -- they are unique to each giraffe.



13. Once you're satisfied with the spot pattern, color them in!



14. Add the mane!  
Draw lots of short lines along the top of the giraffe's neck. Overlapping the lines will make the mane look thicker.

