

How to Draw PRINCESSES

DISNEY

Disney princesses can be found in a fairy-tale castle, an enchanted wood, a French countryside, a desert kingdom—even under the sea! Although their stories may be similar—overcoming problems to reach "happily ever after"—each princess brings something special to her tale. Over the years, that "something special" has changed, but the beauty and love that shine in each princess have always remained the same.

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Getting Started



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graphite pencil and paper

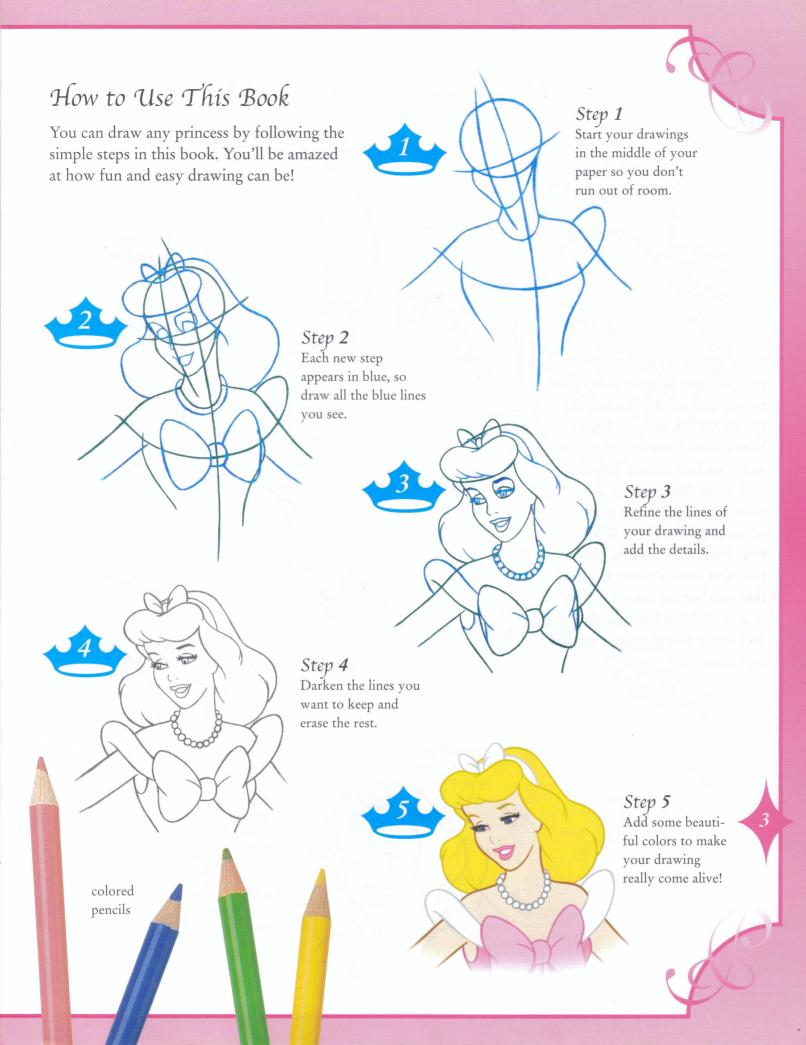
Tools and Materials

You'll want to gather a few simple supplies to create your own Disney princesses world. Try starting with a graphite pencil, so you can easily erase any mistakes (don't forget to grab an eraser too!). Then you can add color with markers, crayons, colored pencils, watercolor, or acrylic paint. It's up to you!

eraser

felt-tip markers

paintbrush and paints



Snow White

Snow White is a beautiful young princess who is badly mistreated by her wicked stepmother, the Queen. When creating Snow White, Walt Disney decided to make his first feature princess look more like a pretty "girl next door" than like a glamorous princess. Snow White does have rose-red lips, ebony hair, and skin as white as snow that win her the title of "fairest one of all." But her rounded face and figure also show her youth and innocence.



is drawn with soft curves

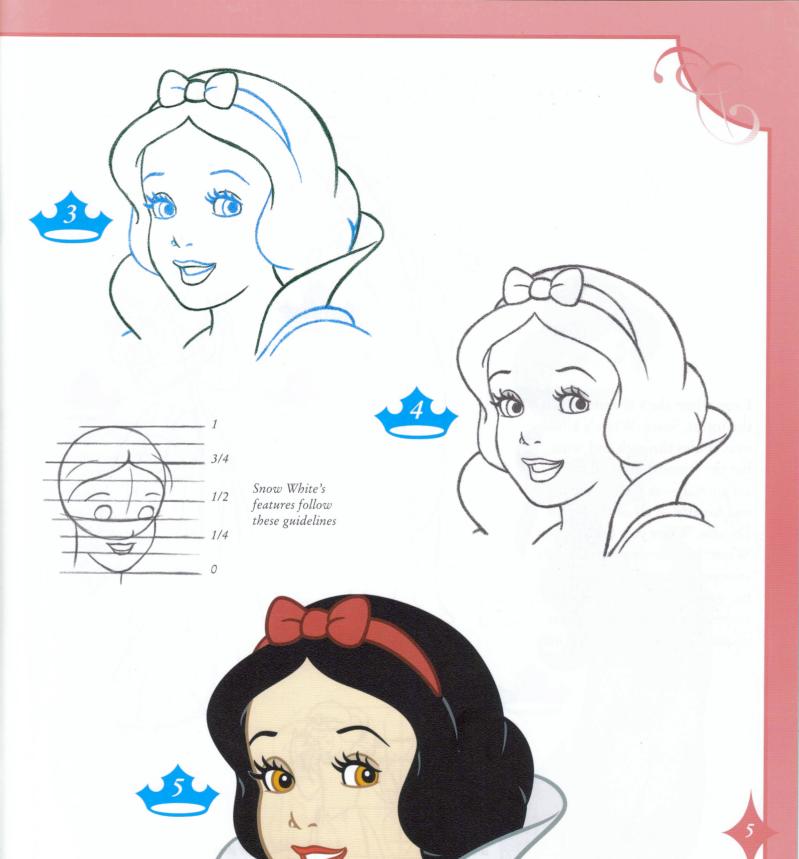
Snow White's hair

eyelashes curl out from her eyelids

top lip is thinner than bottom lip 5

NO! bridge of Snow White's nose not seen unless in profile (side view)





Snow White

Even when she's abandoned in the forest, Snow White's kindness shines through and wins her the friendship of all the forest animals—as well as the love and loyalty of all of the Seven Dwarfs. When you draw Snow White, be sure to show the soft, sweeping lines in her dress and the gentle arm movements that emphasize her cheerful, sweet disposition and her joy for life.

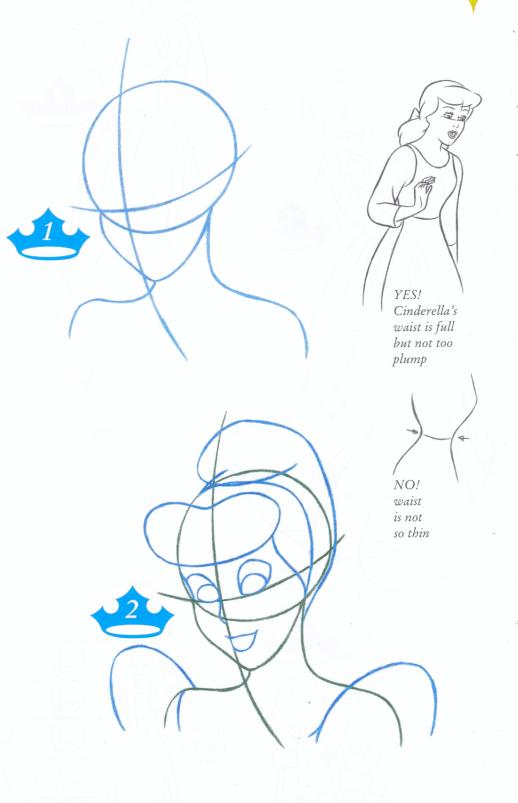


Snow White's hands are rounded and soft like this not sharp and pointed like this NO! skirt draw the legs YES! skirt is wider is too close as a guide, even though they're than hips to hips covered by skirt feet are small and delicate



Cínderella

Cinderella's story seems much like Snow White's at first: Cinderella is treated badly by her stepfamily, but she overcomes all to win the love of a prince. She is also as pretty as can be, whether she appears as a simple house maiden with her hair pulled back or as a glamorous ball guest with her hair swept up. Still, Cinderella is a very different kind of princess than Snow White is. Whereas Snow White wishes and waits for her love to appear, Cinderella wills her dreams to come true, and she goes to find her Prince Charming at the ball.

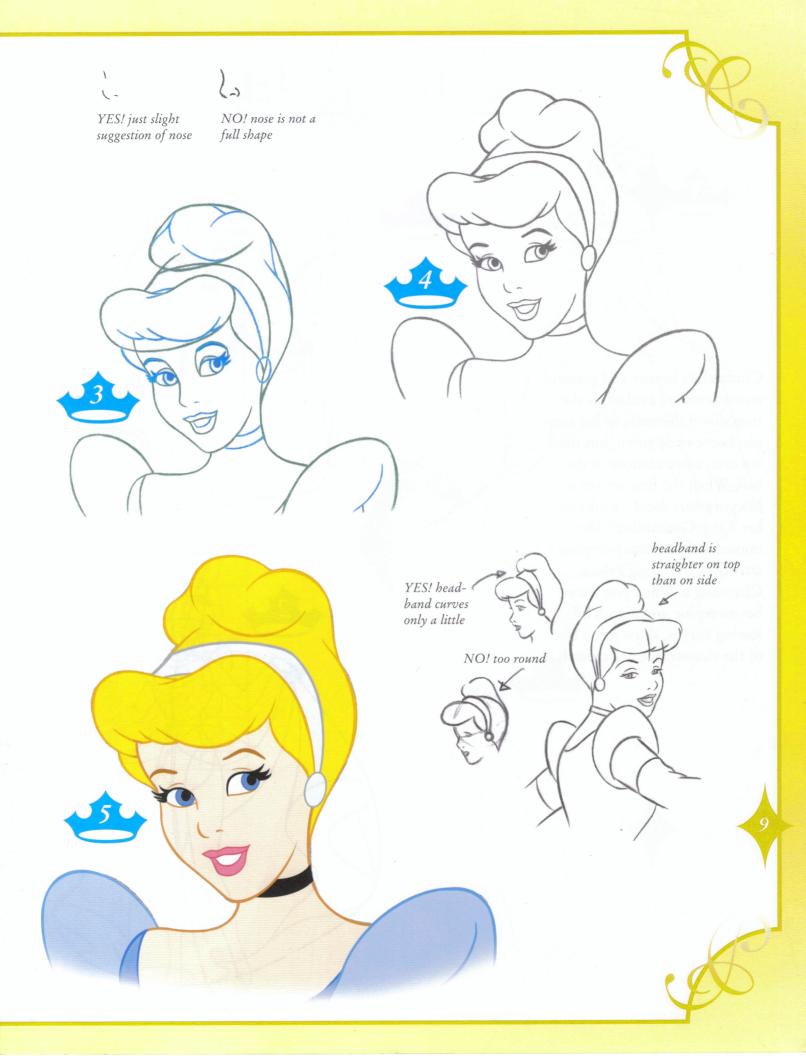


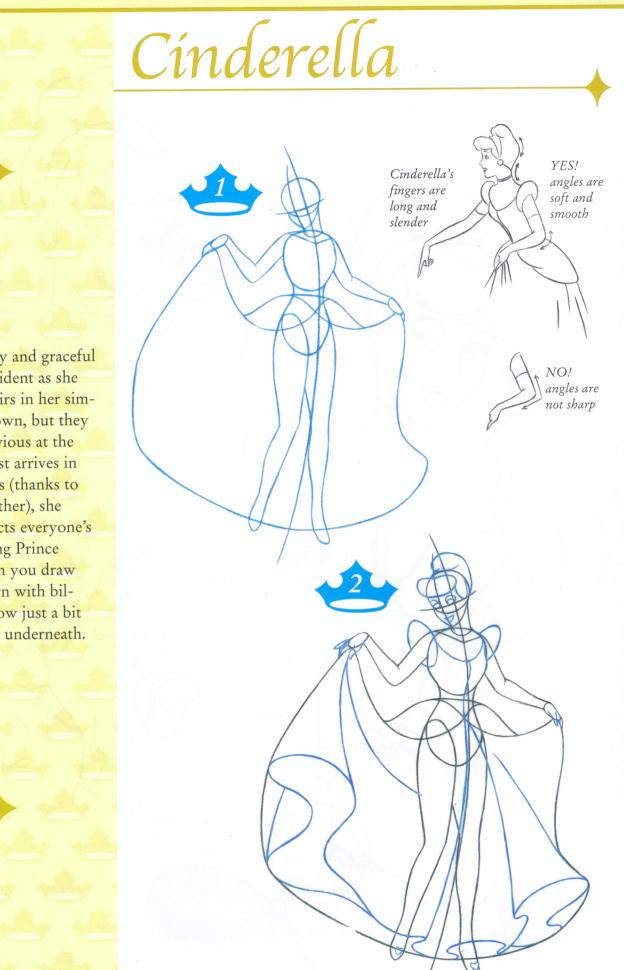


Cinderella has almond-shaped eyes

YES! eyelids have slight S-curve

NO! not droopyavoid sad eyes





Cinderella's beauty and graceful movements are evident as she runs down the stairs in her simple, homemade gown, but they are even more obvious at the ball. When she first arrives in her gorgeous dress (thanks to her Fairy Godmother), she immediately attracts everyone's attention, including Prince Charming's. When you draw her sweeping gown with billowing curves, show just a bit of the elegant lace underneath.











NO! not straight down the back of head





YES! eyes end in pointed corners and have one thick eyelash



NO! not round don't draw individual lashes



When Aurora is awakened from her sleep by a kiss from Prince Phillip, she is saved from the curse placed upon her at birth—and she gets to marry her true love! Now when she dances with her prince in the palace, her simple dress is exchanged for a lovely gown, and a beautiful tiara replaces

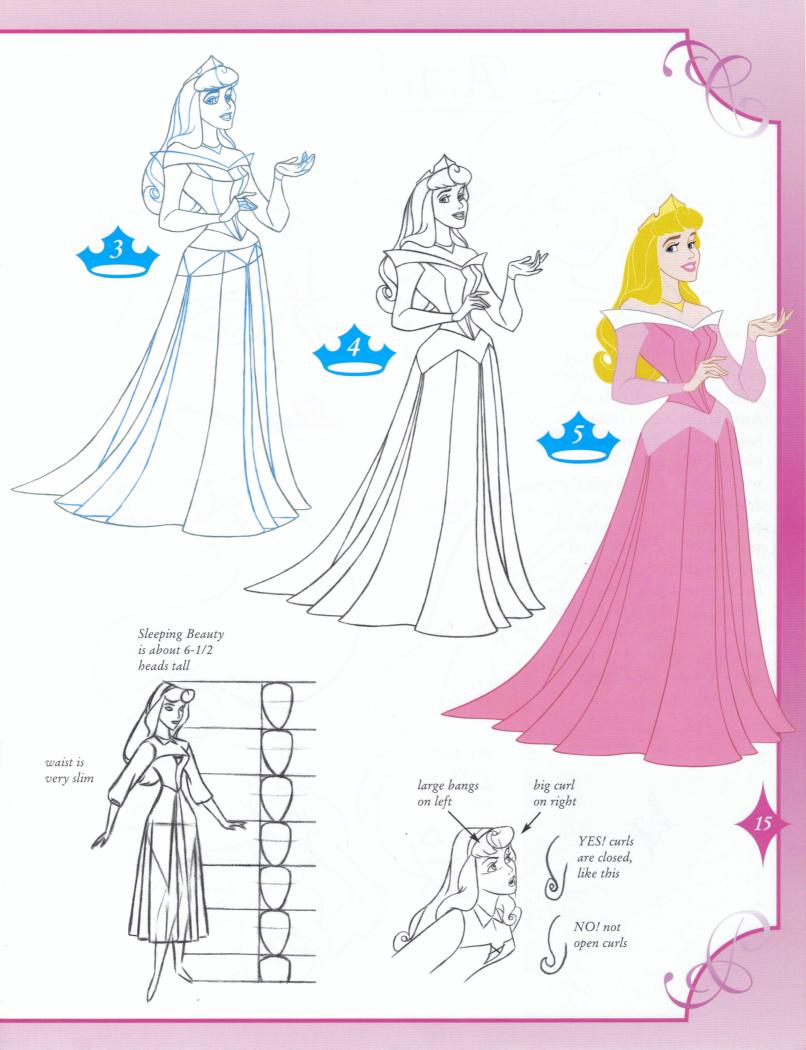
exchanged for a lovely gown, and a beautiful tiara replaces her plain headband. Use long, slightly curved lines for her skirt to show how regal this princess has become.

> when she dances, hair swings out like this



Sleeping Beauty

Sleeping Beauty's hair curls like this at the back



Ariel

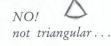
In many ways, The Little Mermaid's Ariel starts out as a very different character from Snow White, Cinderella, or Aurora. She is a confident, headstrong, and passionate teenager who knows exactly what she wants-and will do anything to get it. In fact, she is a princess among princesses, with no fewer than six royal sisters! Ariel lives with her sisters and her father, King Triton, under the sea in Atlantica. And her wavy red hair—a new hair color for a Disney princessflows with the currents in her underwater kingdom.

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YES! Ariel's bangs pouf out over her forehead

NO! hair doesn't cover face B

YES! Ariel's eyes are wedgeshaped



... nor round

YES! lips are smooth curves

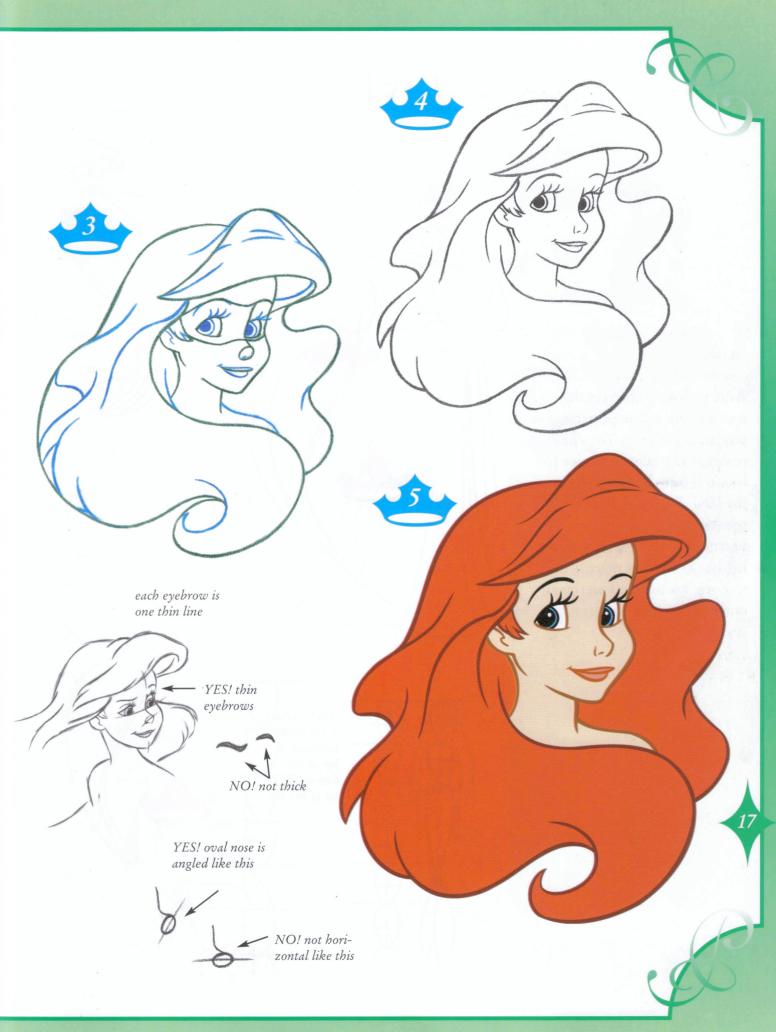
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hair billows

underwater

out, especially

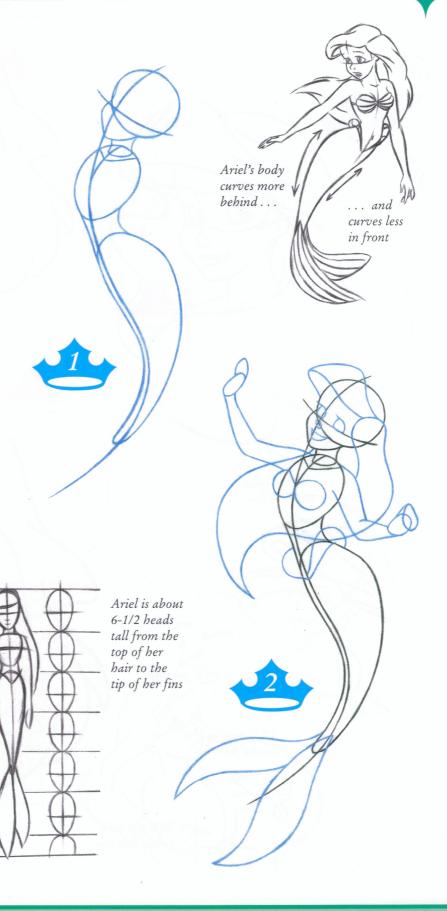
NO! there's no "dimple" on top lip

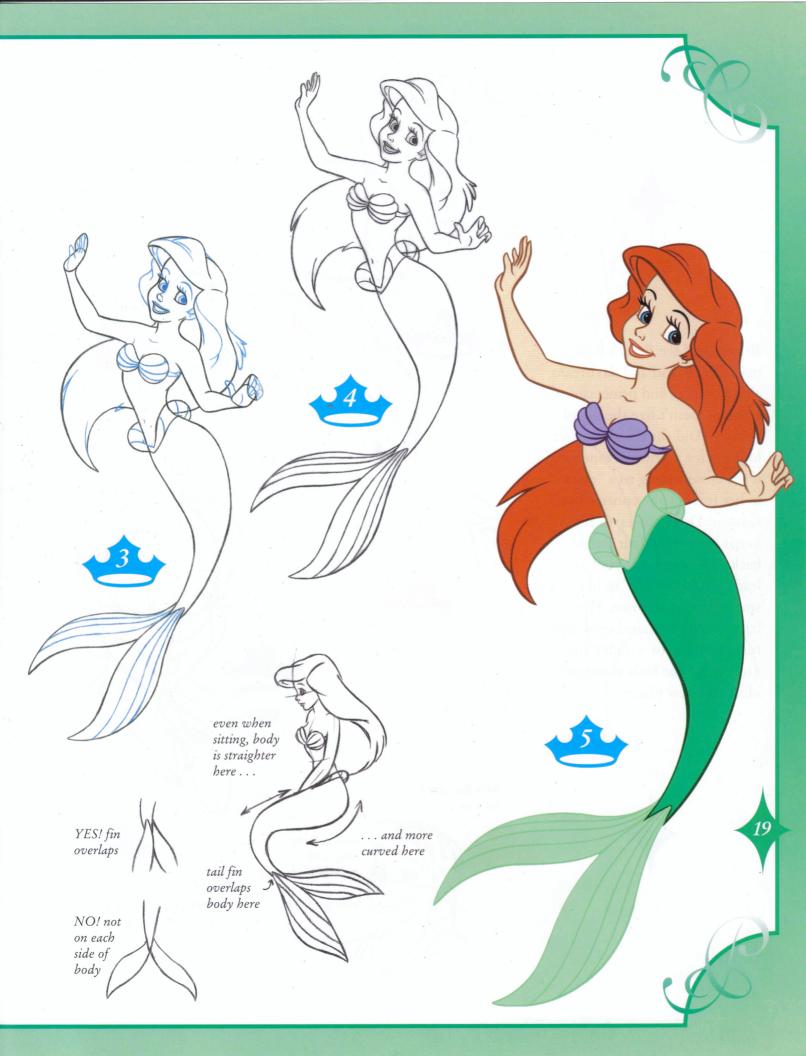




Ariel probably changes the most of any of the princesses physically, at least. To get her prince, she trades her voice for legs and feet so she can live on the land. But even without speaking, she's able to win the heart of Prince Eric. Try drawing her as we first meet her, wearing her seashell mermaid outfit and swimming freely under the sea.

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Beauty and the Beast's Belle may like to read and daydream about princes and princesses, but she doesn't live the life of royalty. And she certainly isn't looking for a prince-especially if the closest thing to a "prince" in her town is the conceited Gaston! Down-to-earth Belle keeps her brown hair pulled back in a simple ponytail as she leads a "normal life" in her small, provincial town. Her large, almond-shaped eyes capture the sense of wonder and excitement she feels about new ideas and new places.

> Belle has simple features

Relle



nose is fairly long with defined bridge

thin upper lip

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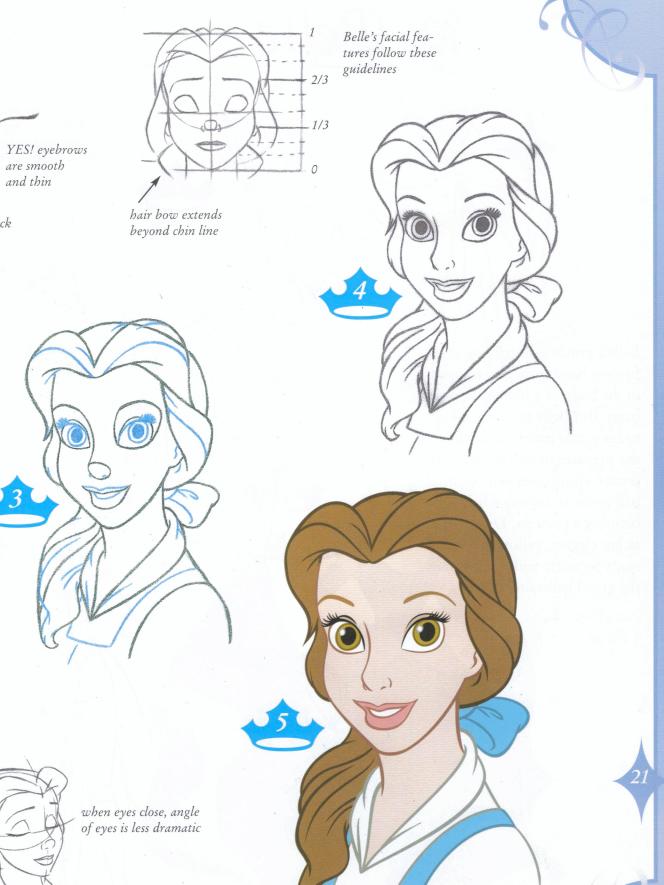
YES! upper lip is thinner than lower lip

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YES! angle Belle's eyes have slight angles angle

smooth oval

NO! not



NO! not thick or angular







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Belle's prince is horrifying at first—a handsome man trapped in the body of a hideous-looking beast. But Belle soon warms up to his gentle nature, and when she prepares to join the Beast for dinner, she dresses in a beautiful ball gown and wears a hair style befitting a princess. Draw Belle in her elegant, yellow gown, ready to waltz with the Beast in the grand ballroom.

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in ponytail, hair is pulled close to head when worn down, Belle's hair is drawn with simple shapes that wrap around her head

YES! hair curves around head

NO! no straight line across head





Like Aurora, Aladdin's Jasmine is about to have her fateful 16th birthday at the beginning of her story. But while Aurora's fairy "aunts" kept hopeful princes away, Jasmine's father hopes that his daughter will marry one of the many princes who come to see her. But Jasmine has other ideas. She would rather marry for love—and she chooses the handsome, young street thief, Aladdin. Jasmine's dramatic features emphasize her exotic beauty, making her unique among the Disney princesses.



Jasmine's eyes have gentle slant, like cat's eyes



YES! eyes follow bottom of guideline circle



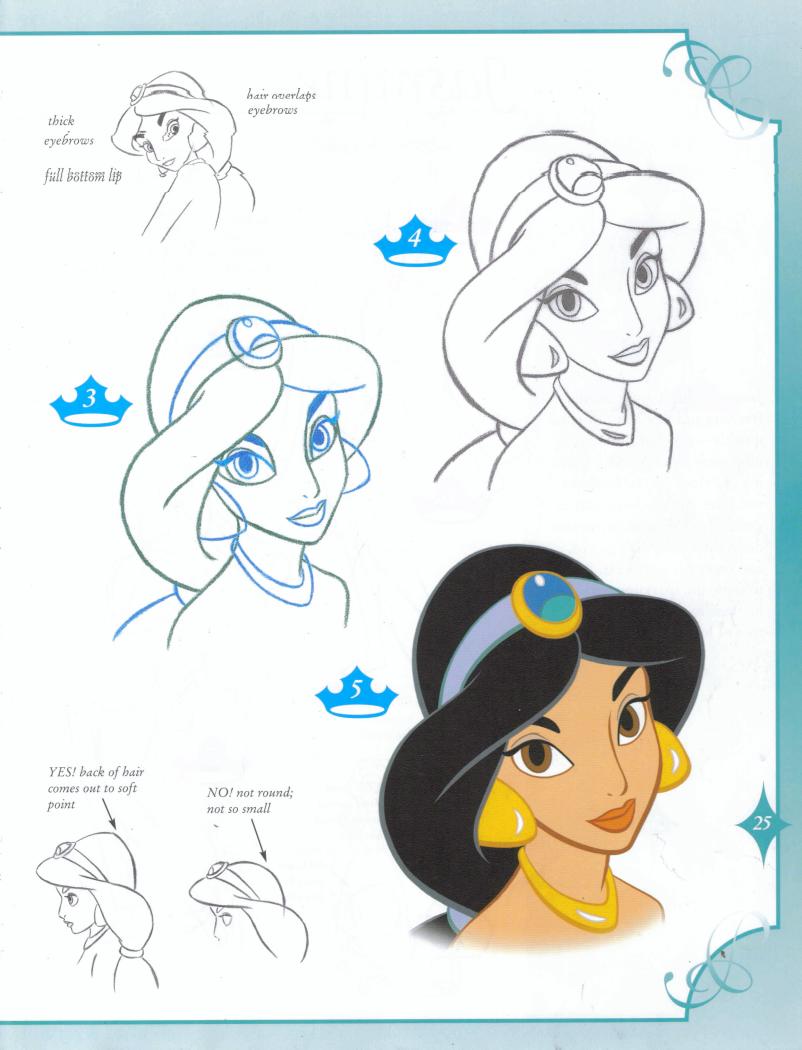


eyes are about 1 eye-width apart[.]

Jasmine has almondshaped eyes



bottom of eye has rounder curve



Jasmíne

Jasmine's outfit gives her the freedom and flexibility to move quickly—whether she is running away from Aladdin (posing as Prince Ali) or from the evil Jafar. But she looks just as graceful as the other princesses do in their fancy ball gowns, and every bit a princess. Be sure to draw the sparkling jewel in her headband and the curled toes of her delicate slippers. Jasmine's arms are slender and graceful

elbows fall at waist line



YES! headband curves around head like this NO! not straight like this



Tinker Bell

Tinker Bell is both a loyal friend and an overprotective fairy when it comes to Peter Pan. And she has an impish presence all her own. Wherever she goes, a trail of pixie dust follows, and her voice sounds like the tinkling of tiny bells. Tinker Bell's pixie look is carried through in her hair style: Her bangs hang low on her forehead, and she wears a little bun on top of her head.



YES! Tinker Bell's eyes are slightly tilted but still have rounded shape

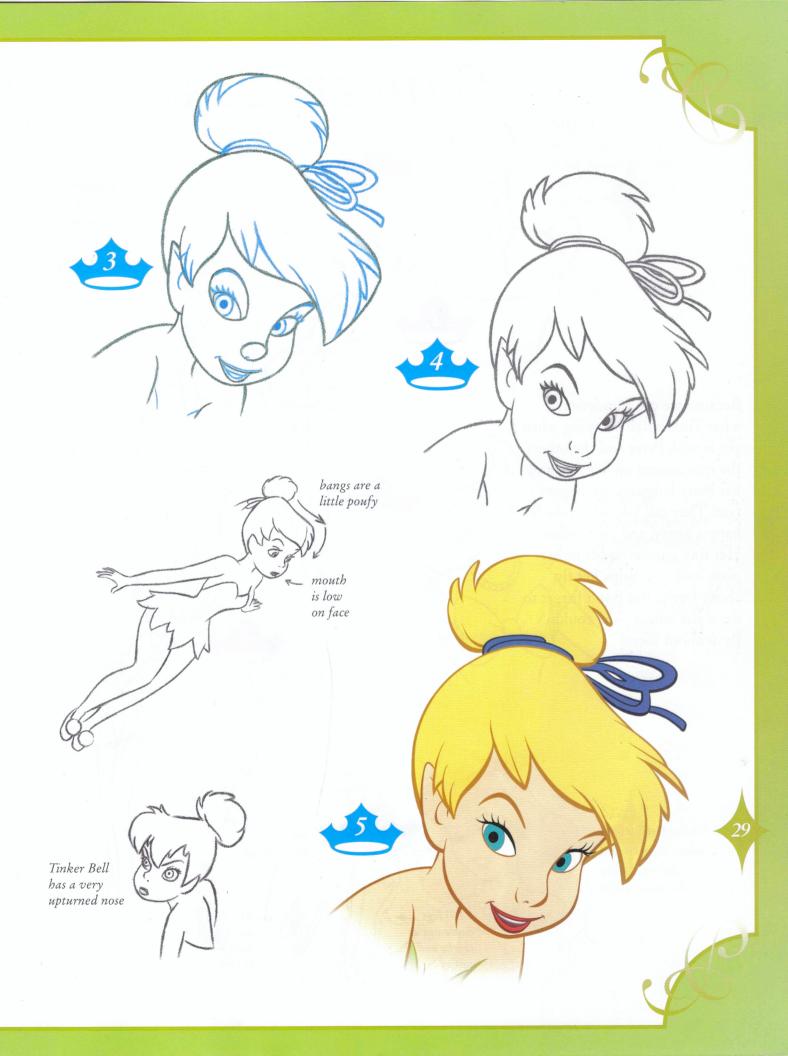


NO! not narrow ovals; no pointed corners

YES! flat on top

NO! not round





Tinker Bell

Tinker Bell is about 4-1/2 heads tall

Because we can't understand what Tinker Bell is saying when she is with Peter and the others, the expressions on her face and her body language are important: They tell you when she is happy, angry, and even jealous. Her tiny costume adds to her pixie look and helps her fly about freely. But don't forget to draw her wings—she couldn't fly without them!

YES! legs

thighs and

calves

body is heavier on bottom than on top

> - NO! legs don't taper from thick to thin













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