

Drawing an object begins with some basic shapes. Look around and you'll see them in everything.



Squares, Rectangles & Cubes



Circles, Ovals, & Spheres



Triangles, Cones & Pyramids



Curves & lines to connect the shapes

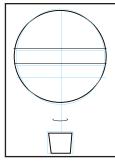


Use the shapes to draw anything, like this house.

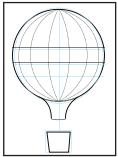
Let's Draw a Hot Air Balloon!

Start your drawing with very light pencil lines and darken them later. Use the light blue lines in the examples as a guide.

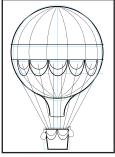
Step 1
Draw a circle with two lines through the middle. Add a rectangle with a wide top underneath the circle. Add a curved line between the circle and the rectangle for the balloon neck.



Step 2
Draw curved lines
inside the circle.
The lines should get
straighter toward the
center of the circle.
Add curved lines to
connect the bottom of
the balloon.



Step 3
Add half circles
across the middle
of the circle and the
rectangle basket.
Draw straight lines to
connect the basket
with the balloon. Add
small ovals to the
basket for sandbags.



Now you have your drawing. Darken the lines you want to keep and gently erase any you don't want. Your balloon is ready to be colored.

