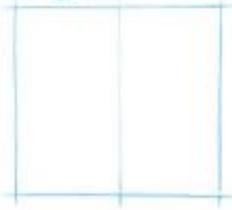


How to Draw a Tea Cup (Beginning)

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(The newer sketch lines will be in blue, the older sketch lines will be in gray.)

Step 1



Step 1. The main point of this lesson is to get better at drawing ovals. Ovals are hard, and it takes a lot of practice to get good at them! Cups and saucer plates are great examples of oval shapes to draw. Start with a basic square and divide it down the center.

Step 2



Step 2. Here's the fun part - sketch horizontal lines to place your oval shapes on. It's easier if you start at the top and bottom of the ovals first, then round out the sides. Use a real tea cup (or coffee cup) and saucer plate to look at so you can follow the shape of the ovals better. Erase and re-sketch your ovals if you need to (remember it takes practice to draw good oval shapes). Add a handle and straight, vertical sides for the cup.

It can be frustrating at first to freehand your oval shapes, but round shapes are everywhere and we need to get good at drawing round objects in art.

Step 3



Step 3. Once you have step 2 finished, add more oval shapes for the tea in the cup, the saucer plate, and the saucer plate's shadow line

Step 4



Step 4. Add angles to the top of the tea cup, re-shape the handle and add angles to the base of the tea cup.

Step 5



Step 5. Start erasing the guide lines you don't need, and re-draw the outline of the tea cup and saucer. Curve the vertical sides of the tea cup inward a bit to get an interesting looking shape.

Step 6 is how your tea cup should look like without the guide lines.

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Step 6. Smooth out and fix any curves in your ovals or other parts of the tea cup. Now we can begin to shade.

Step 7



Step 7. Shading. Use cross-hatching strokes to gently shade your tea cup and saucer. Darken only the liquid tea. The light source in this drawing is coming from the left side, so place your shadows on the right sides of the tea cup and saucer.

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