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## How to Draw a Bunny: And Other Cute Creatures: with Simple Shapes in 5 Steps

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Drawing cute animals is made straightforward and fun, thanks to Lulu Mayo's *How to Draw a Bunny*.

Leaning on simple shapes—ovals, teardrops, triangles, and hearts—the book introduces an adorable collection of creatures, each of which can be drawn in just five steps. A baby seal, for instance, is composed of an oval with dots for eyes and a heart nose, with the last step of adding color or new details to the design. A koala hugging a flower, a groundhog muffin, lamb sushi, and a llama bunny are among the book's animals.

The book itself is meant to be drawn in; its directions come alongside space for artists to practice and prompts to elicit more creativity: a bird's nest illustration is followed by a page with a tree, a bird carrying a piece of grass, and a portion of a nest with the prompt "Help these birds complete their home. Draw more birds, nests, and trees to complete the scene."

Large, step-by-step drawings make it easy to follow the fanciful designs, and the colorful, cheerful layout is sure to spur delightful drawings. A spirit of fun and silliness pervades, enabling the audience to embrace imperfection and make the designs their own. Kids and adults alike will enjoy these whimsical doodles and can use the book as a springboard for designing their own animals that look like food—or food that looks like animals, or animals that look like other animals.

Though its quirky, sweet critters aren't exactly the type that you'll find in nature, *How to Draw a Bunny* is a relaxed, easy entry point for drawing super cute animals and other creations.

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