



Easy Steps to Drawing a Drake Mallard

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Follow the directions on the next few pages to practice drawing a drake (male) mallard. When you draw the mallard, pay attention to its body shape, feather colors, and the background. For example, what characteristics do you see? It has a green head, a white ring around its neck, and a yellow bill with black tip. These are some of the characteristics that stand out in a mallard.



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Step I: **Basic Body Shape**

- Head Shape
- Body Shape



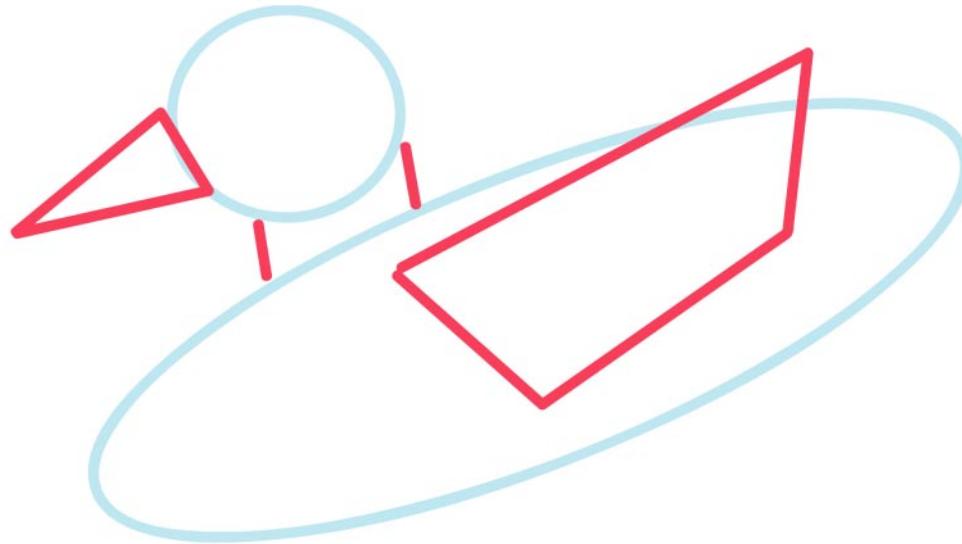
Let's start with the head and body. Draw a circle for the head and an oval shape for the body. You can measure the size of the body by comparing it to the size of the head. The oval shape should be about four "head" sizes in length. Draw the line lightly; this way you do not have to erase it as much.



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Step II: Add Major Features

- Bill
- Wing
- Neck



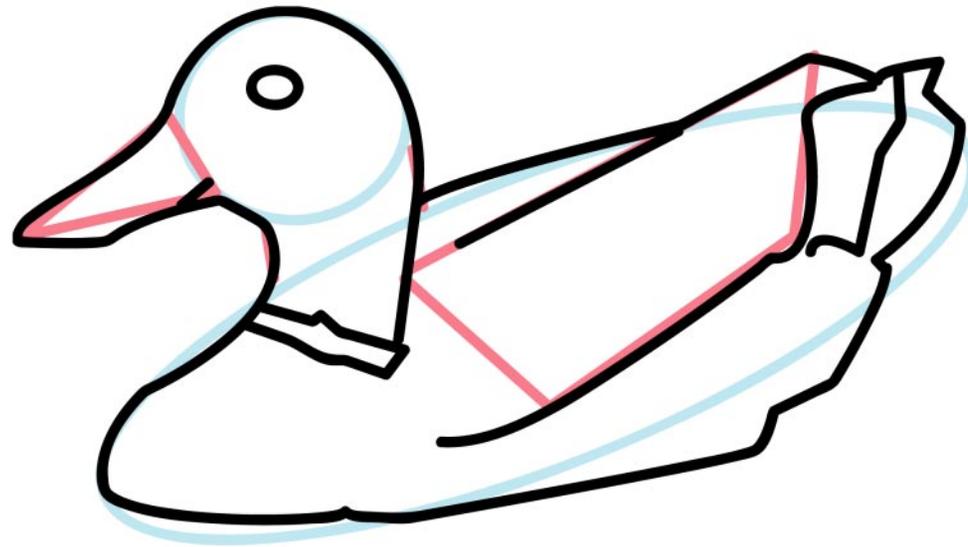
The next step is the bill, a triangle shape, and the wing, a slanted rectangle shape. Draw two lines from the head to the body to make a neck.



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Step III: Shape the Body

- Shape-up the main features of body parts
- Draw the eye



In order to make this mallard look realistic, you are going to shape-up the mallard. Use curved lines to do this. You will also need to add the eye.