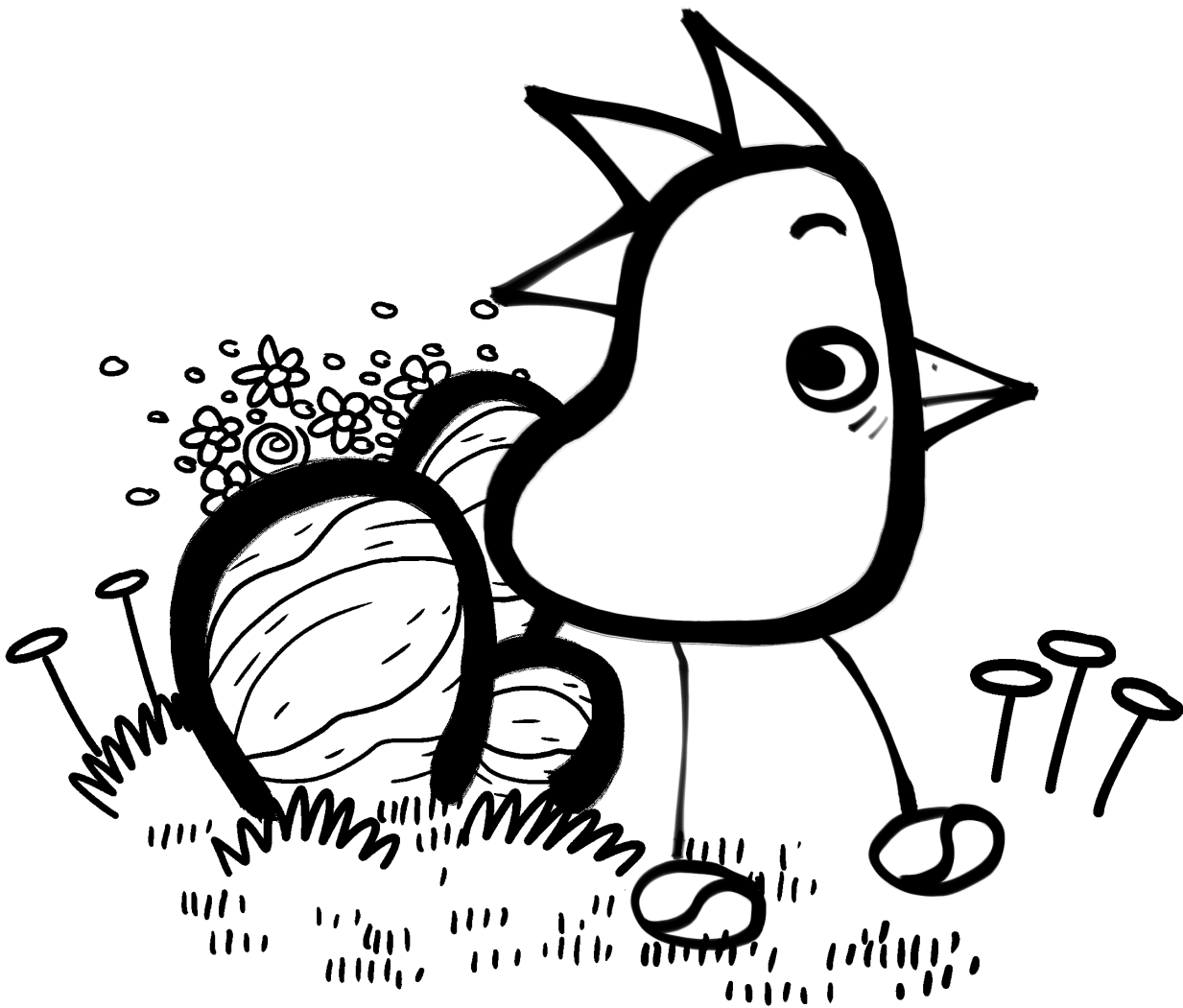


How to draw
GRUMPY BIRD

(and stuff)



by me (Jeremy Tankard)

I thought it would be fun to offer a small guide to my GRUMPY BIRD books, published by Scholastic Press. This is obviously a simplified version of my techniques, but most of it is here.

I make my drawings by combining small groups of things together -- like BIRD (and his friends), some rocks with some grass, some bushes behind them, and some flowers off to the side. It is actually very simple.

In fact it is so simple that almost anyone can learn to do it!

I like to draw with a brush for the thick lines and a pen for the thin ones. Like this:



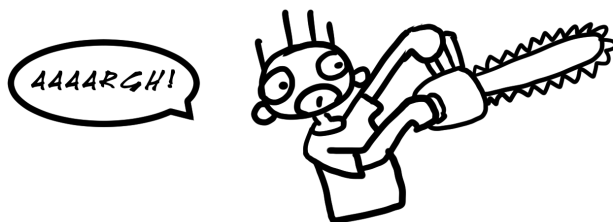
But you could also use a thick marker and a thin one, like this:



Or you could use a pencil, like this (with no thick lines):

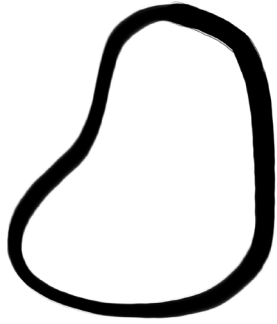


There is no right way to do my drawings. I like to tell people to use whatever tools they like best (but maybe not a chainsaw -- that would be too dangerous).

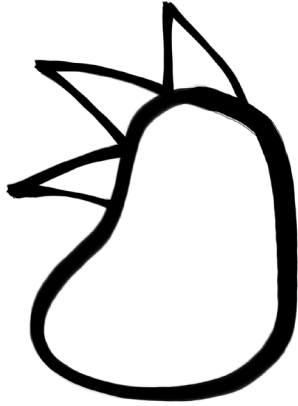


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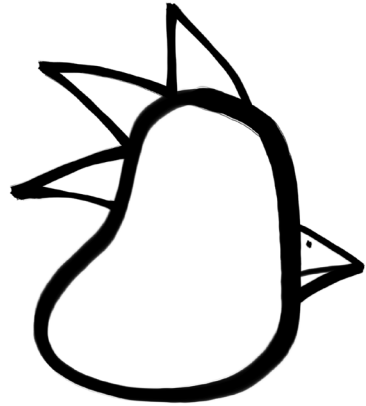
How to draw BIRD



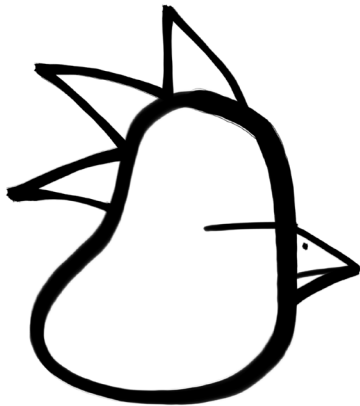
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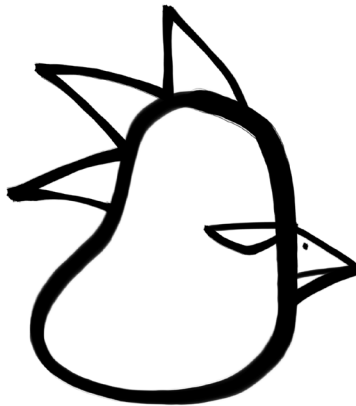
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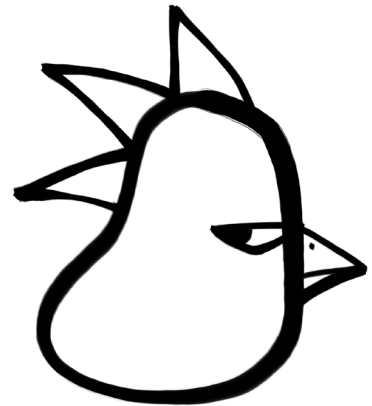
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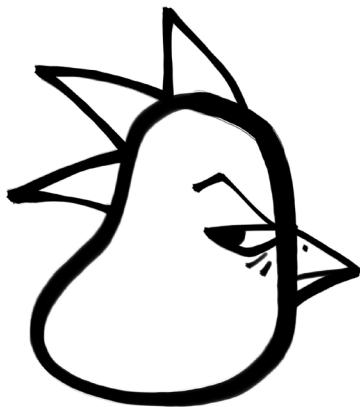
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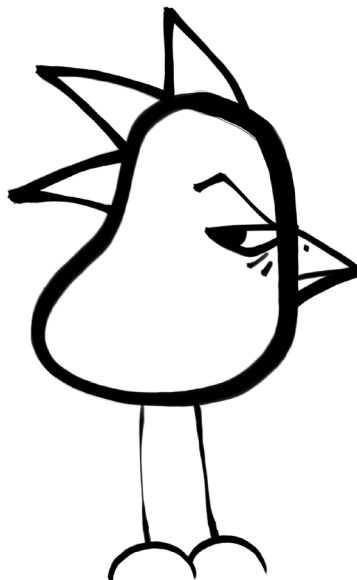
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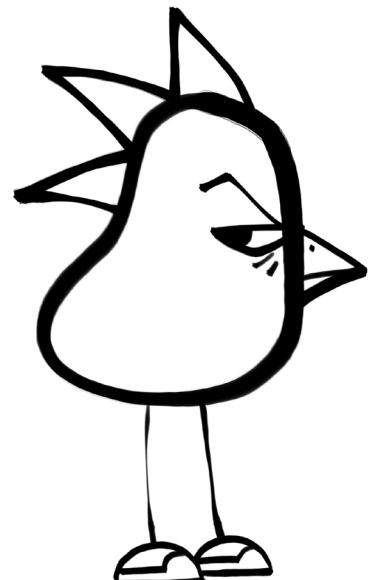
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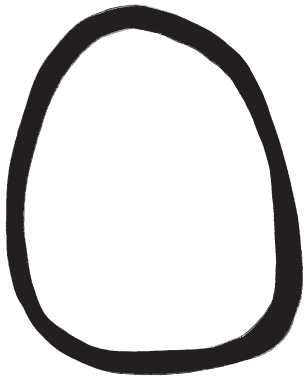


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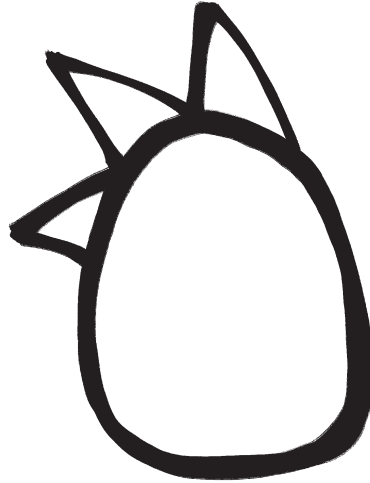


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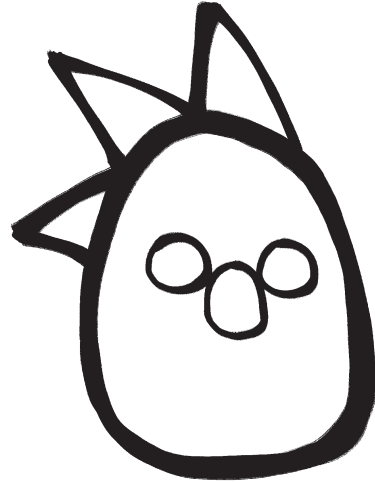
How to draw BIRD (from the front)



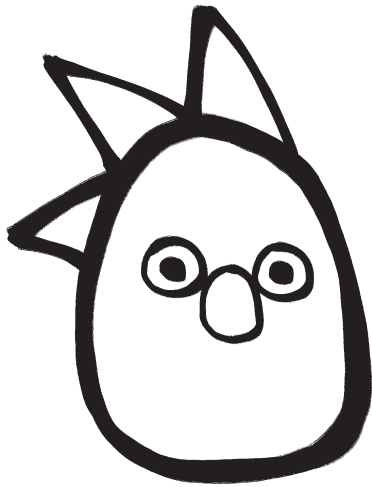
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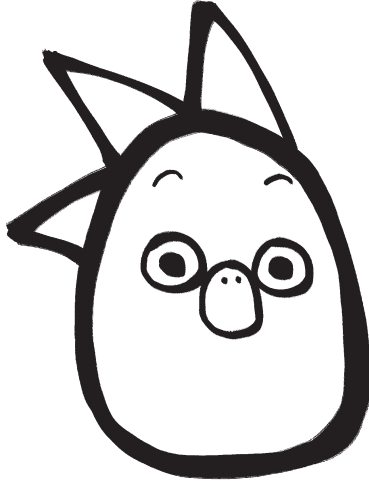
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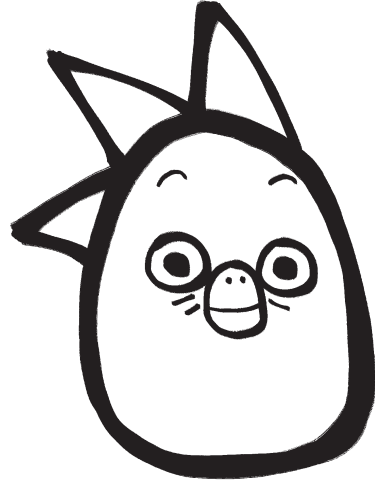
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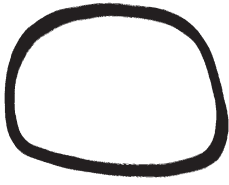


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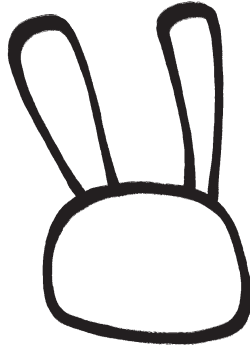


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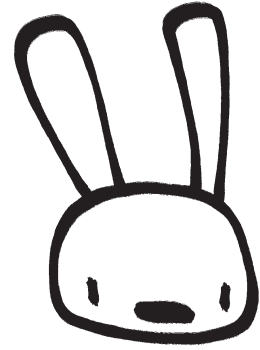
How to draw RABBIT



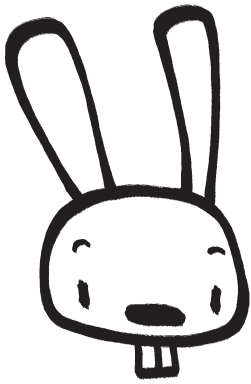
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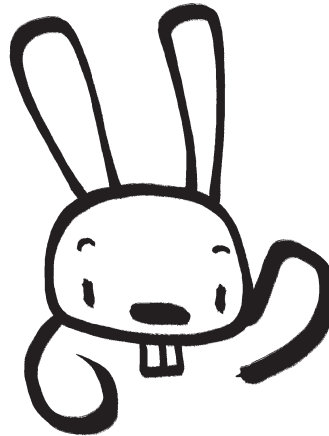
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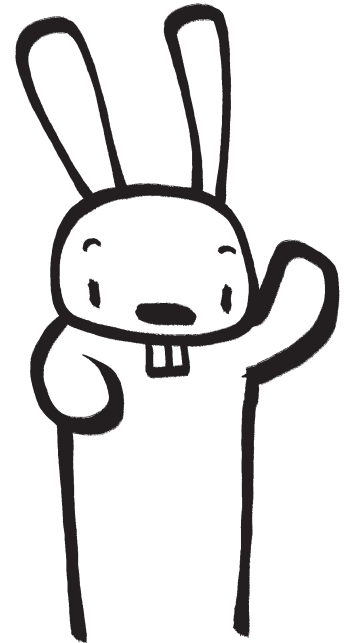
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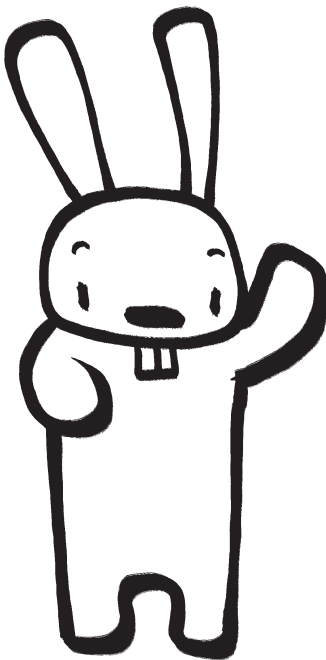
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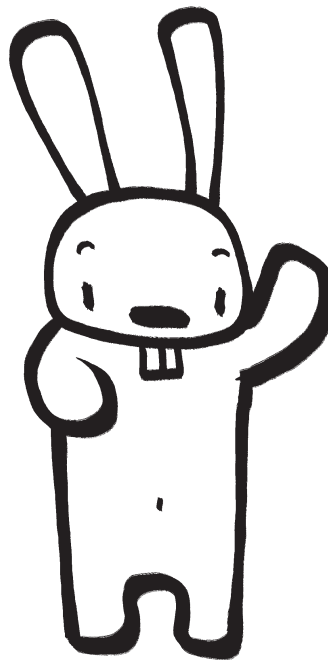
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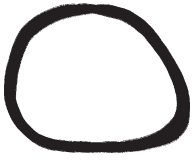


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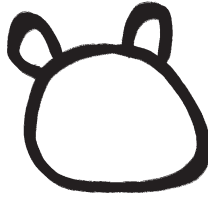


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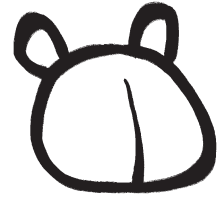
How to draw RACCOON



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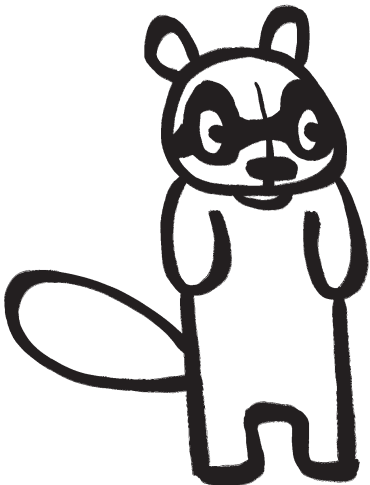
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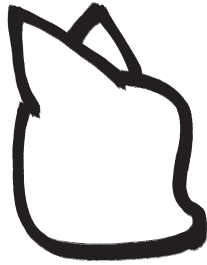
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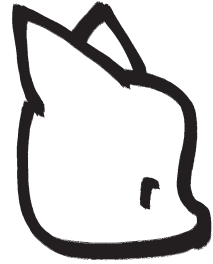
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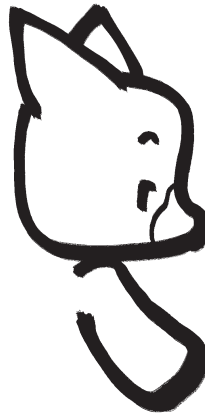
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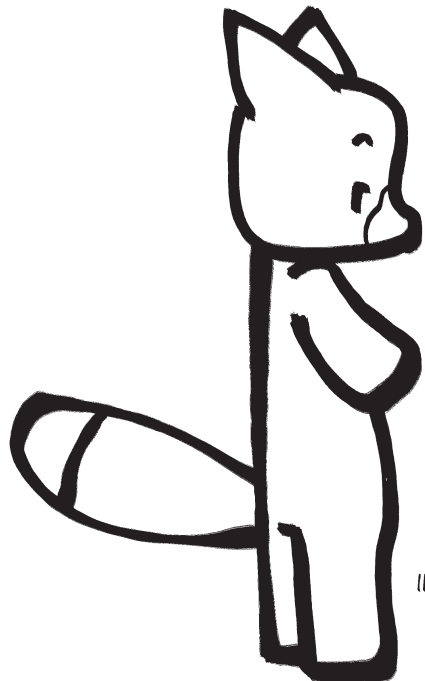
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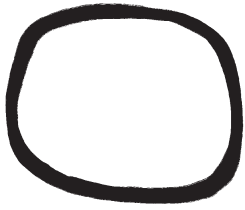


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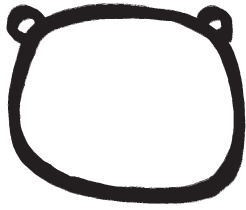


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How to draw BEAVER



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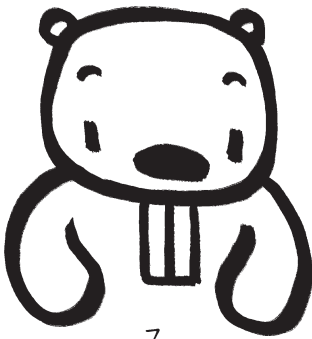
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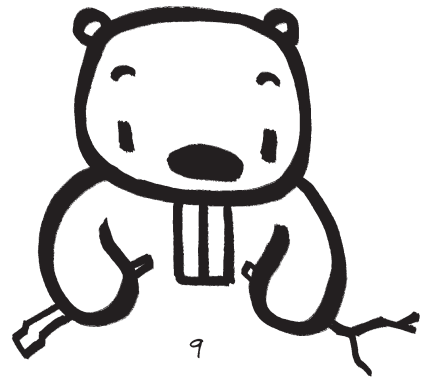
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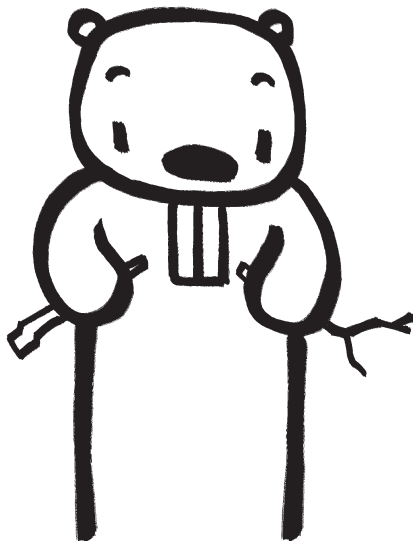
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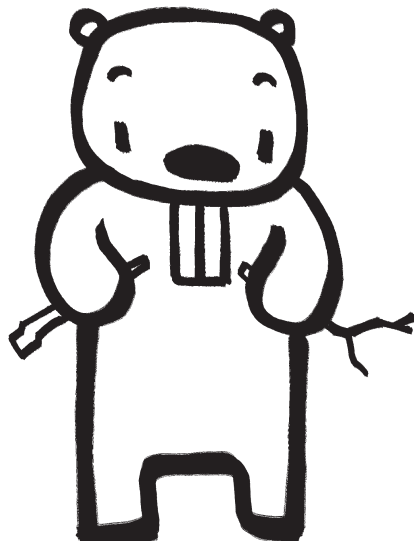
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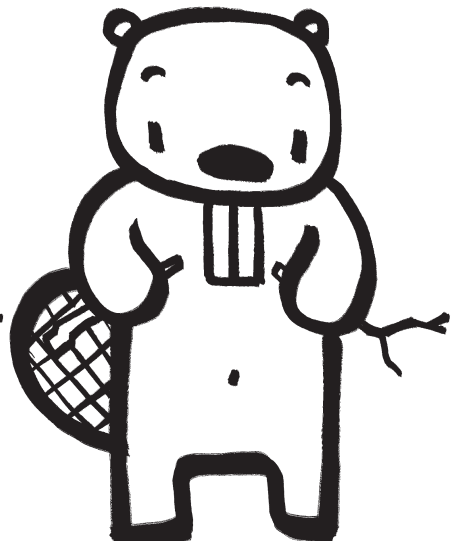
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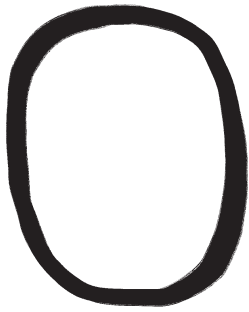


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How to draw SHEEP



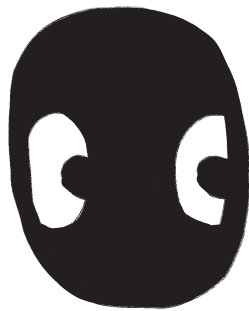
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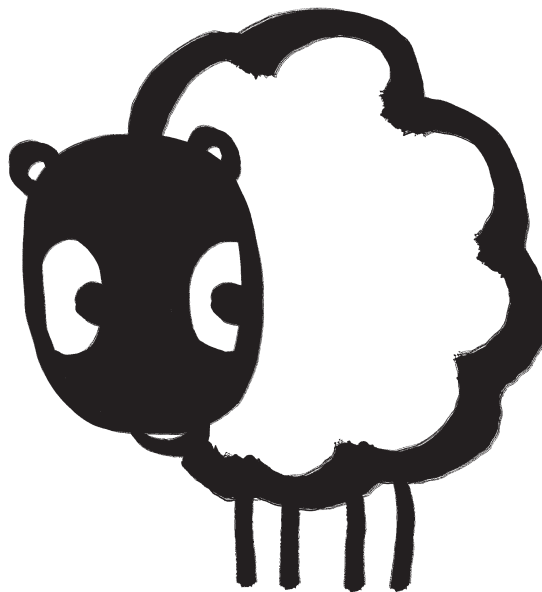
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How to draw GRASS and LITTLE STONES

Grass and stones are the easiest things to draw. For grass just draw a bunch of lines.



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For stones, just draw a bunch of little ovals together.



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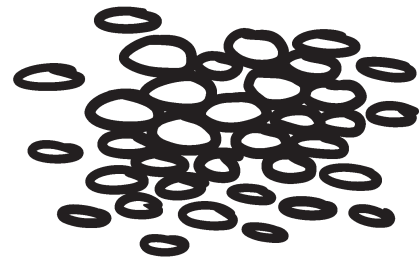
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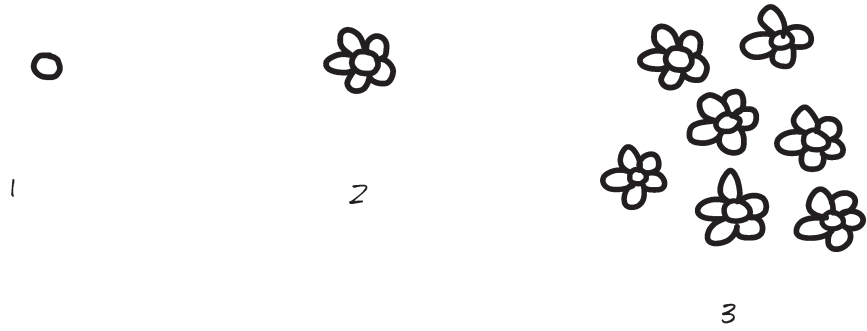


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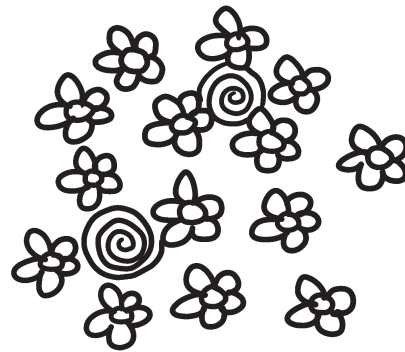


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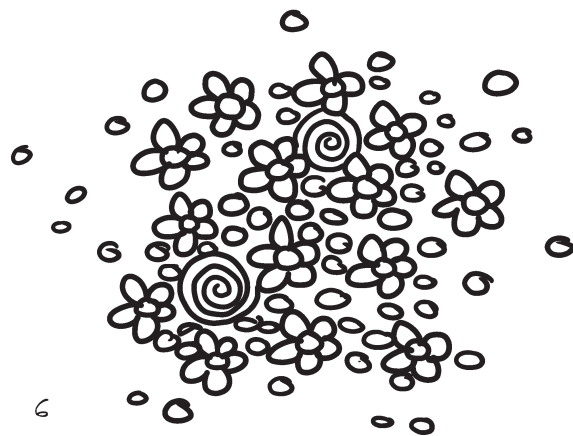
How to draw CLUMPS OF FLOWERS



Draw a couple of spirals amongst the flowers.



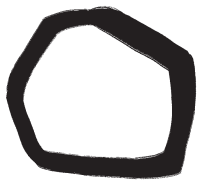
Add some more flowers.



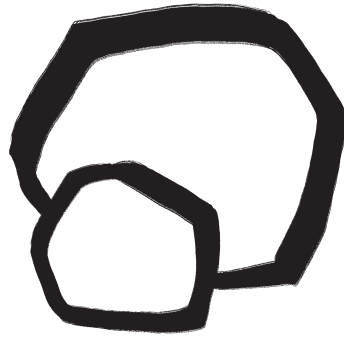
This step is super easy: add some small circles between everything and around the edges.

How to draw ROCKS

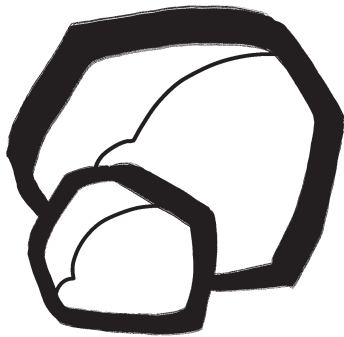
How to draw a couple of rocks. Although you could just draw one rock if that's what you feel like drawing.



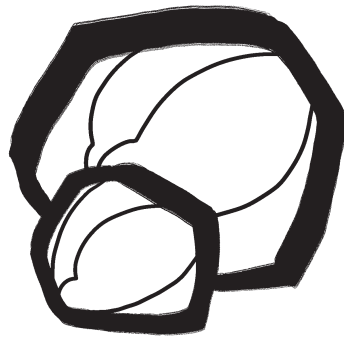
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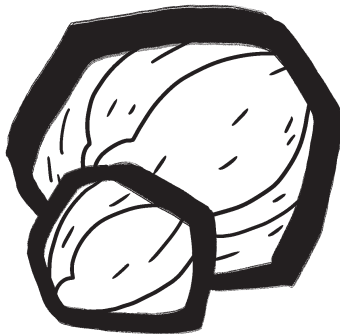
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Just add some more lines in this step -- but not too many!

How to draw ROCKS (continued)

How to draw more rocks!



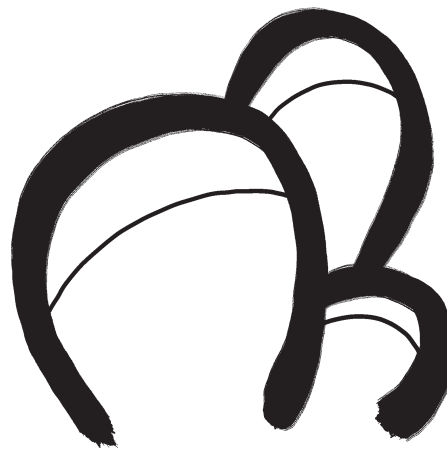
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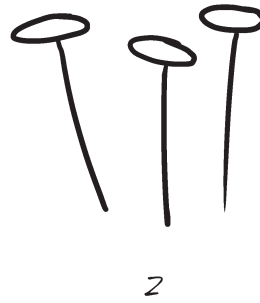


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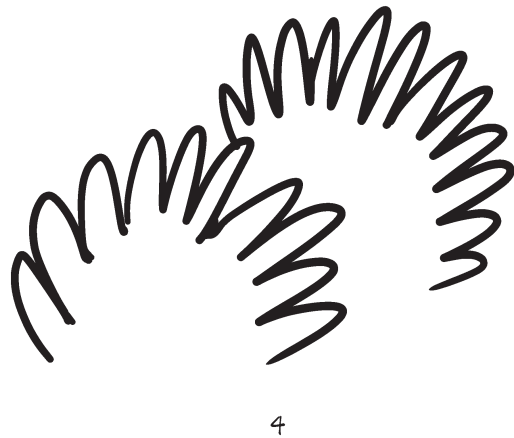
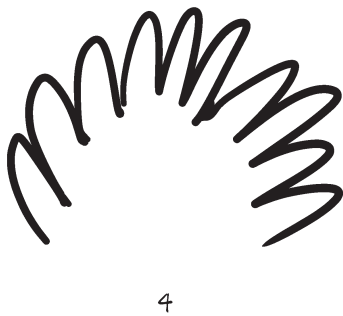
Finally, add a few more lines:
some short and some long.

How to draw FLOWERS and BUSHES

Flowers are very easy. I just draw an oval with a line.



Bushes are just squiggly lines.



How to draw TREE TRUNKS

Tree trunks for
backgrounds!



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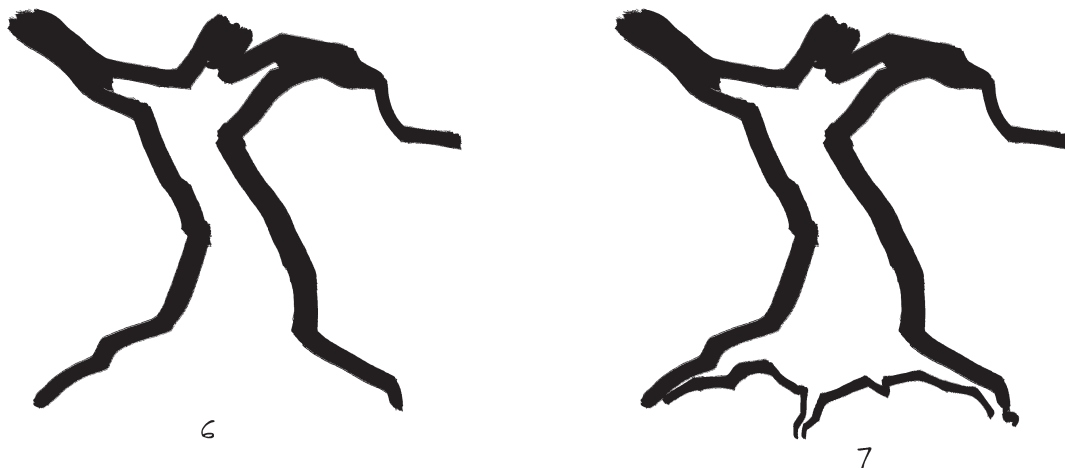
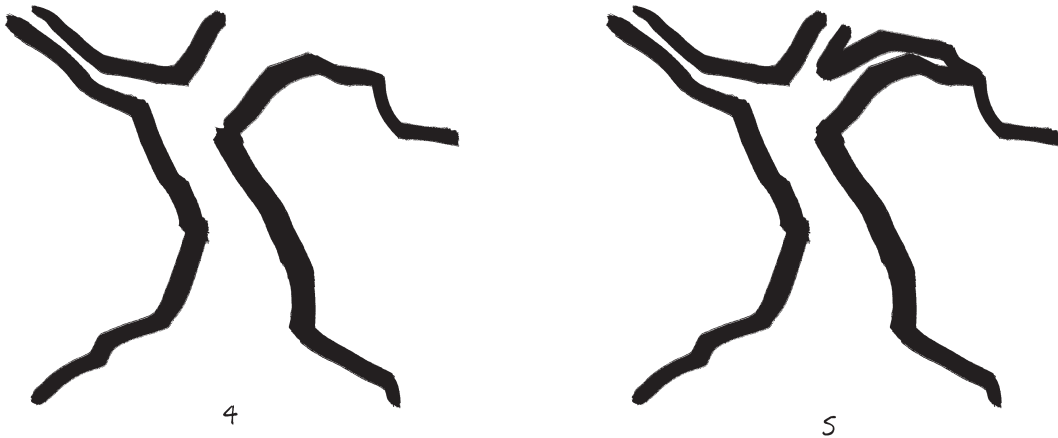
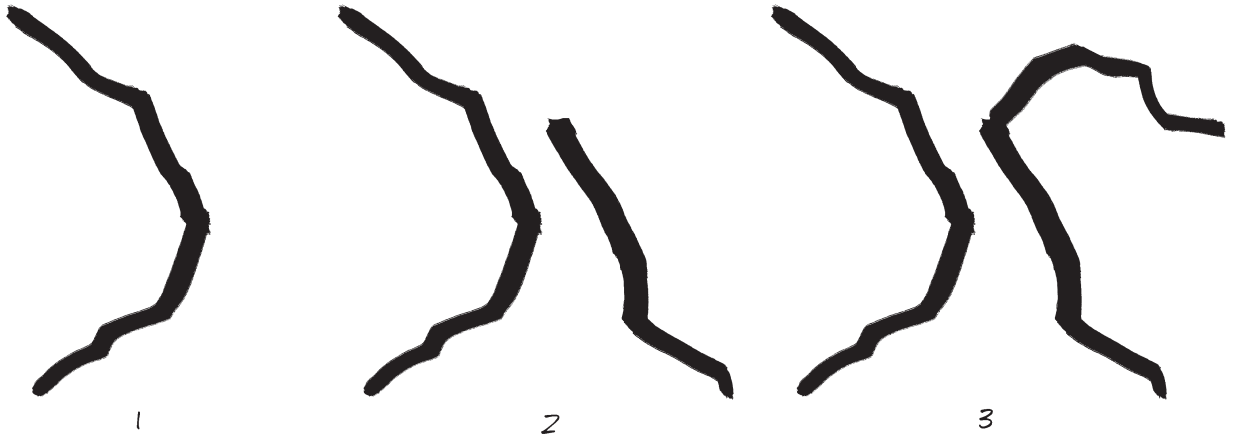
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How to draw A TREE

Trees are a little more difficult but the great thing is that there are no rules about what they should look like -- they could be straight or bent!



How to draw A TREE (continued)



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How to draw a SCENE

Putting it all together is the fun part.

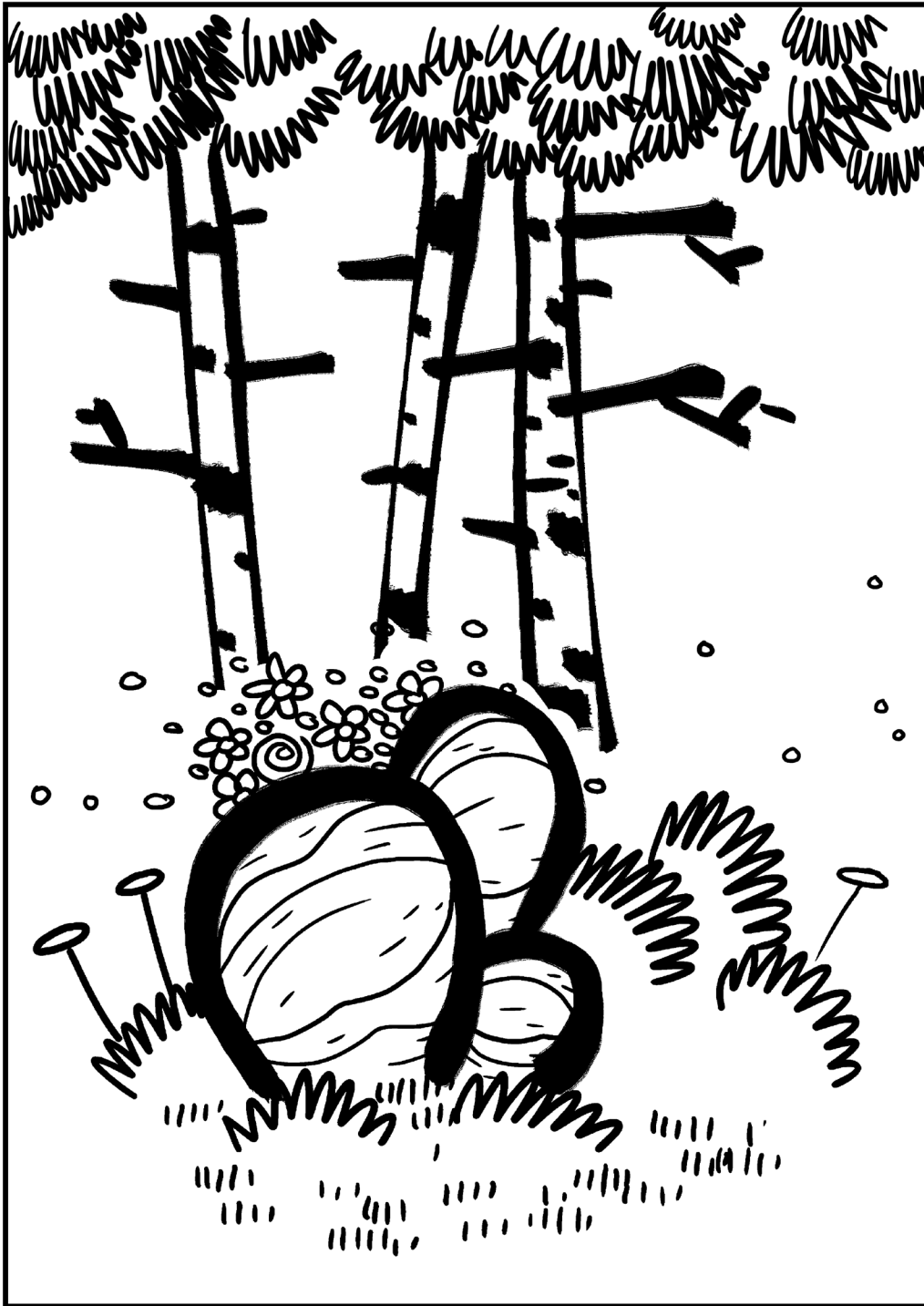


Rocks, grass and bushes.



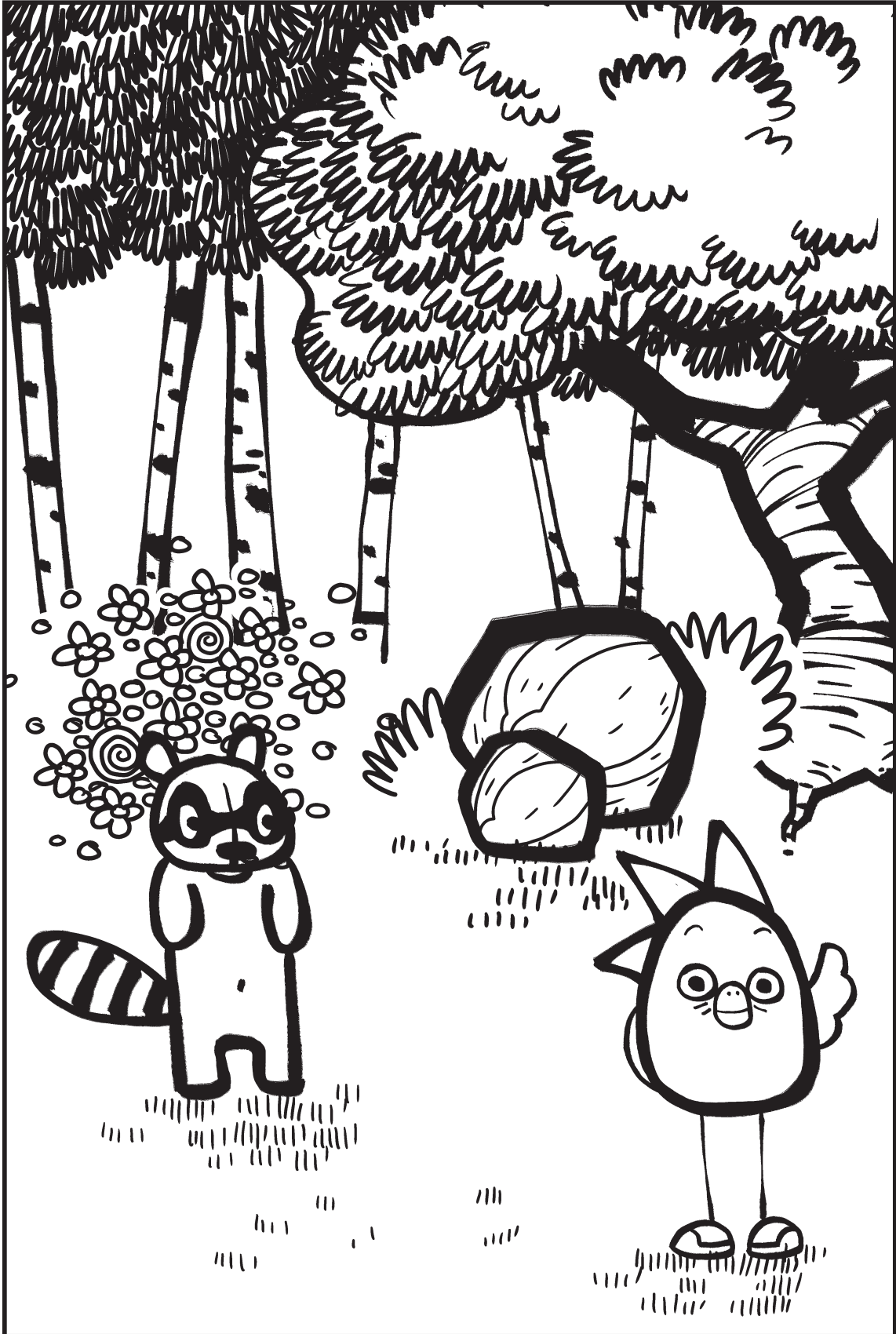
Rocks, grass, bushes and flowers.

How to draw a BIGGER SCENE



Once you have got the hang of drawing the pieces and putting them together you can start to make bigger, more exciting drawings. (For the leaves at the top I drew a bunch of bushes upside down.)

How to draw a scene with CHARACTERS!



Here are a whole bunch of things all put together. Now you try it!
(But try putting it together in a different order than I did)