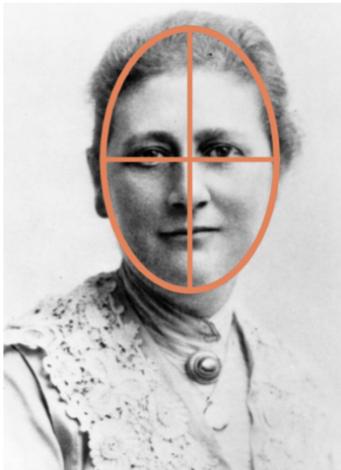




Face & Head Overview

The first thing you notice about a person is their face. Because our face is the first thing others see, it is also the first impression we give; this applies to character design as well. The more you understand the head and its structure, the better your character design will look.

Face/Head Structure:



1. Human head shapes are usually **oval or circular**.
2. Start adding dimension to the flat circle or oval by adding a + (**cross**) wrapped around the face, which will turn the head from a flat oval or circle to a **sphere**.



3. Add more features to the face:
 - a. **Eyes** usually match the horizontal line of the + (cross).
 - b. **Eyebrows** are usually above the eyes and naturally connect to the upper part of the nose.
 - c. **Noses** typically align with the vertical line of the + (cross), and they start at the eyebrow.

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- d. **Ears** usually start from the horizontal line of the + (cross) or beneath the eyes.

The facial features above are the basic general facial structure.

Because humans are not all alike, depending on a person's head shape, eyes, eyebrows, nose, and ears, placement will vary.

Shape Language:



← **Round Shape:** soft, smooth, kind, harmless, much younger in age or much older and less threatening than other shapes.



← **Square Shape:** balanced, grounded, reliable, trustworthy, stubborn and, trustworthy.



← **Triangular Shape:** sharp, dynamic, quick, threatening, and suspicious.

How Do I Start Drawing the Face/Head?



← **Keep things simple with a basic shape.**

ex) oval, square, triangle, long oval, circle, rectangular, upside-down triangle, etc.



← **The top 1/3 of the head can be the hair.**

Depending on whether your character will have a big or small forehead, you'll decide where the hairline should start.



← Add eyes, nose, mouth, and ears to the character.

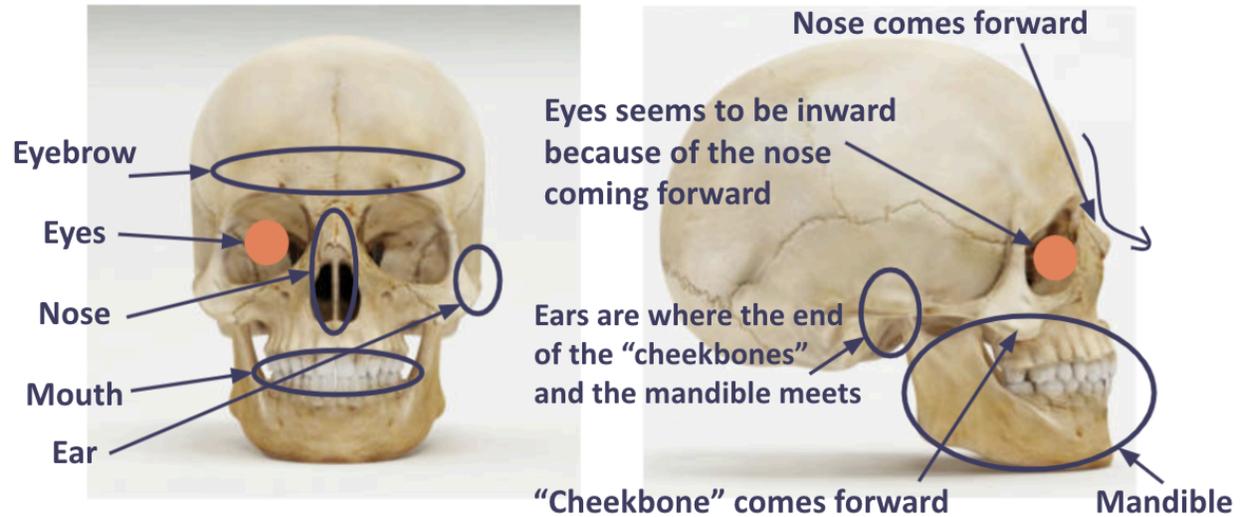
Depending on your character's eyes, nose, mouth, and ears, the shape, size, and design will be different and vary.

ex) Dotted eyes or round eyes with dark, round pupils. Noses can be

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small, rounded, or long-triangular. Mouths can be very tiny, half-circles, or a big mouth that takes up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the face. Ears can be enormous, pointy, or super long.

The Skull Structure (Touch Your Face To Feel Your Skull):



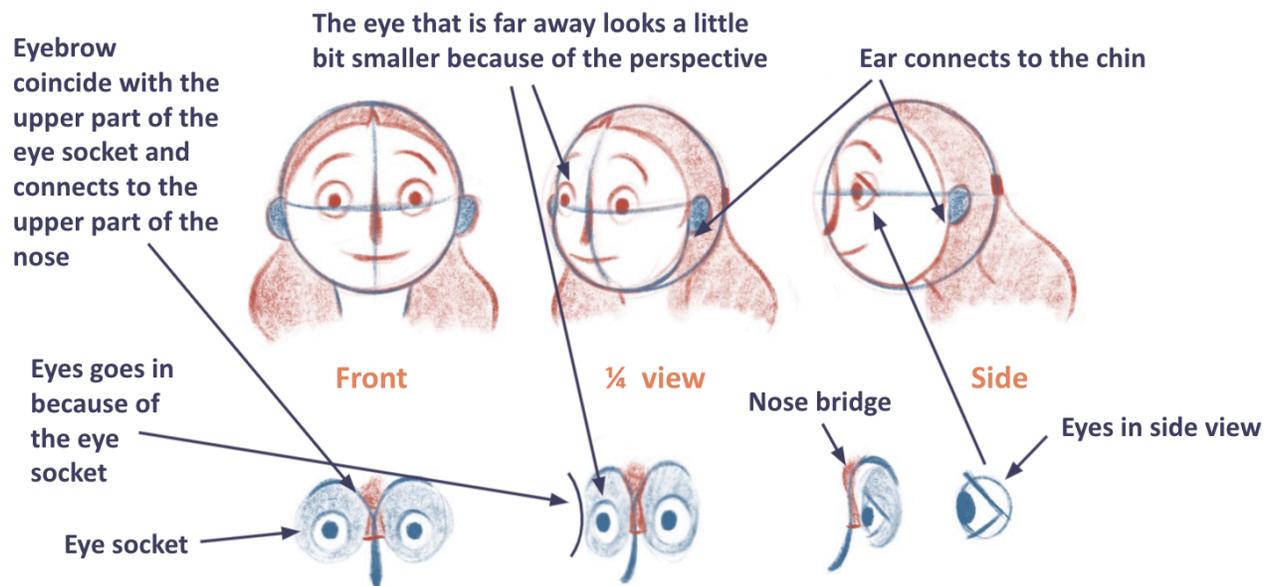
Knowing the basic structure of the skull will give you a better understanding of where all the features are on the face, helping you make better character designs.

You don't need to memorize all of the bones' names in the skull; just remember where everything is placed in the face and understand how the bones affect each facial feature.

- The eye sockets are big, hollow, and oval-shaped. The upper part of the eye sockets protrudes slightly, where the **eyebrows** are placed. The **eyes** are smaller than the eye sockets and are placed inside them.
- The nose bridge bones make the **nose** protrude.
- **Ears** are placed between the mandible (lower part of the skull) and the "cheekbone".

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The General Face Structure:



Variation on Different Facial Features:

		
<p>Artist: Teresa Bellon</p>	<p>Artist: Elina Ellis</p>	<p>Artist: Joanna Klos</p>
<p>Eyes: oval but pointy on the side with a big dark pupil</p> <p>Nose: < shape</p> <p>Mouth: U shape and right below the nose</p> <p>Ears: They are placed right next to the eyes</p> <p>Neck: thick and gets narrower at the bottom</p> <p>Face: oval circle, but a little bit longer on the side</p>	<p>Eyes: very narrow eyes with a dotted pupil</p> <p>Nose: big, round nose that takes a lot of space on the face</p> <p>Mouth: small, slim line</p> <p>Ears: very tiny ears that stick out</p> <p>Neck: small and slim</p> <p>Face: looks like a potato</p>	<p>Eyes: can't see them</p> <p>Nose: long and straight, like Pinocchio's nose</p> <p>Mouth: small dotted</p> <p>Ears: so small that they look invisible</p> <p>Neck: It doesn't look like he has a neck, but he has a long chin</p> <p>Face: long oval face, and gets a little bit narrow at the bottom</p>

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<p>Artist: Vanessa Brantley</p>	<p>Artist: Hatem Ally</p>	<p>Artist: Lissy Marlin</p>
<p>Eyes: big, dotted eyes Eyebrow: thin and small line Nose: small, but it looks like a pig's nose Mouth: small, and lips are present Ears: small circle that starts right below the eyes Neck: no neck or can't see them Face: square shape</p>	<p>Eyes: big, dotted eyes with pupils that are almost the exact size of the eyes Eyebrows: lean lines that are a bit far away from the eyes Nose: small and barely visible Mouth: small Ears: round and placed close to the height of the chin Neck: small and straight Face: relatively big and round</p>	<p>Eyes: big oval circle with eyelashes that make it look like a cat eyes Eyebrows: slender, long, and straight Nose: long & pointy at the end Mouth: simple Ears: relatively big with an "h" shape inside of them Neck: small and straight Face: plump triangle shape</p>
		
<p>Artist: Jennifer Yosowa</p>	<p>Artist: Felicita Sala</p>	<p>Artist: Iz Ptica</p>
<p>Eyes: very narrow and big Eyebrows: slider & it naturally connects to the nose Nose: long and squarish Mouth: small with lips Ears: long and they start below the eyes Neck: thick, and it gets wider at the bottom Face: long and triangular shape</p>	<p>Eyes: big and pointy at the side with big pupils Eyebrows: long and lean Nose: very prominent & looks curvy from the side Mouth: wide with lips, and it is right below the nose Ears: it starts at the midpoint of the eyes Neck: thick, and it begins from</p>	<p>Eyes: sharp, narrow eyes with dotted pupils Eyebrows: thick Nose: long and pointy at the bottom Mouth: wide with lips Ears: it starts from the eyebrows Neck: no neck or can't see them Face: long oval shape</p>

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	the ears Face: triangle shape	
		
Artist: Gaby Zermeno	Artist: Beatrice Blue	Artist: David Martins Da Silva
Eyes: huge, rounded eyes with relatively big pupils Eyebrows: thin and curvy Nose: small and barely visible Mouth: it is placed on the chin Ears: pointy like an elf Neck: long and it gets wider at the bottom Face: triangle shape	Eyes: rounded with big, round, dark pupils Eyebrows: small, thin, and a little bit away from the eyes Nose: “c” shape and very close to the mouth and the eyes Mouth: small and it is right below the nose Ears: They start below the mouth and stick out Neck: small and thin Face: round and oval shape	Eyes: rounded with round dark pupils, and they are very close to each other Eyebrows: can’t see them Nose: “c” shape and very close to the mouth and the eyes Mouth: small and almost the same size as the nose Ears: they start from below the mouth and stick out Neck: can’t see it Face: super round
		
Artist: Sarah Van Dongen	Artist: Juan Useche	Artist: Andrew Joyner
Eyes: dotted eyes Eyebrows: thin and small Nose: triangle and pointy Mouth: small and thin Ears: long, lean, it starts from the eye, and it goes up Neck: thick and begins right	Eyes: dotted eyes that are very close to each other Eyebrows: thin and close to each other Nose: huge, long, and round at the bottom Mouth: right below the nose	Eyes: slightly thick, dotted eyes Eyebrows: small, thin lines Nose: round and small Mouth: wide and big Ears: can’t see them Neck: can’t see it or doesn’t exist

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<p>from the ears Face: round</p>	<p>Ears: start at the midpoint of the nose and are relatively big Neck: thick, and short Face: long and very plump at the bottom</p>	<p>Face: round</p>
		
<p>Artist: Sebastia Serra</p>	<p>Artist: Julia B. Mello</p>	<p>Artist: Gozde</p>
<p>Eyes: big and close to the nose Eyebrows: can't see them Nose: big, long, sticks out, and pointy at the end Mouth: big and wide Ears: "3" shape that is long and loopy Neck: very thick, starting from the neck Face: long oval shape</p>	<p>Eyes: enormous with huge eye pupils, and very long eyelashes Eyebrows: very close to the hairline Nose: round, small, and close to the eyes and mouth Mouth: "c" shape and right underneath the nose Ears: big, round, and stick out from the midpoint of the eye Neck: small and barely visible Face: rounded oval shape</p>	<p>Eyes: dotted eyes that are very far away from each other Eyebrows: tiny line above the eyes Nose: tiny triangle Mouth: small Ears: small circle right next to the eyes Neck: small and barely visible Face: rounded oval shape</p>
		
<p>Artist: Melanie Penalosa Tikhonova</p>	<p>Artist: Szendrey Gabriella</p>	<p>Artist: Muza</p>
<p>Eyes: small, round, and close to</p>	<p>Eyes: dotted eyes close to the</p>	<p>Eyes: big oval shape and</p>

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<p>each other Eyebrows: small line Nose: very long, lean, close to the eyes, and rounded at the bottom Mouth: lips are visible Ears: round, and they start around $\frac{1}{3}$ of the nose Neck: long and lean Face: square shape that is angular at the bottom</p>	<p>nose Eyebrows: above the eye that naturally connect to the nose Nose: small, simple, and “L” shape Mouth: small and lined, and below the nose Ears: long, stick out, and go slightly up Neck: long, lean, straight Face: square shape</p>	<p>broader at the sides Eyebrows: small, lined, and above the eye Nose: small, round, and right next to the eyes Mouth: small, lined, and right below the nose Ears: small, circular, and barely noticeable Neck: no neck or can’t see it Face: oval shape and broader at the sides, similar to the eye shape</p>
		
<p>Artist: Gaby Zermeno</p>	<p>Artist: Aurore Damant</p>	<p>Artist: Genie Espinosa</p>
<p>Eyes: big, round eyes with medium-sized dark pupils Eyebrows: a little bit thick Nose: no nose or can’t see it Mouth: big and takes up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the face Ears: no ears or can’t see it Neck: no neck or can’t see them Face: oval shape that is wider at the sides</p>	<p>Eyes: big, long, round, egg-shaped with a big egg-shaped pupil Eyebrows: small line Nose: it touches the bottom of the eyes Mouth: big and wide Ears: relatively big, and they start from the midpoint of the eyes Neck: no neck or can’t see it Face: square shape</p>	<p>Eyes: dotted eyes that are very close to each other Eyebrows: it is connected and looks like “3” turned around Nose: “c” shape Mouth: dotted Ears: big, round, and they start from the eyebrows. Neck: thick but barely visible Face: acorn shape</p>

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