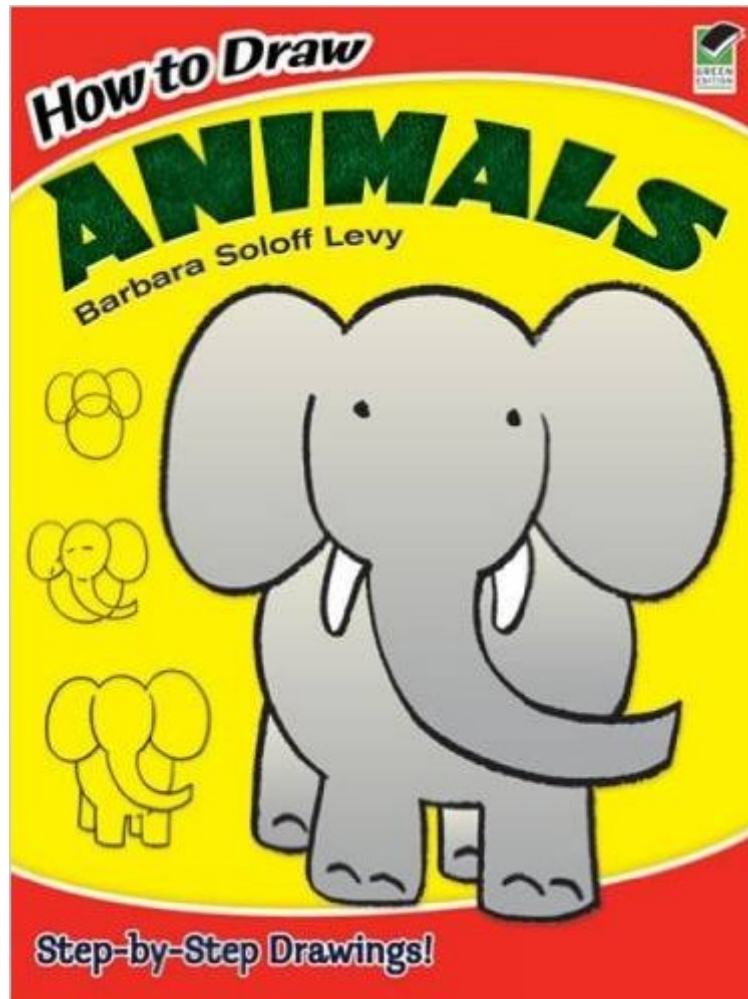


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How To Draw Animals (Dover How To Draw)



Synopsis

This easy-to-follow guide shows how simple it is to draw pictures of your favorite animals. With it you'll soon be able to create charming portraits of a dog, cat, leopard, moose, giraffe, panda, goose, duck, rooster, lamb, rabbit, cow, camel, elephant, and 16 other creatures. Clear, step-by-step diagrams explain how to join circles, ovals, and other shapes to create a zoo full of easily recognizable figures. Some erasing may be necessary, so use a pencil — not a pen. Just follow the instructions and you'll soon be drawing excellent likenesses of a smiling chimpanzee, a prickly porcupine, a bushy-tailed squirrel, and other familiar animals.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I'm an Ed Emberly fan, and as my children (and admittedly myself) have drawn so much out of his books, we've started to branch out to more sophisticated drawings. With the exception of Ed's, most "how-to" books pretty much "teach" in the same way: They give you a number of guides which are supposed to take you from simple shapes to the picture you're trying to arrive at. It's apparent to me now, having revisited Emberly's work as an adult, and going back to books like this, which were tremendously frustrating to me as a child, that the key difference between a book like "How To Draw Animals" and "Ed Emberly's Drawing Book of Animals" is *not* the complexity of the final picture. The key difference is the *gradient* between the guides. In an Emberly book, each guide

adds one or two very simple shapes to add--and tells you which shapes to add and often where (though it's usually obvious) and maybe even some explanatory text, etc., etc., whereas a book like this often gives you half-a-dozen shapes, and requires you to tweak the shapes you drew previously, all without a word of instruction or a different color or kind of line showing where the changes are. Of course, these things are obvious to someone who already =can= draw, but very frustrating for those who can't. Now, in my experience, most drawing books are like this, and you can't realistically buy them and be shocked when they all more-or-less take this approach, so I didn't really mark Ms. Soloff-Levy's book down for it. Parents and teachers should pay close attention when buying these books for children.

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