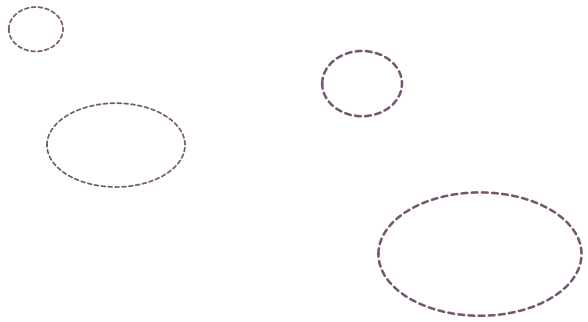
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STEP 1

Place the head and body

Whole drawing Closer view

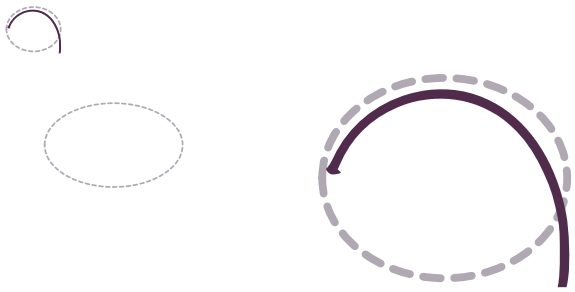


Lightly mark a small head oval above a wider body oval. Leave a long space below for the standing leg.

STEP 2

Round the top of the head

Whole drawing Closer view



Curve up from the bill opening, over the head and down the right side.

STEP 3

Draw the lower face curve

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw the short curve beneath the head, leaving the bill space open on the left.

STEP 4

Start the inner neck

Whole drawing Closer view



Erase the head oval. Continue the right head edge downward into the first neck bend.

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A flamingo resting one leg

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STEP 5

Round the lower neck bend

Whole drawing Closer view



Continue that curve down, round the narrow lower bend and turn upward toward the body.

STEP 6

Start the outer neck

Whole drawing Closer view



Continue from beneath the head down the long outer neck curve. Leave white space beside the inner curve.

STEP 7

Round the outer neck base

Whole drawing Closer view

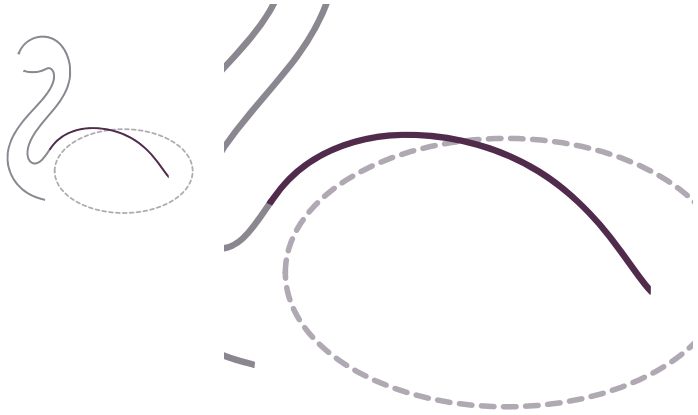


Curve around the bottom of the neck and turn right toward the underside of the body.

STEP 8

Draw the back curve

Whole drawing Closer view



From the inner neck end, sweep up and over the rounded back.

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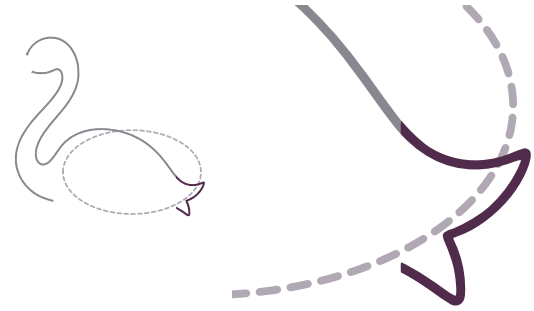
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STEP 9

Add the short tail

Whole drawing Closer view

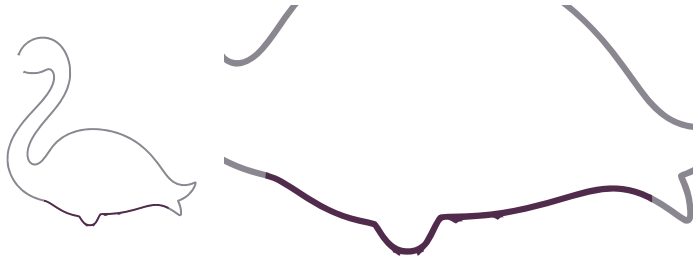


Continue into the two-pointed tail, then turn back toward the body underside.

STEP 10

Join the body underside

Whole drawing Closer view

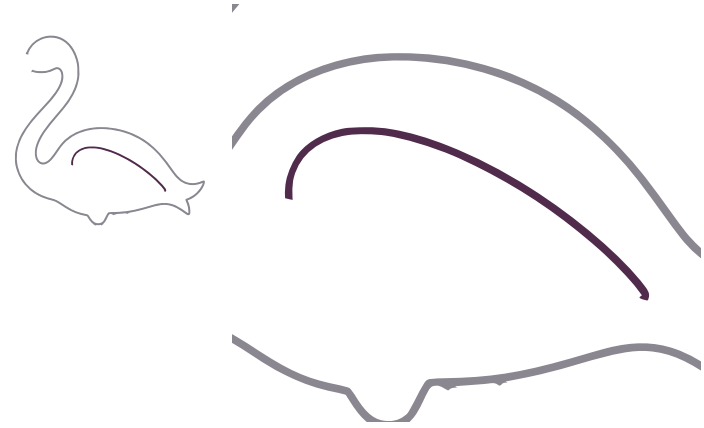


Complete the belly curve and the two leg roots. Erase the body oval.

STEP 11

Draw the upper wing edge

Whole drawing Closer view



Start inside the body and curve up, then right toward the pointed wing tip.

STEP 12

Close the wing

Whole drawing Closer view



Curve back from the tip along the lower edge. Keep the whole wing inside the body.

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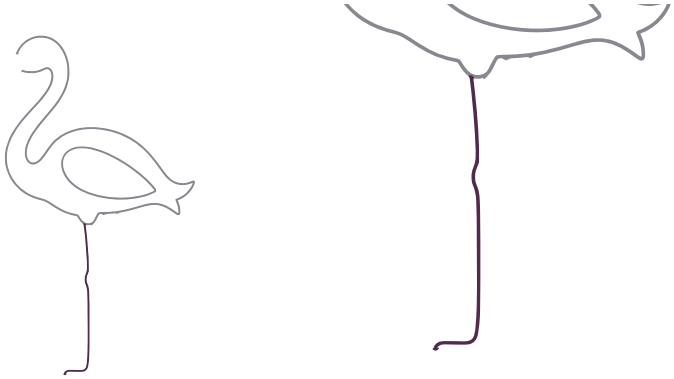
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STEP 13

Draw one supporting leg edge

Whole drawing Closer view

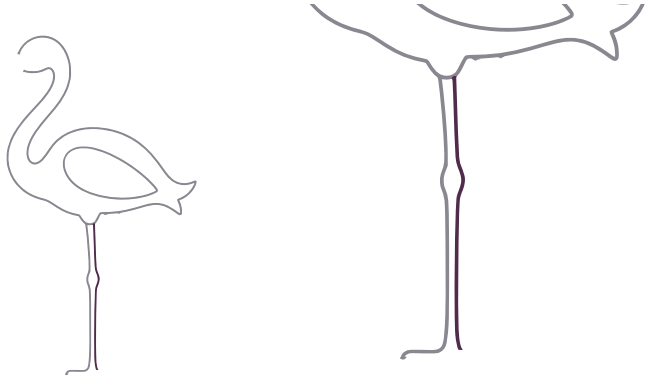


Draw the left edge down from its own body opening, through the small joint bend toward the foot.

STEP 14

Draw the other leg edge

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw the second edge down beside it. Keep the white strip between the two edges narrow.

STEP 15

Round the supporting foot

Whole drawing Closer view

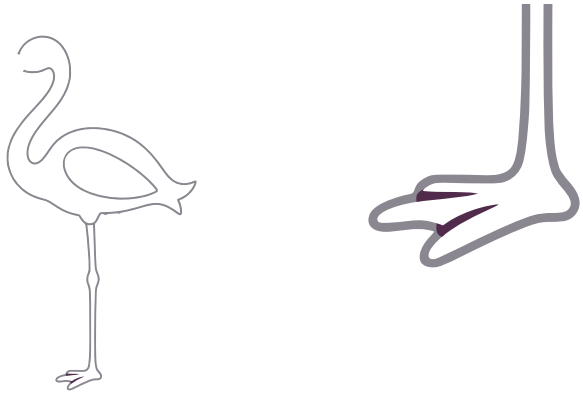


Continue the leg into its spread foot, then return toward the back of the ankle.

STEP 16

Add the standing toes

Whole drawing Closer view



Add the short toe divisions on that foot, keeping every line joined to the foot.

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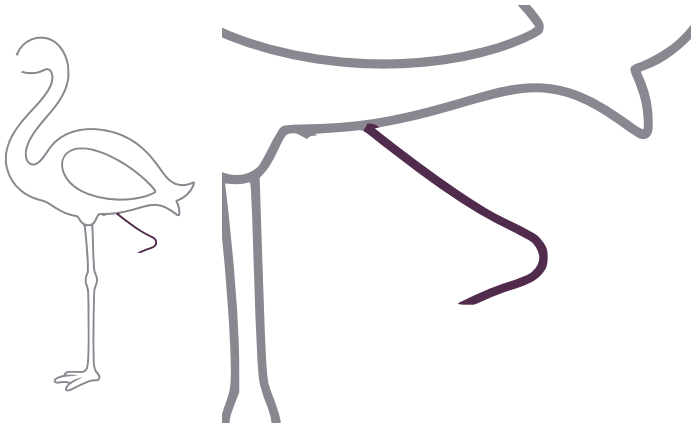
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STEP 17

Start the lifted leg

Whole drawing Closer view

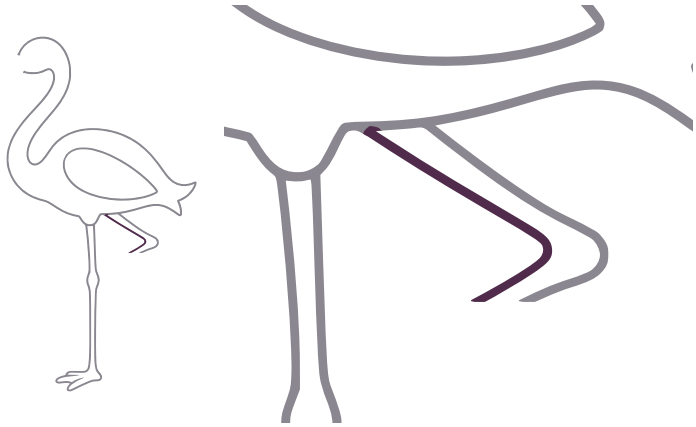


From the other body root, draw the upper edge outward to the bend, then turn inward.

STEP 18

Add its second edge

Whole drawing Closer view

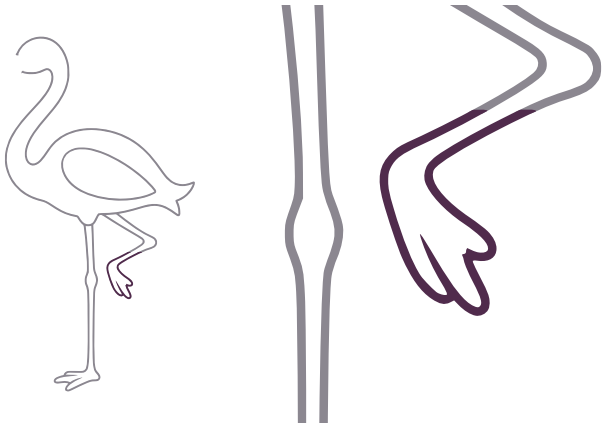


Draw the matching inner edge beside it. Keep the bend clear and separate from the standing leg.

STEP 19

Round the raised foot

Whole drawing Closer view

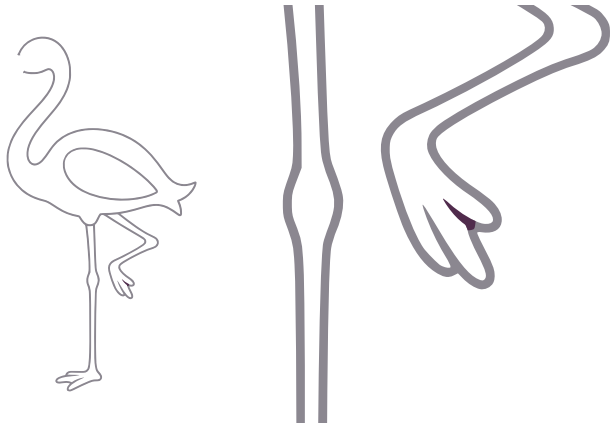


Continue both edges down and around the small raised foot. Keep this foot well above the ground.

STEP 20

Add the raised toe line

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw the short inner toe line inside the raised foot.

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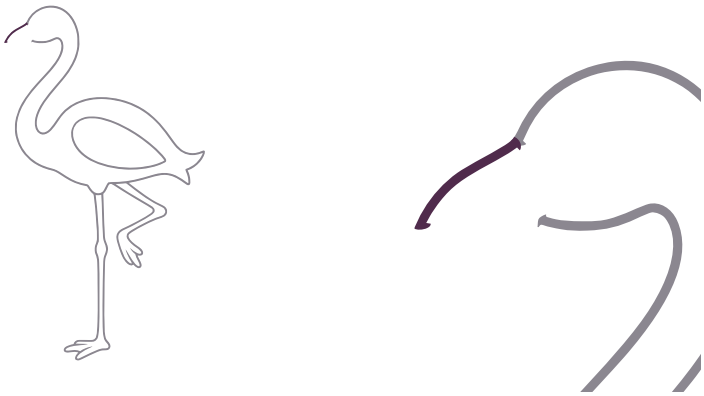
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STEP 21

Draw the upper bill

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw the upper bill curve out from the head toward its downward turn.

STEP 22

Round the bill tip

Whole drawing Closer view



Continue around the downward-pointing tip and join the lower edge to the face. Add the short curve across its turn.

STEP 23

Separate the bill and face

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw the short curved division at the base of the bill.

STEP 24

Add the bill line

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw the small inner bill line, stopping before it reaches the face.

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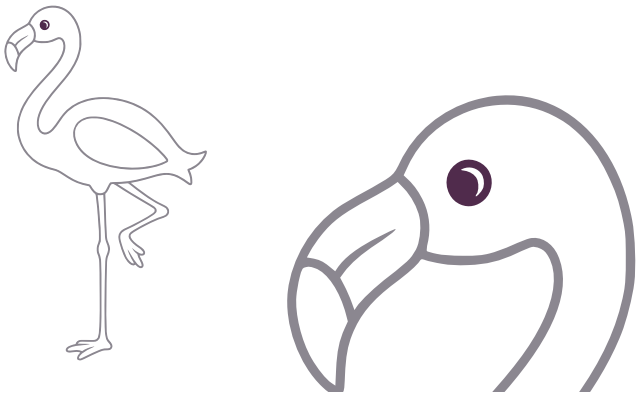
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STEP 25

Place the eye

Whole drawing Closer view



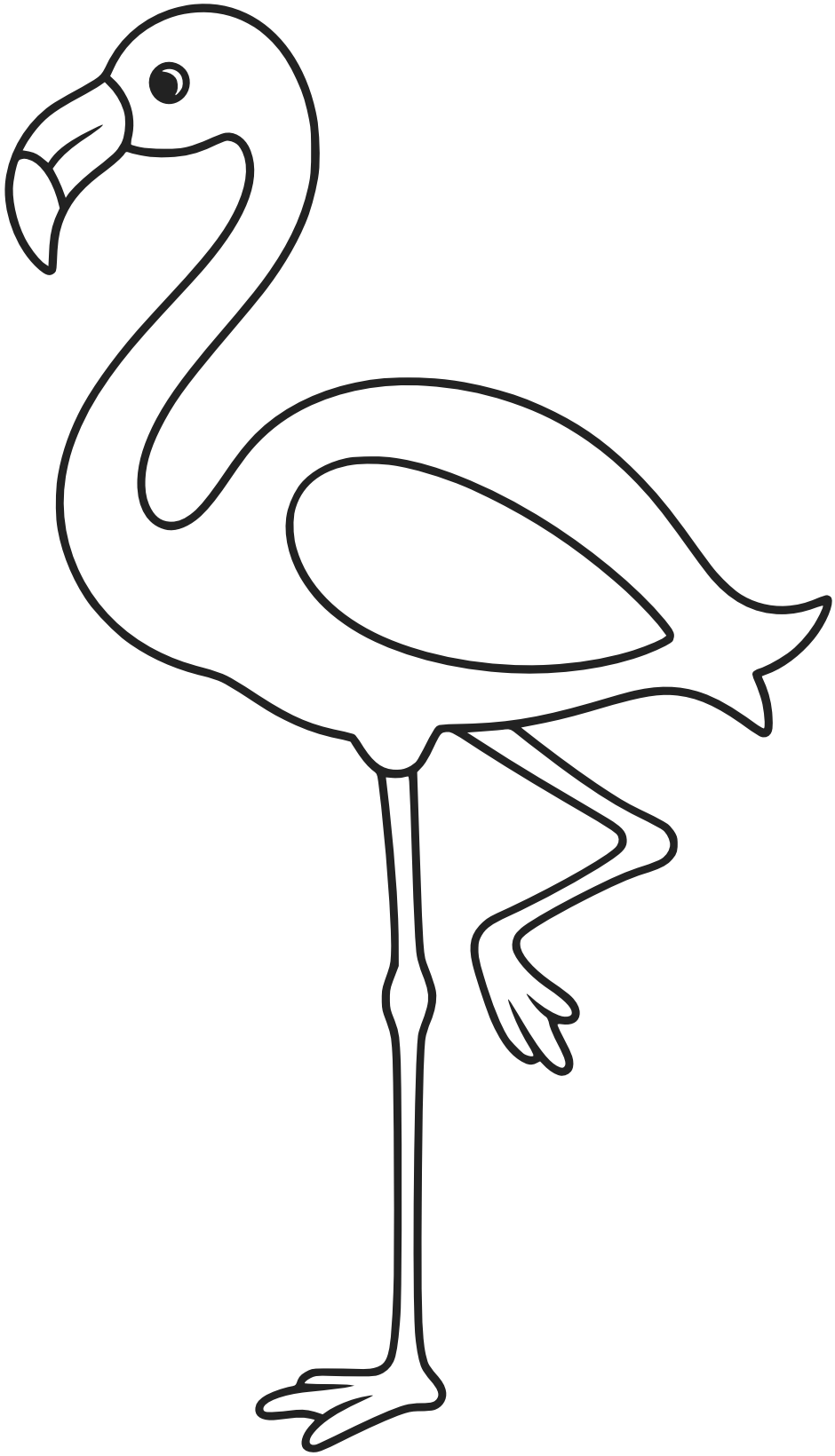
Draw a small dark eye above the bill. Leave its little highlight white.

Try this fix: Keep the neck slim, the wing inside the body and each leg connected to its own root.

Make it yours: After copying the pose, try a smaller wing or a slightly different head angle.

A flamingo resting one leg

Choose your own colors, or use the outline as a drawing reference.



A flamingo resting one leg

This palette is optional. Try your own colors.

