EASY / 20 DRAWING STAGES

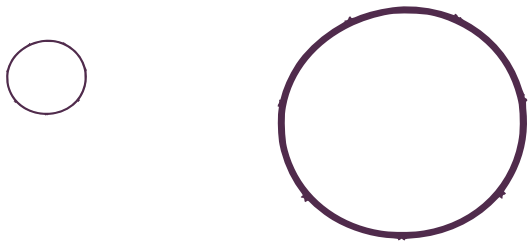
A simple flower with a smiling center

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STEP 1

Draw the flower center

Whole drawing Closer view



Draw one broad circle near the top of the page. Leave room outside it for seven petals.

STEP 2

Add the top petal

Whole drawing Closer view



Start at the circle, curve up over the rounded petal tip, and return to the circle.

STEP 3

Add the upper-left petal

Whole drawing Closer view

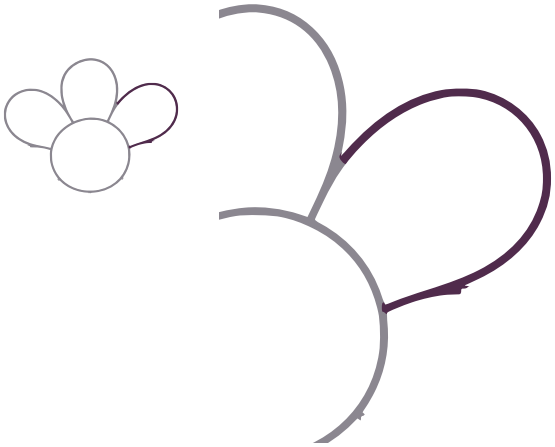


Curve out toward the upper left and return to the center. Keep this petal broad.

STEP 4

Add the upper-right petal

Whole drawing Closer view



Curve out toward the upper right and back to the circle.

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STEP 5

Add the middle-left petal

Whole drawing Closer view



Round a petal into the space on the left. Stop both ends at the center.

STEP 6

Add the middle-right petal

Whole drawing Closer view



Round another petal into the space on the right.

STEP 7

Add the lower-left petal

Whole drawing Closer view



Curve down and left, round the tip, then return beneath the center.

STEP 8

Add the lower-right petal

Whole drawing Closer view



Fill the last space with a rounded petal. The circle stays in front of all petal roots.

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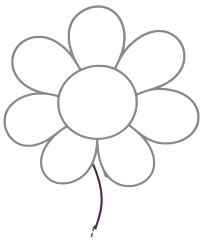
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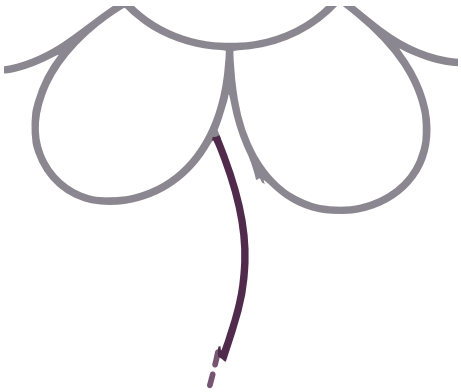
STEP 9

Draw one stem edge

Whole drawing



Closer view

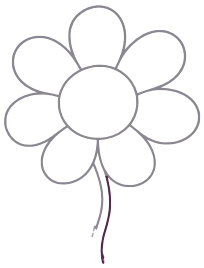


Draw the left stem edge down from beneath the petals. Use a light dash at the future leaf join.

STEP 10

Draw the other stem edge

Whole drawing



Closer view

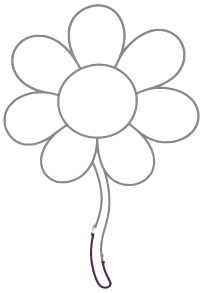


Draw the right edge along the same gentle bend. Leave a narrow white strip between the edges.

STEP 11

Round the stem bottom

Whole drawing



Closer view

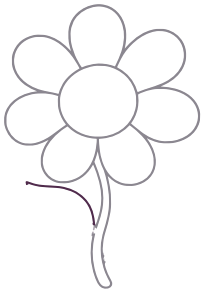


Continue below the leaf spaces, round the bottom and curve up to the other edge.

STEP 12

Start the left leaf

Whole drawing



Closer view



Draw only the upper leaf edge, curving outward from the stem to the pointed left tip.

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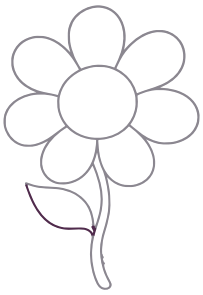
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STEP 13

Close the left leaf

Whole drawing



Closer view

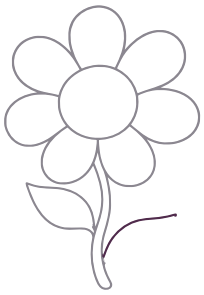


From that tip, curve underneath and back to the stem. Erase the dashed join inside the leaf.

STEP 14

Start the right leaf

Whole drawing



Closer view

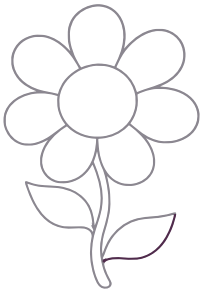


Draw the upper edge from the stem toward the pointed right tip.

STEP 15

Close the right leaf

Whole drawing



Closer view

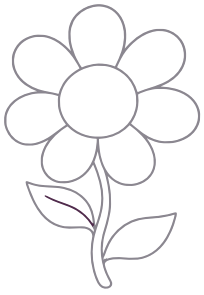


Curve back from the tip along the lower edge. Erase the remaining dashed join.

STEP 16

Add the left leaf vein

Whole drawing



Closer view



Draw one curved line from the left leaf base toward its tip. Stop inside the outline.

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STEP 17

Add the right leaf vein

Whole drawing Closer view

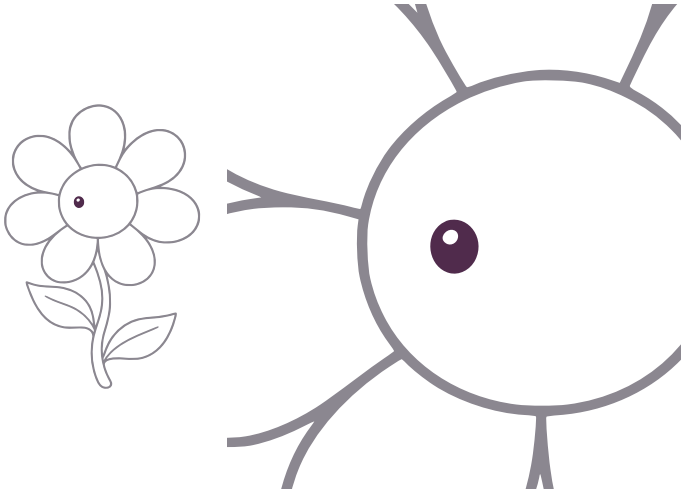


Repeat the curved vein in the right leaf.

STEP 18

Place one eye

Whole drawing Closer view

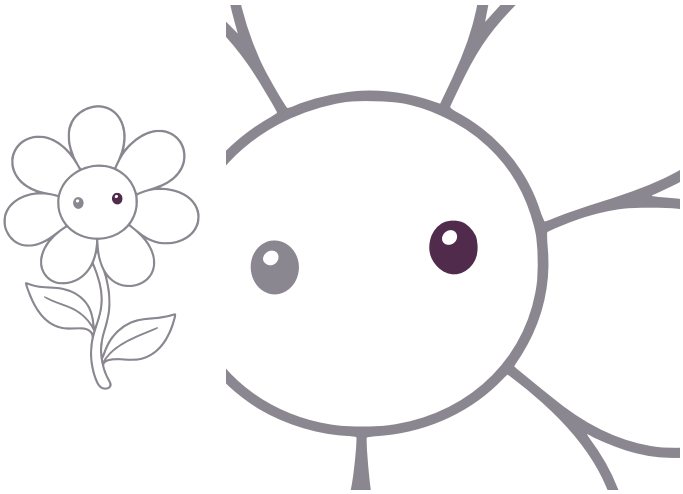


Add one small dark eye on the left of the center. Leave its highlight white.

STEP 19

Place the other eye

Whole drawing Closer view

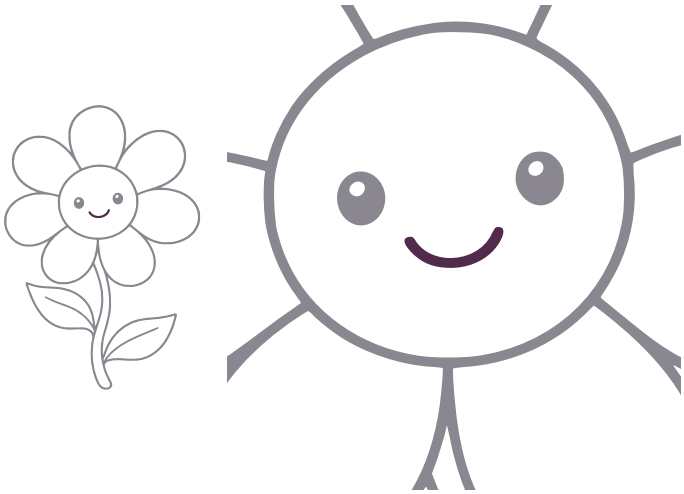


Add the second eye a little higher on the right, matching the gentle tilt.

STEP 20

Add a smile, if you like

Whole drawing Closer view



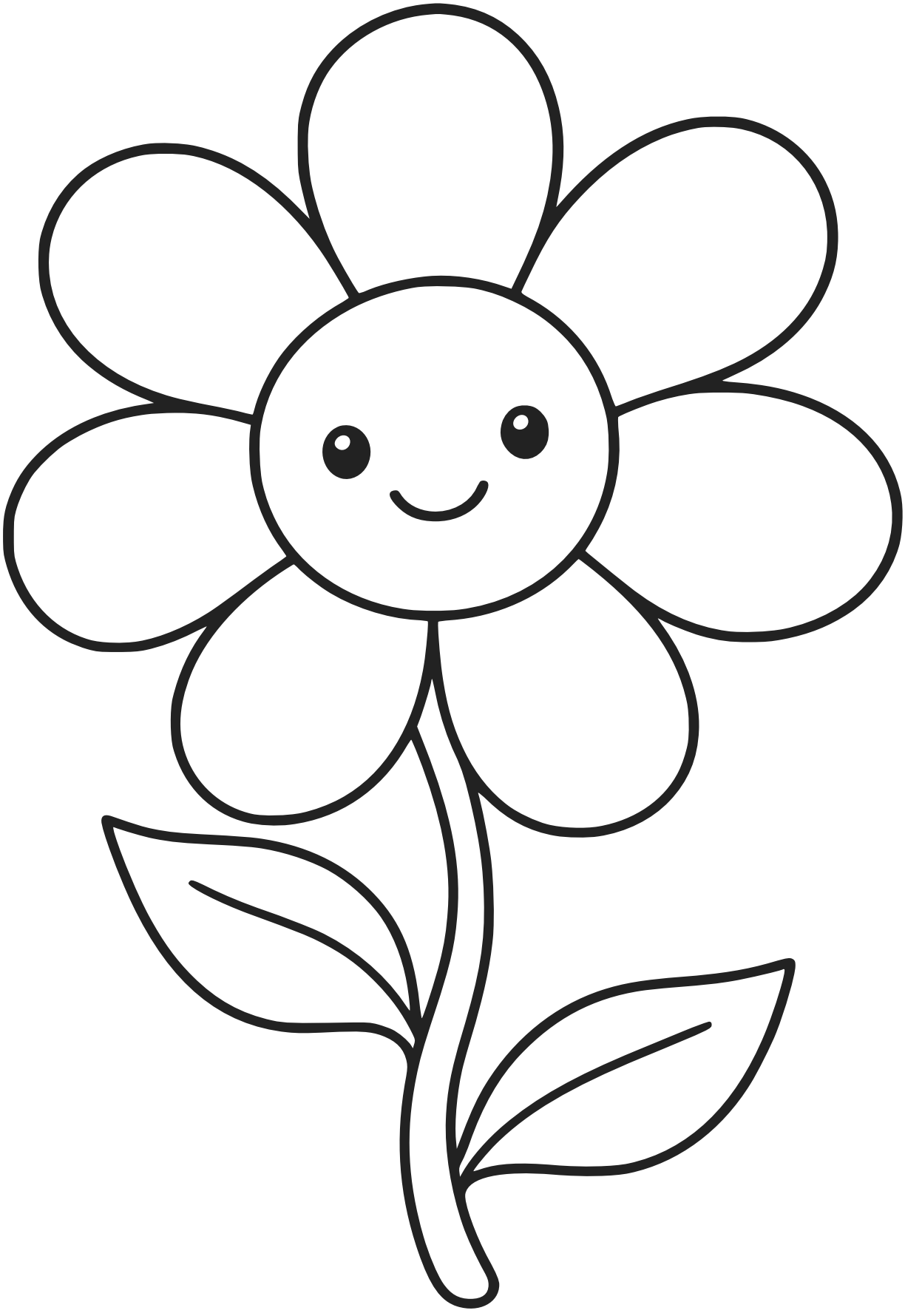
Draw one small U-shaped smile below the eyes. You can leave the face off instead.

Try this fix: This flower has seven petals. Keep the center in front of their roots and join both leaves to the stem.

Make it yours: Leave off the face, widen one petal slightly, or try alternating two petal colors.

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



A simple flower with a smiling center

This palette is optional. Try your own colors.

