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Character drawing tutorial

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Step 1

Start at the top

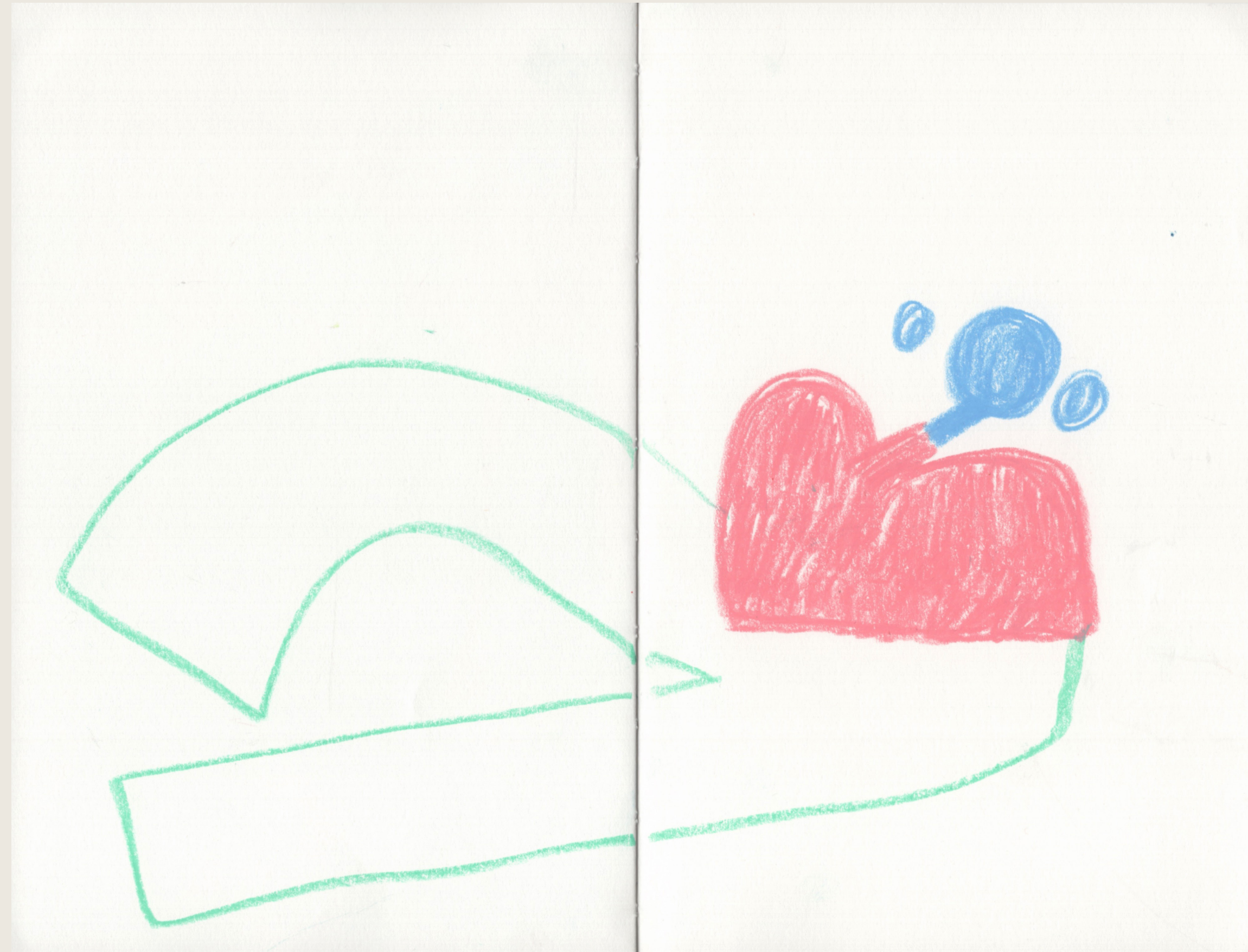
- Start by drawing the head, neck and ears roughly where you would like your character to be sitting or lying down.
- It does not need to be perfect or accurate, we are aiming to have fun and create a playful character!
- Use whatever colour or material you prefer, I have used wax pastels here.



Step 2

Build body shapes

- Now your head is in place, you can start drawing the top in position.
- Experiment with the shape or style of clothing you prefer. Remember to angle the top toward the position you want the character to be in.
- Once the top is drawn, move on to drawing the trousers. I went for a lying down position for this character so the trousers reflect this.



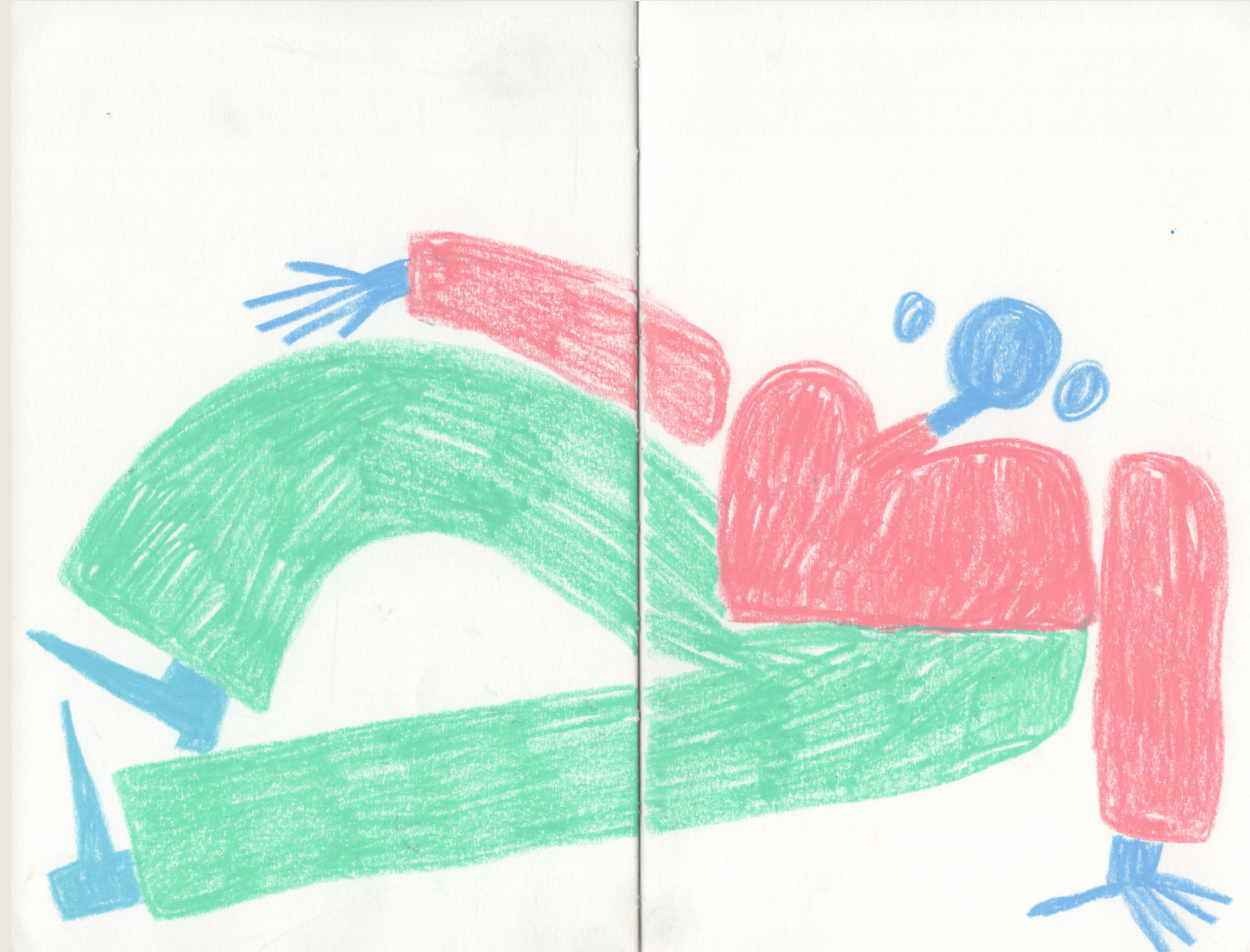
Step 3

Colour and form

Next - have fun colouring in, I use quick scratchy lines using my wax pastels but you can use any materials here.

Drawing the outlines of the shoes first always helps me visualise their final look. I went for pointy boots but you can experiment.

The hands are very simple, I start with the wrist and draw outward from there focusing on simple proportions. The end result is playful and a bit wonky!



Step 4

Texture and detail

Now the fun part!!! Add texture, lines and facial expressions - I went for checks and stripes. I always start with the eyebrows and eyes, once the face is complete, you can add any funky patterns, shapes or textures on the clothing, embrace any imperfections it'll add to the overall character.



Step 5 Background

For the next part you can add any kind of background, I went with nature, flowers and plants using my wax pastels. I often find myself in nature so naturally, my characters end up surrounded by it too. You will end up with a playful image celebrating a wonderful character of your own creation. :)



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