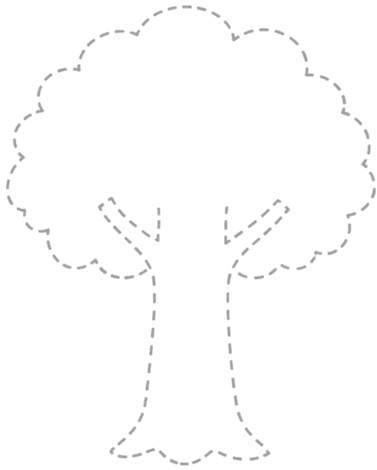


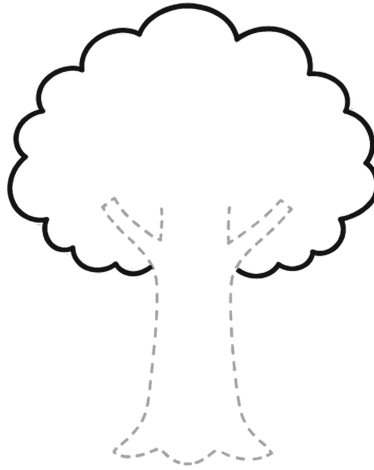
How to Draw a Tree

You need: a pencil, an eraser, black pen or dark pencil, paper

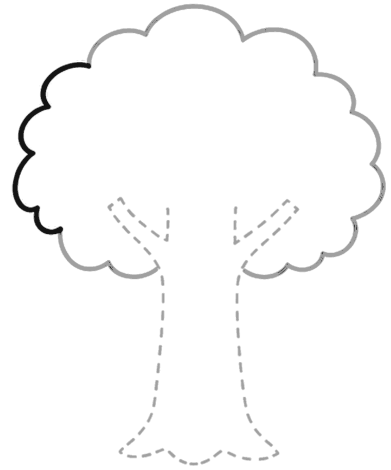
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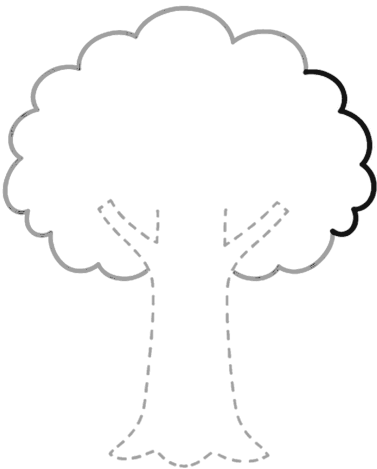
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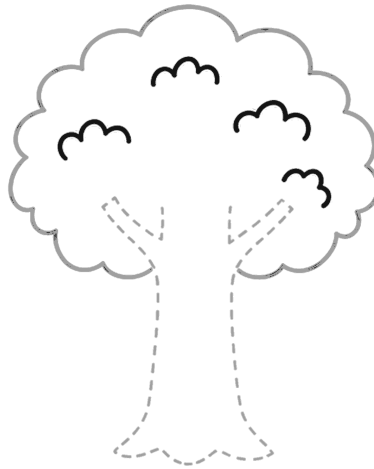
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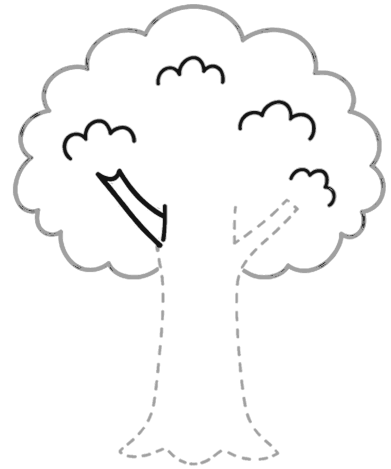
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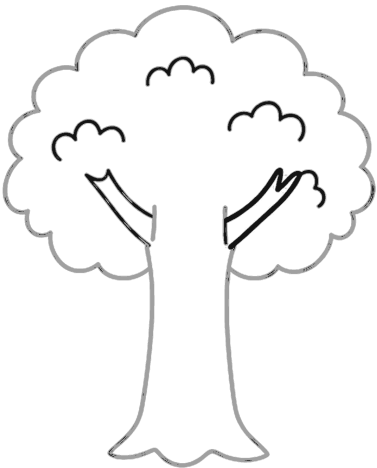
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7. Draw the right branch and trunk



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1. Sketch the guide shape

Draw the tree very lightly with dotted guide lines. Make a big rounded leafy top, two slanting branch guides inside, and a long trunk with a wavy bottom.

2. Trace the leafy top

Draw the outside of the treetop in soft, bumpy curves. Follow the big dotted shape from one side to the other, but leave the trunk and branch guides alone.

3. Finish the left side

Add the next part of the treetop on the left side. Continue the same rounded, cloud-like edge down toward the lower left of the canopy.

4. Finish the right side

Draw the matching bumpy outline on the right side of the treetop. Bring it down to the lower right edge of the canopy.

5. Add leaf bumps inside

Draw four small curved leaf shapes inside the treetop. Spread them out with one near the top, one on the left, and two on the right.

6. Draw the left branch

Use the left dotted guide to draw a thick branch. Start inside the leaves, curve it down, and join it near the middle of the trunk area.

7. Draw the right branch and trunk

Draw the right branch to match, using the dotted guide. Then draw the two long sides of the trunk and the wavy shape at the bottom.

8. Darken and clean up

Go over all the lines you are keeping with a darker pencil or pen. Rub out the pale dotted guides so the finished tree looks neat.

Tips

- Keep the first guide lines very light.
- Use round bumps to make the leaves look soft.
- If the two sides do not match, that is fine. Real trees are not exact.