Drawing Using Basic Shapes

1. Look & See
    a. Train your brain to observe!
2. Compare your subject to basic lines and shapes. Use Observation Questions
3. Decide Which Shapes to Use
    a. Which shapes do you draw best?
    b. Which shapes fit the subject best?
4. Consider Proportions
5. Draw Basic Shapes
6. Modify your drawing *from* the basic shapes
    a. Go back to your observation questions
7. Add Detail

© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com

How to Draw a Dragonfly

Start by considering your spacing to make sure you have enough room on your paper. A Dragonfly's wingspan is wider than its length!



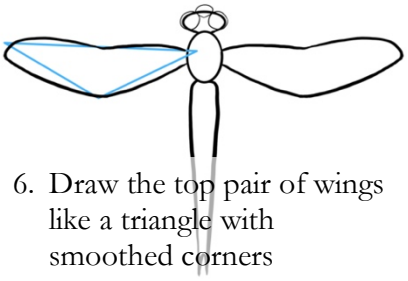
2. Draw a vertical oval for the abdomen and a horizontal oval for the head



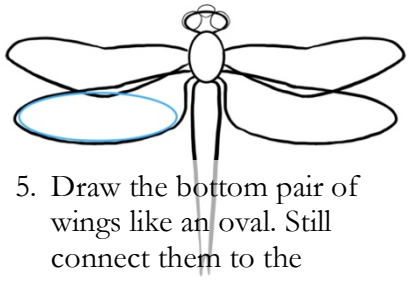
1. Add detail to the head by drawing 3 circles for the eyes and 'nose.'

3. Draw a long tapering tail

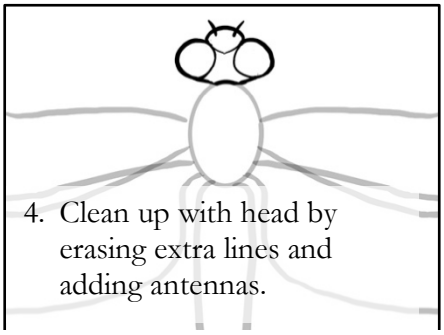




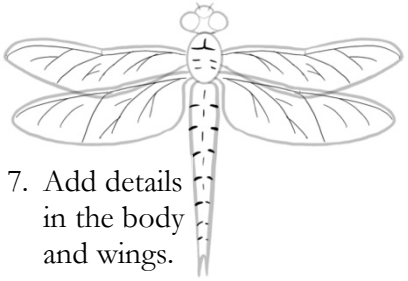
6. Draw the top pair of wings like a triangle with smoothed corners



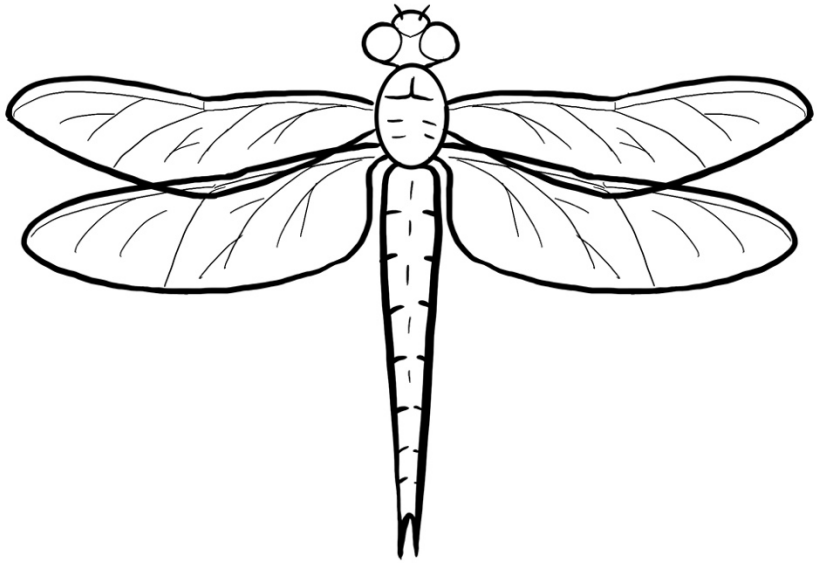
5. Draw the bottom pair of wings like an oval. Still connect them to the



4. Clean up with head by erasing extra lines and adding antennas.



7. Add details in the body and wings.



© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com

Five Trees



Ponderosa Pine Tree



Spruce Pine Tree



Coconut Palm Tree



Oak Tree

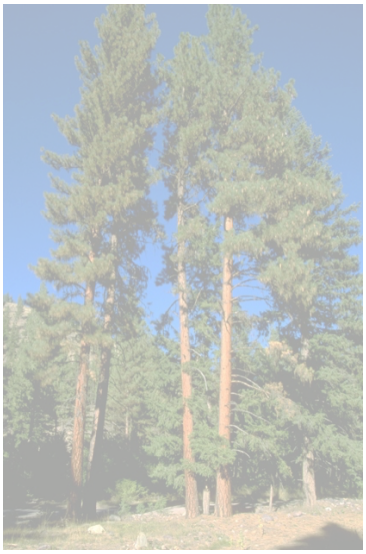


Acacia Tree

© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com

Five Trees

Draw the basic shapes on the images



Ponderosa Pine Tree



Spruce Pine Tree



Coconut Palm Tree



Oak Tree



Acacia Tree

** There are many more types of trees than are shown here. This is a sample of a few trees, not a list of all tree types.*

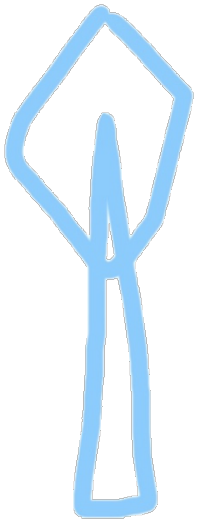
© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com

Sketch Each Type of Tree, Starting with Basic Shapes

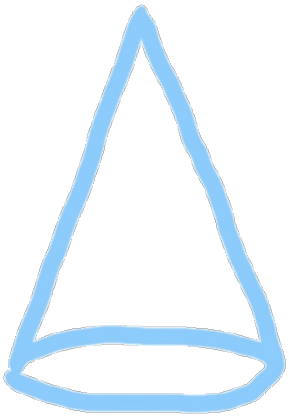
Ponderosa Pine Tree	Spruce Pine Tree	Coconut Palm Tree
Oak Tree	Acacia Tree	

© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com

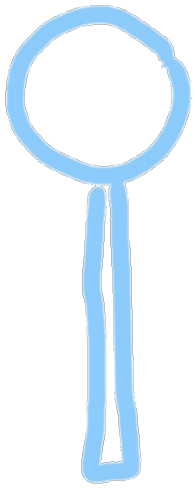
Basic Shapes of Five Trees



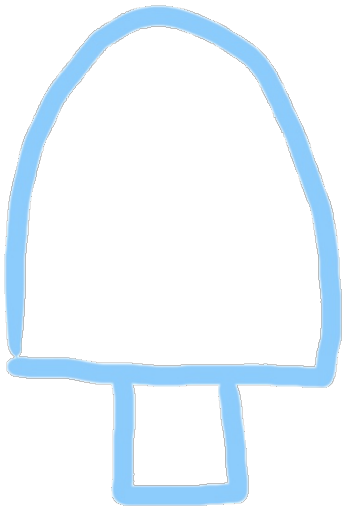
Ponderosa Pine Tree



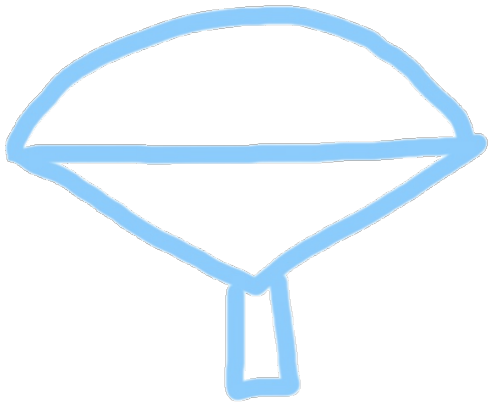
Spruce Pine Tree



Coconut Palm Tree



Oak Tree



Acacia Tree

© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com



Ponderosa Pine Tree



Spruce Pine Tree



Coconut Palm Tree



Oak Tree



Acacia Tree

© Julie Abels 2023 - RidgeLightRanch.com