

# Loish's

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## TUTORIAL CHEAT SHEET // SKETCHING A CHARACTER

### KEY LESSONS

- How to **gradually build** up your character sketch in Procreate
- How to sketch in a loose and dynamic way using **basic shapes**
- How to use **rhythm** to add a sense of playfulness and movement

### RELATED TUTORIALS

These are Patreon tutorials that cover similar topics.

#### > CONSTRUCTING A POSE | 48:48 MINUTES

This tutorial runs you through which basic shapes I use to construct characters, and discusses topics like varying angles, line of action, and rhythm.

#### > LINE WEIGHT | 37:36 MINUTES

This video runs you through how to vary the thickness of your lines, and how you can achieve different types of stylistic effects with different approaches to your linework.

#### > LIGHT & FLOWY SKETCHES | 46:57 MINUTES

This tutorial is about how I create flowy sketches on paper, and shows you my sketching process from beginning to end.

### TOOLS & RESOURCES

These are tools I used during this video.

#### > **PAD PRO & APPLE PENCIL, PROCREATE**

This is the software and hardware I used.

#### > **LOISH'S FREE BRUSH SET**

This is included in the Loish's Digital Art School pack!

#### > **MACALABS HB PENCIL BRUSH**

You can download this brush set [here](#).

#### > **ADORKASTOCK POSE REFERENCE**

Find the full library of free pose reference [here](#)!

### HELPFUL PRINCIPLES

#### > **LET GO OF PERFECTIONISM**

Try not to get stuck on detail - this gets in the way of being able to focus on movement and energy.

#### > **USE A TEXTURED BRUSH**

This makes imperfections and wobbly lines stand out way less, and is much more forgiving - which will make it easier to draw in a dynamic and expressive way!

### TIPS

- Use **simple shapes** to construct your characters. This makes it easier to focus on gesture and energy rather than detail.
- Practice sketching by doing **speed sketches**. This will gradually make you more comfortable with sketching and drawing smooth, dynamic lines.

# REFERENCE



SOURCE: [ADORKASTOCK](#)

# STEPS



## 01 // WARMUPS

Start with some warmups to get into the flow of drawing.

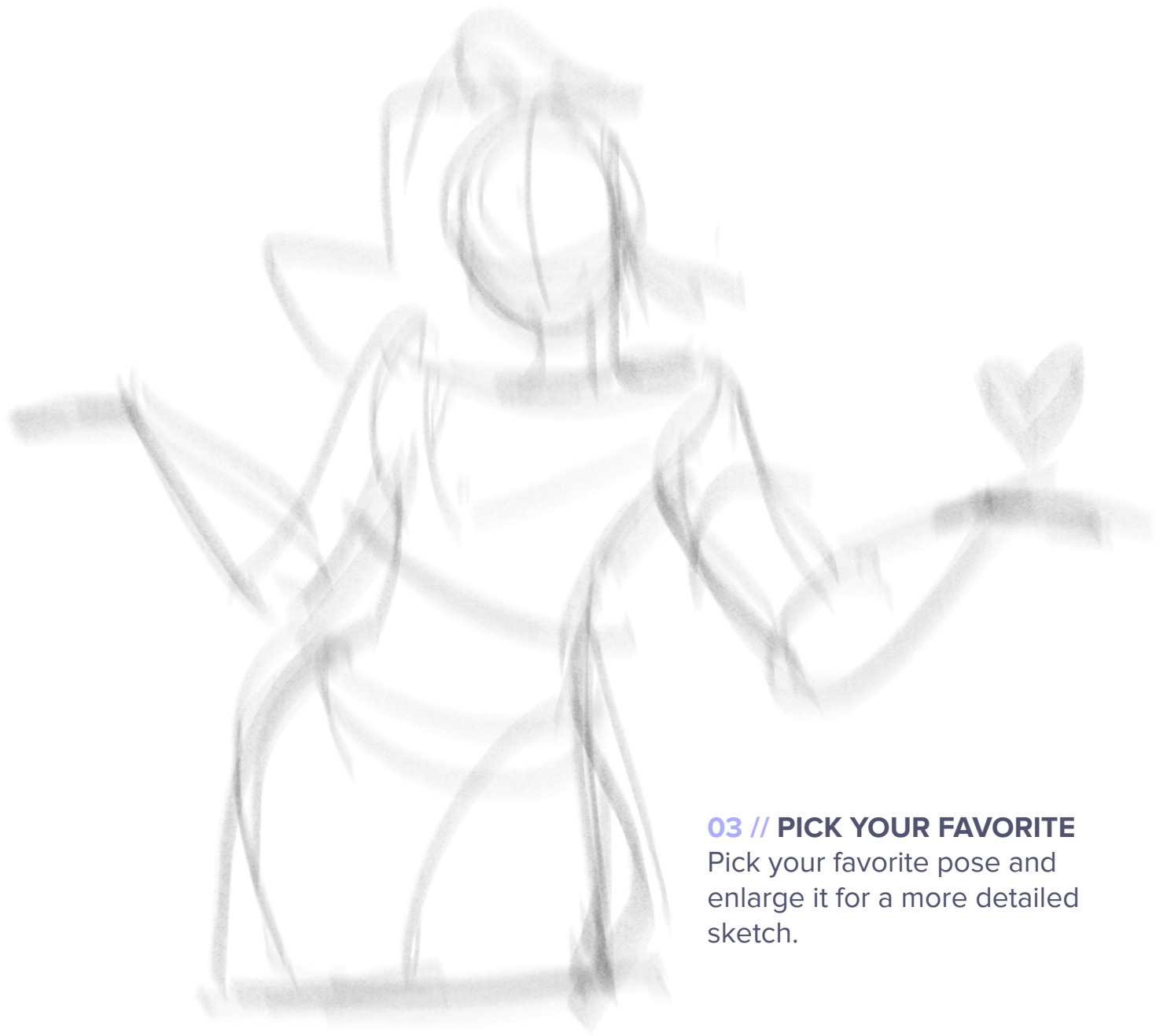
# STEPS

## 02 // LOOSE SKETCHES

Draw a few different poses until you land on something you like.



# STEPS



## **03 // PICK YOUR FAVORITE**

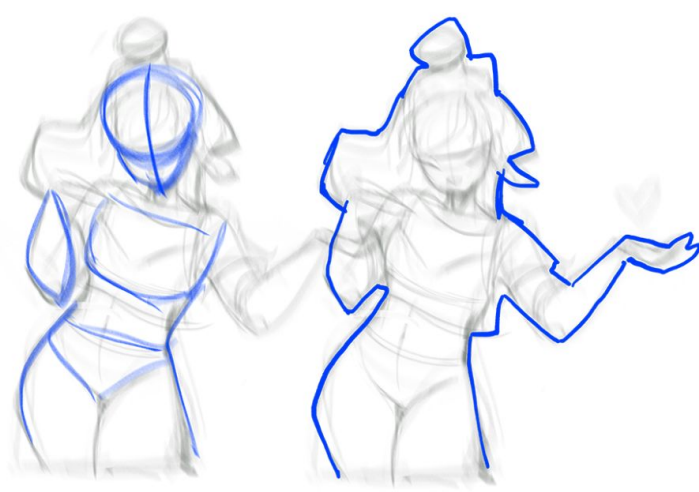
Pick your favorite pose and enlarge it for a more detailed sketch.

# STEPS



## 04 // ADD MORE DETAIL

Gradually build up your detail on a new layer on top of your original sketch.



Be mindful of the **basic shapes** and **silhouette**!



## STEPS



### **05 // FINALIZE THE DETAILS**

Add a final pass of detail in specific areas, like the face and hands. Keep your original sketch lines intact - they add movement!

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#### > IN-DEPTH NARRATED VIDEOS

The videos range from 35-50 minutes long, and each one takes a deep dive into the subject, including tips and advice. Each video comes with subtitles as well.

#### > DETAILED CHEAT SHEET

Get a PDF file that contains an overview of the information from the video, including timecodes, tips, recap of the techniques, and links to related tutorials.

#### > A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS

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