

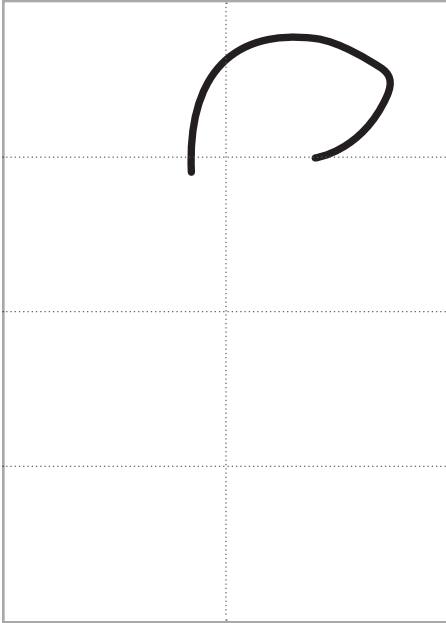
# How to Draw a Prairie Dog



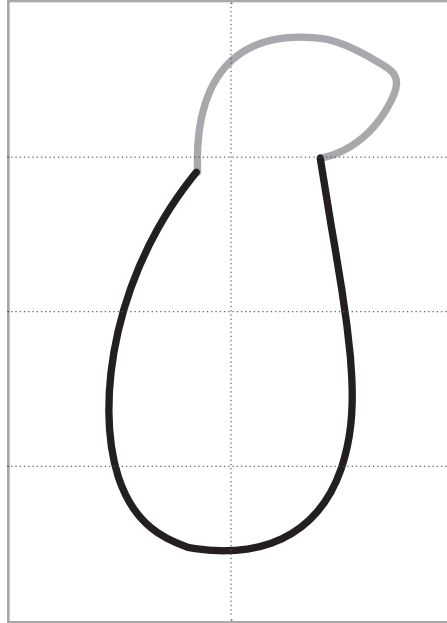
Using the blank sheet of paper provided, follow along with the illustrated steps to draw your own prairie dog! Use the grid lines to help with placement. Try using a pencil so you can erase lines as needed.

*This craft was adapted from <https://artprojectsforkids.org>.*

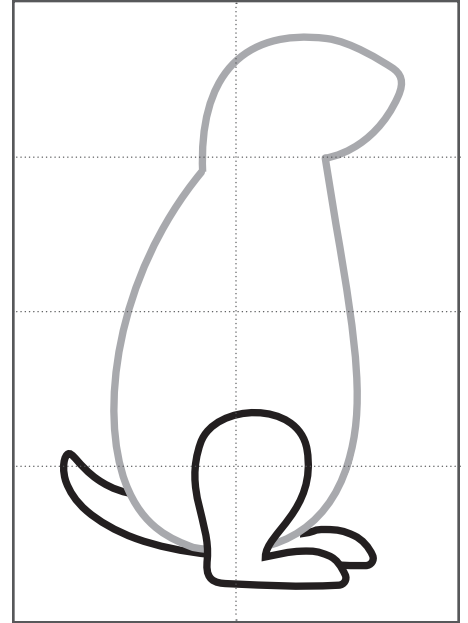
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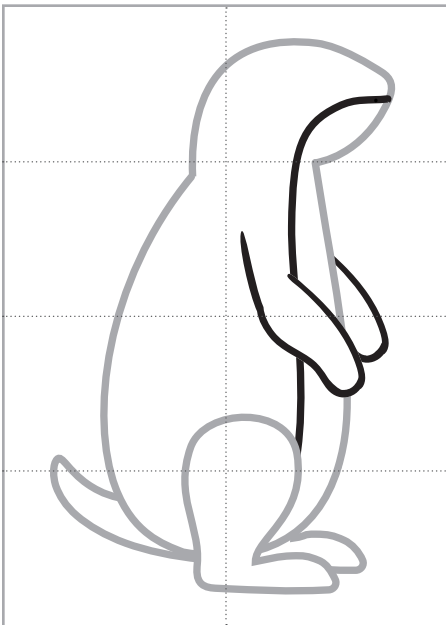
*Draw the head.*



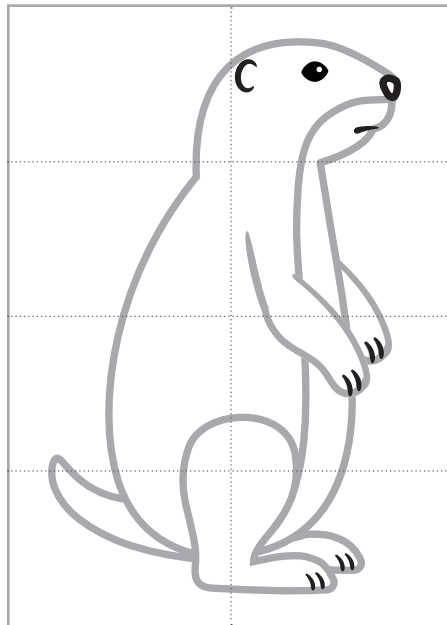
*Add a body.*



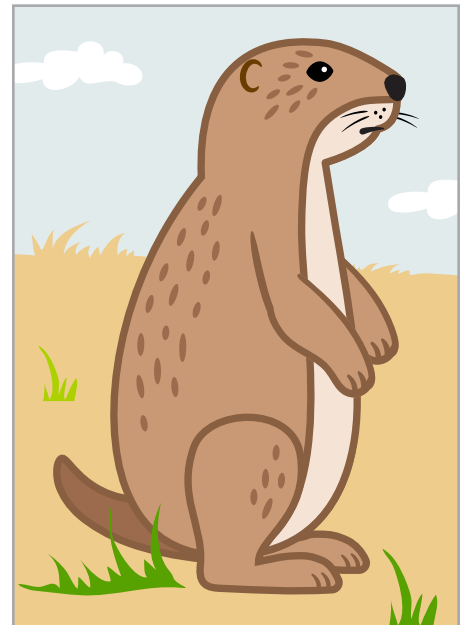
*Add legs and a tail.*



*Add arms and a line for a belly.*



*Add eye, ear, nose, mouth, and claws.*



*Color and add details such as fur and whiskers.*



“[The vocabulary of prairie dogs] is more advanced than any other animal language that’s been decoded. To a human ear, prairie dogs’ squeaky calls sound simple and repetitive. But recent research has found that those calls can convey incredibly descriptive details. Prairie dogs can alert one another, for example, that there’s not just a human approaching their burrows, but a tall human wearing the color blue.”

Source: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/8-surprising-prairie-dog-facts>

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If you complete the Prairie Dog drawing, record another hour in your log.**



