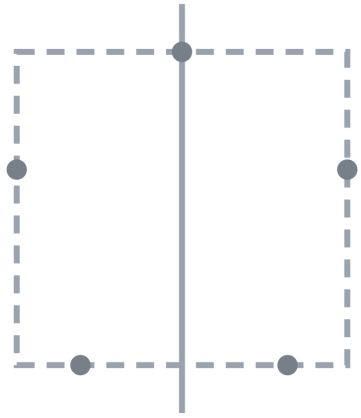
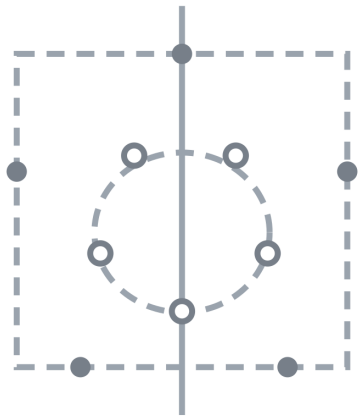
Step 1: build the star

Near the top of your page, leave room for a tree about five stars tall below this star. Use the enlarged pictures below to build the star. Draw the box, oval and placement marks lightly; they are temporary guides. Dark lines stay, and orange lines show what to add.



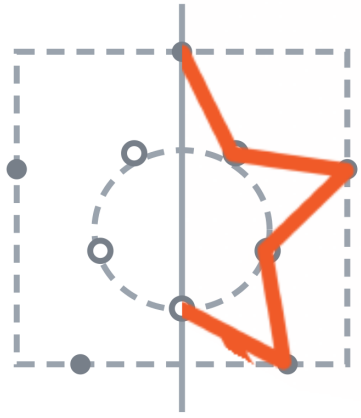
A. Place the five tips

Lightly draw a nearly square box with a line down its middle. Mark its top middle, both sides a little above halfway down, and two bottom points slightly in from the corners.



B. Place the inward turns

Draw a light oval inside the box, about half as wide and half as tall. Mark two turns just outside its upper sides, two near its lower sides, and one at its bottom middle. Each turn sits between two outer tips.



C. Join the right half

Start at the top tip. Join the upper-right turn, right tip, lower-right turn and bottom-right tip. Then join the bottom-middle turn. Keep each line between its two marks; do not cross the middle.

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Continue the same star. Dark lines stay; orange lines are new. Gray marks are temporary guides.



D. Join the left half

From the bottom-middle turn, join the bottom-left tip, lower-left turn and left tip. Continue through the upper-left turn to meet the top tip. You now have five outward points.



E. Erase only the star guides

Erase the light box, oval, centre guide and placement marks. Keep the complete star outline. If a line misses its next point, erase just that short line and reconnect the two marks before removing the guides.

Count five outward tips. Small differences in the angles are fine; the outline should be closed.

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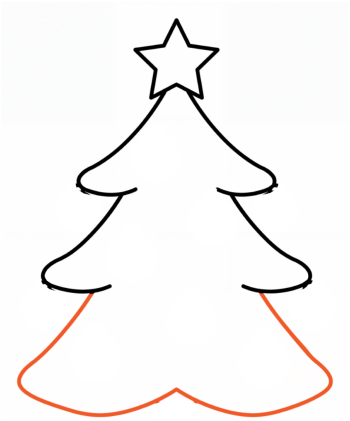
2. The top branches

From below the star, curve down and out on both sides. Round each tip, then curve inwards to make the first pair of branches.



3. The middle branches

From the first branches, curve down and out to make a wider pair. Round the tips, then curve inwards.



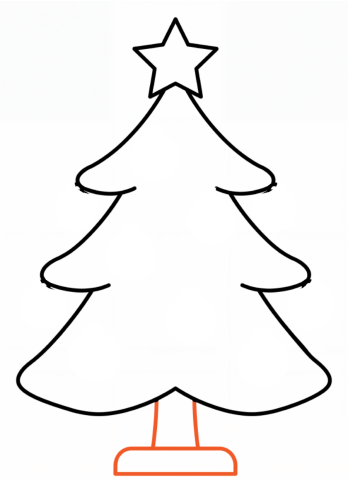
4. The bottom branches

From the middle branches, draw the widest pair below. Curve around both tips, then sweep the bottom edges up to meet in the middle.

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5. The trunk and stand

Below the tree, draw two short, slightly curved lines for the trunk. Join them to a wide stand with rounded top corners and a straight bottom.



6. Five upper baubles

Add five round baubles across the upper half, with two at the branch tips. Draw a small upside-down U hanger on each.



7. Five lower baubles

Add five more round baubles across the lower half, with two at the middle branch tips. Give each one the same upside-down U hanger.

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