

The Rainforest

Learning Objective:

To be able to draw rainforest animals.



If you were going to draw a gorilla like this one, how would you do it?

What would you start with?



What would you leave until last?



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If you were going to draw a parrot like this one, how would you do it?



What would you start with?



What would you leave until last?

If you were going to draw a frog like this one, how would you do it?

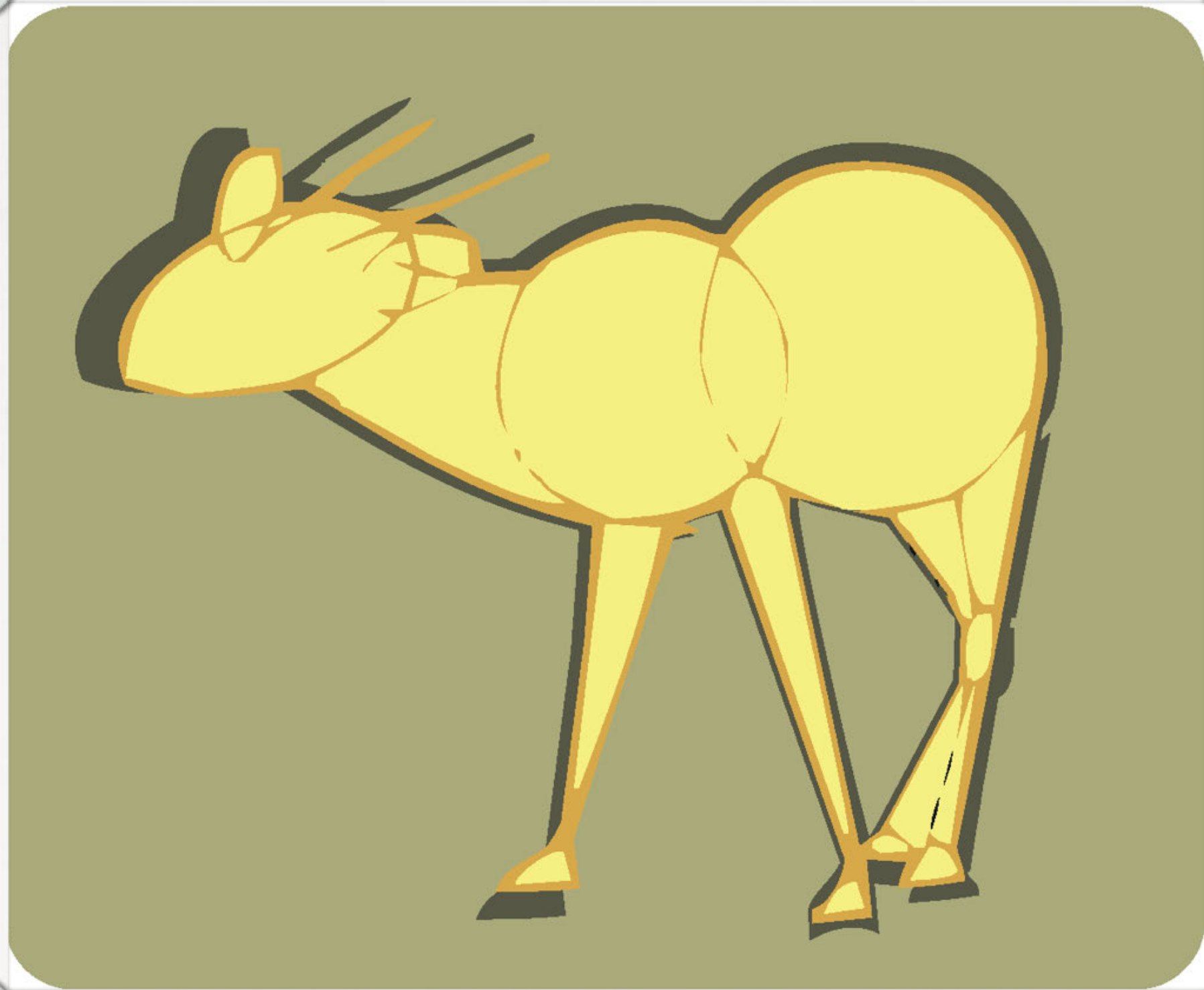
What would you start with?



What would you leave until last?



When you are drawing anything, you need to think about the different shapes that are in the object you are drawing. You need to get an outline of the basic shape first and then add the details.



Artists often build up the overall shape of an animal by sketching the basic shapes of the animal and then putting them together.

What
shapes can you see
in this animal?



It is also important to look at **proportion**. This means making sure that all the parts of your drawing are in relation to the rest of the drawing, such as making sure the head isn't too big for the body or that the feet are not too small for the legs.



You can use your thumb as a ruler. If the head of the monkey is one thumb width, you can then use this measurement to help you get everything else in proportion so you can see how big everything needs to be.

It is also important to draw what you SEE and not what you THINK you see. For example, we think of heads as always being at the top of an animal but in this picture, the head is lower than the shoulders.



You can also use **alignment** to make sure everything is in the right place. For example, the bottom of the tiger's tail is the same level as his body. Also, his nose is roughly in a line with his front paw.

Today we will be drawing some rainforest animals.

Which animals do you think would be easiest to draw and why?



Which animals do you think would be trickiest to draw and why?



We're going to try
drawing a frog together...are
you ready?!



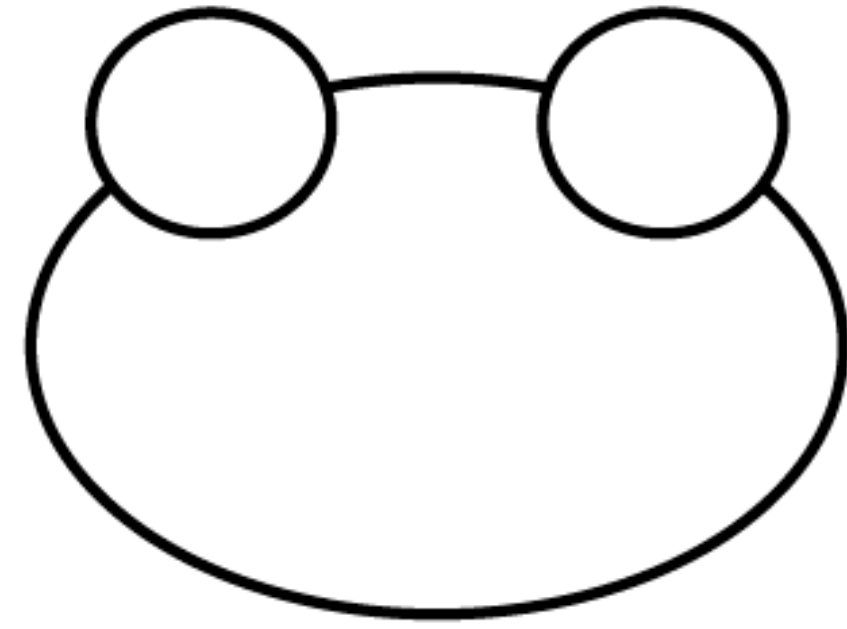
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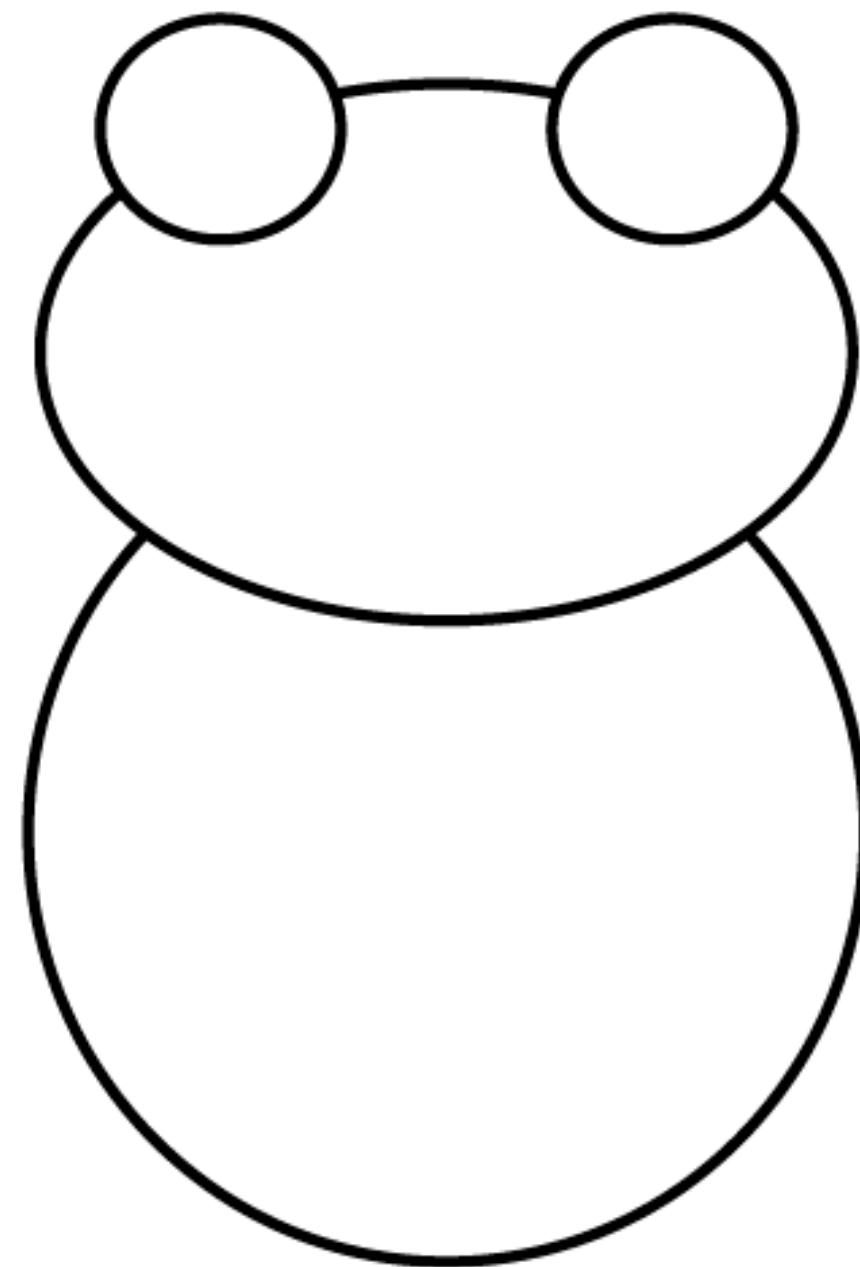
Draw two circles on your whiteboard like this:



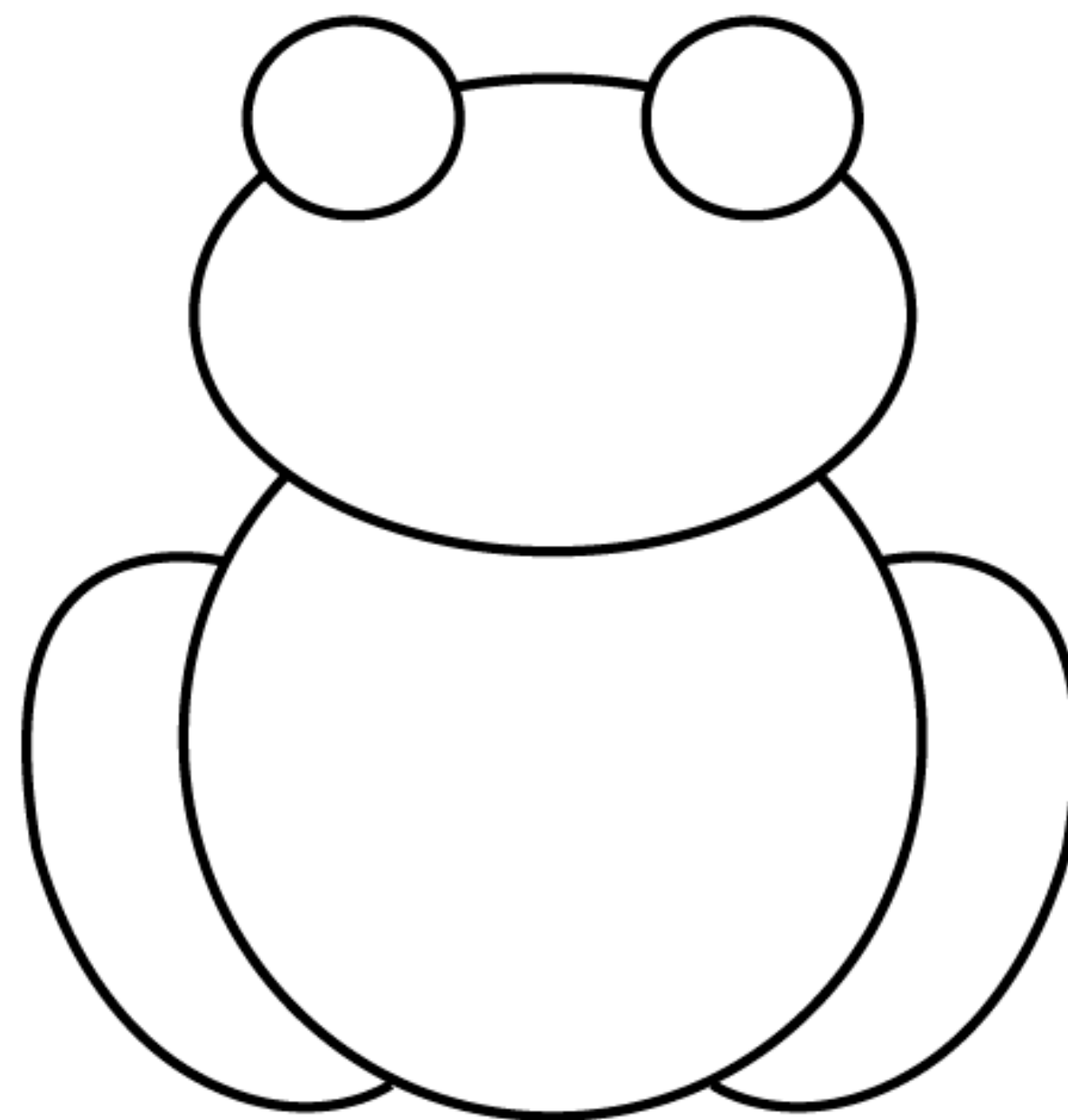
Join the circles with an oval behind it. Don't draw through the circles.



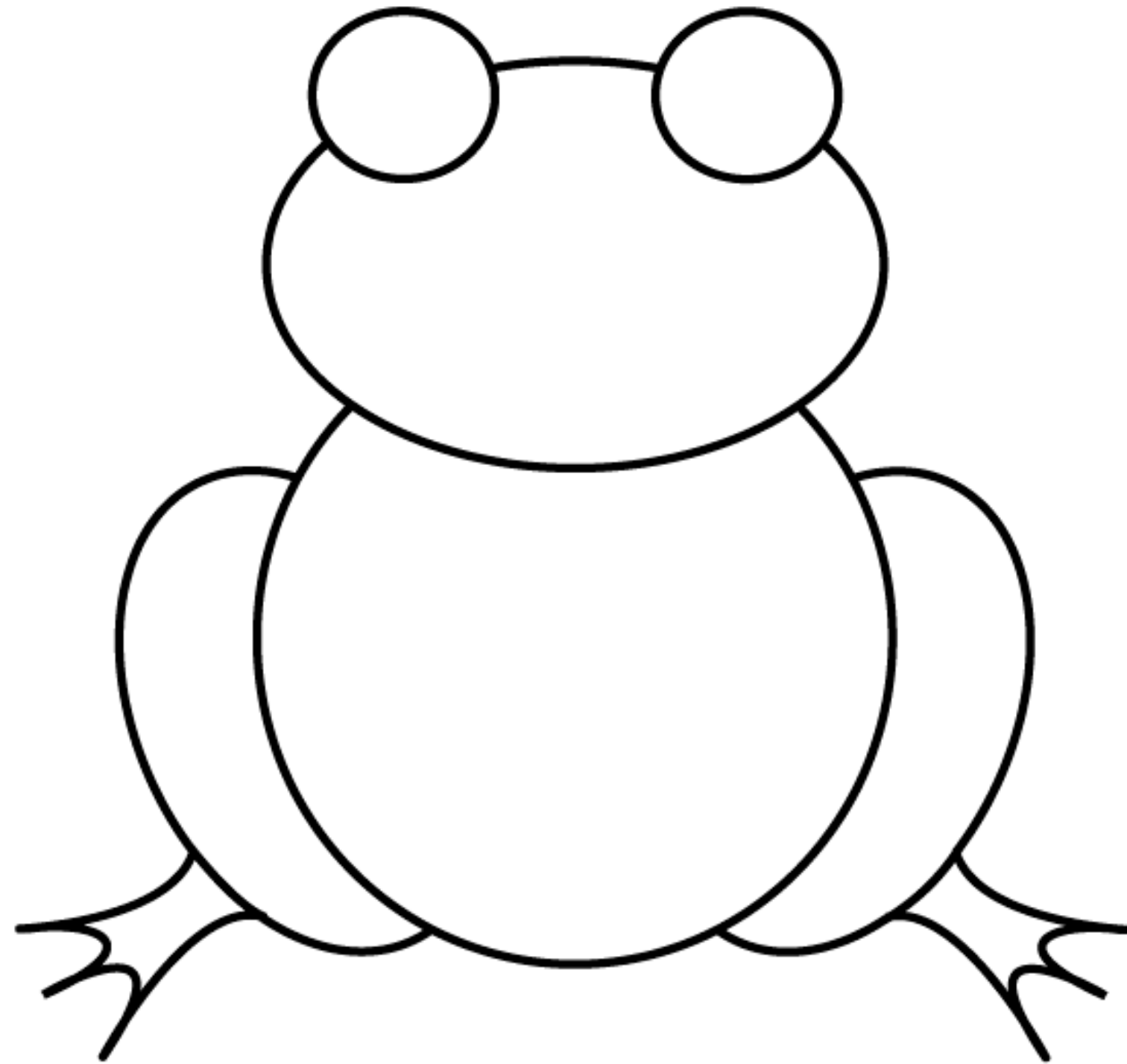
Draw another oval for the body.



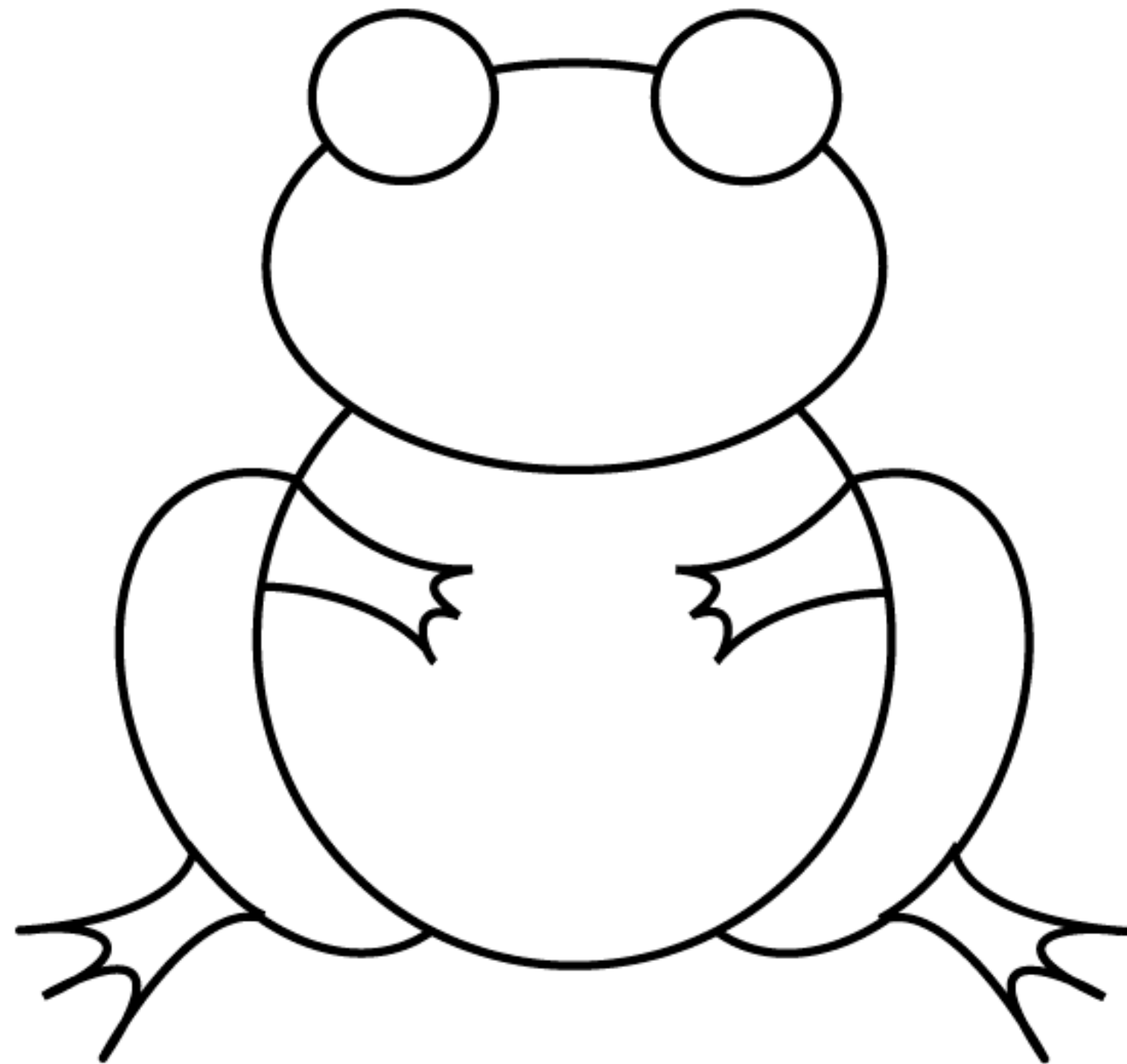
Draw two lines like this either side of the body.



Draw some webbed feet on each leg.



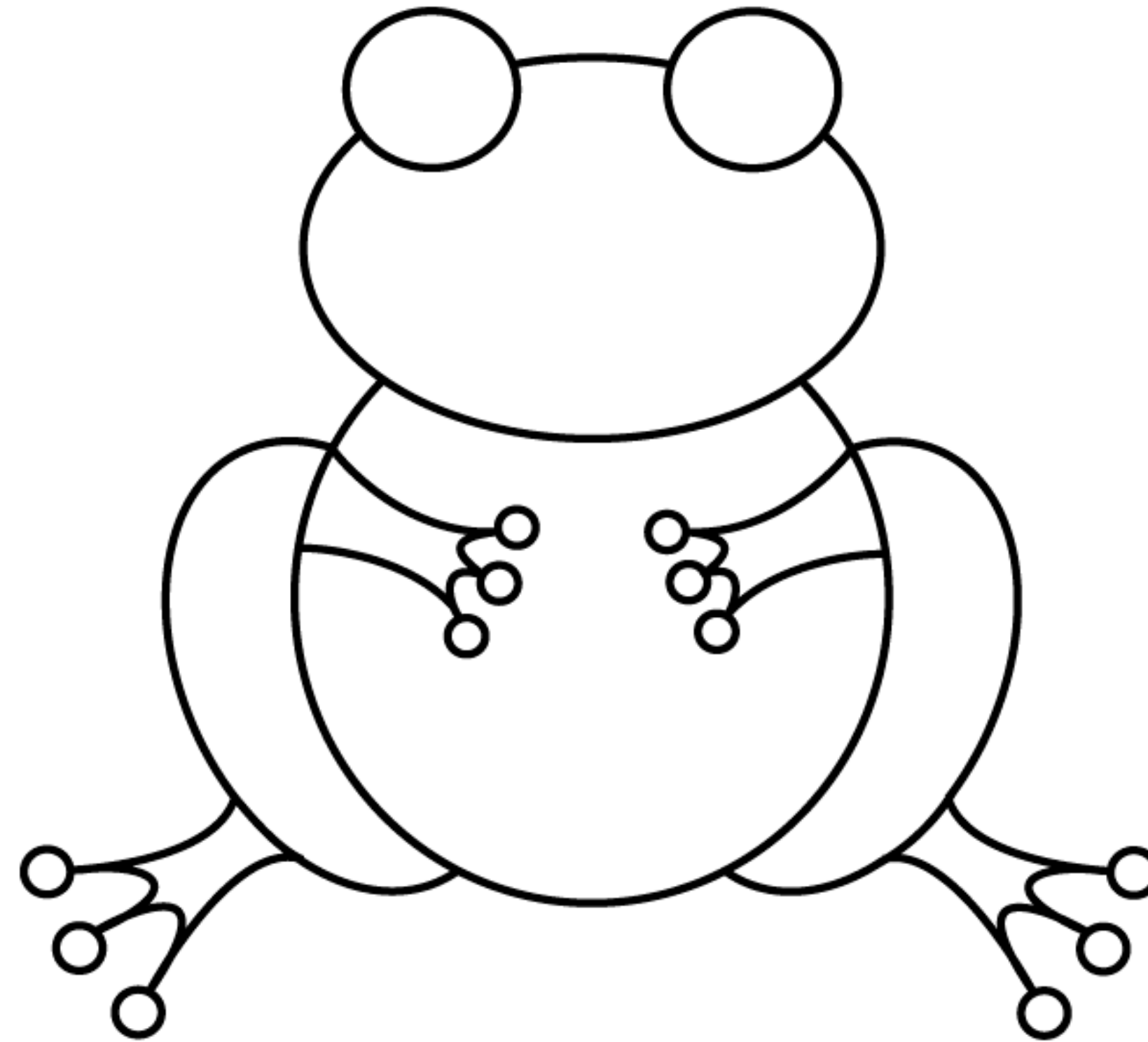
Draw webbed front legs.



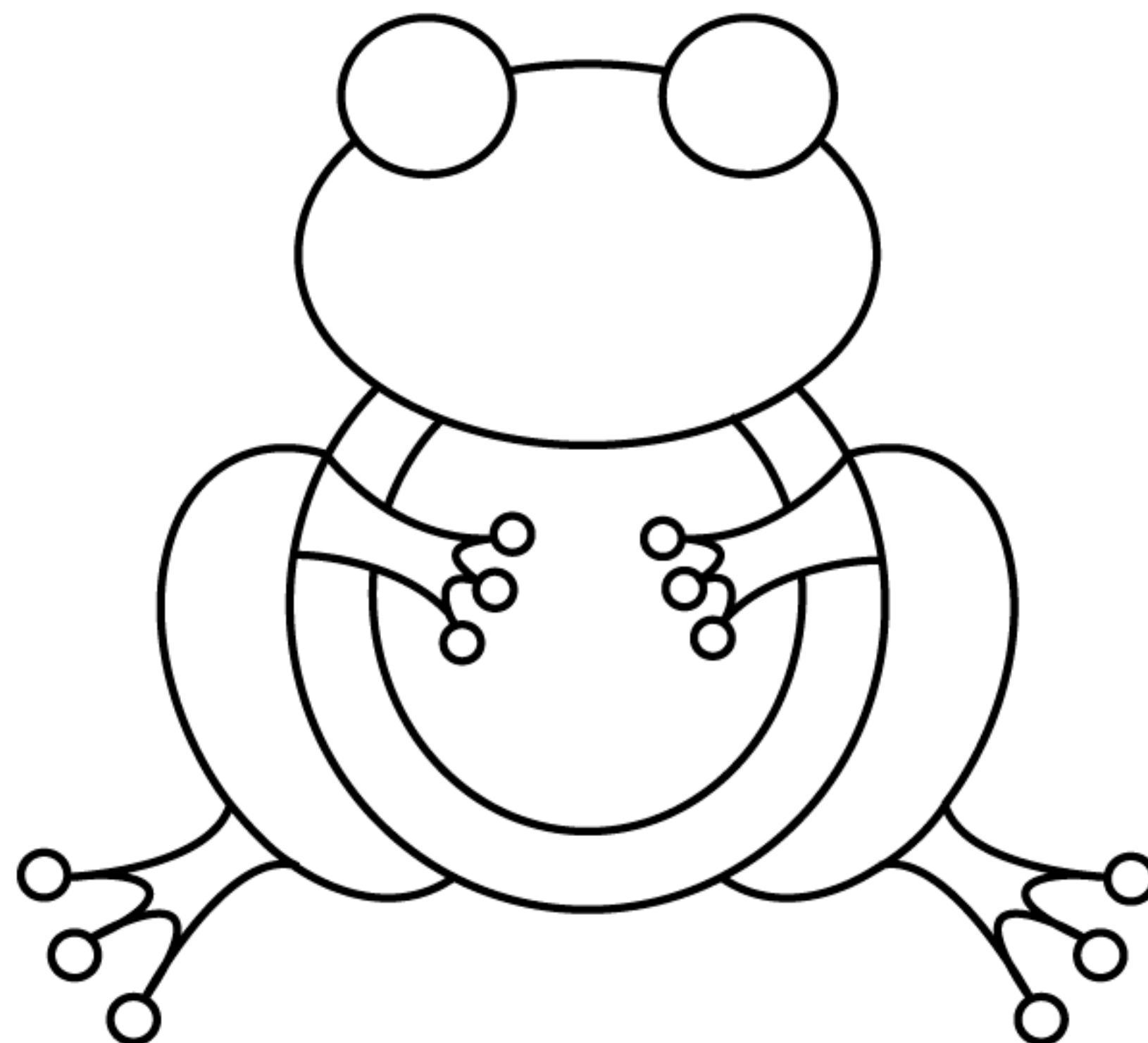
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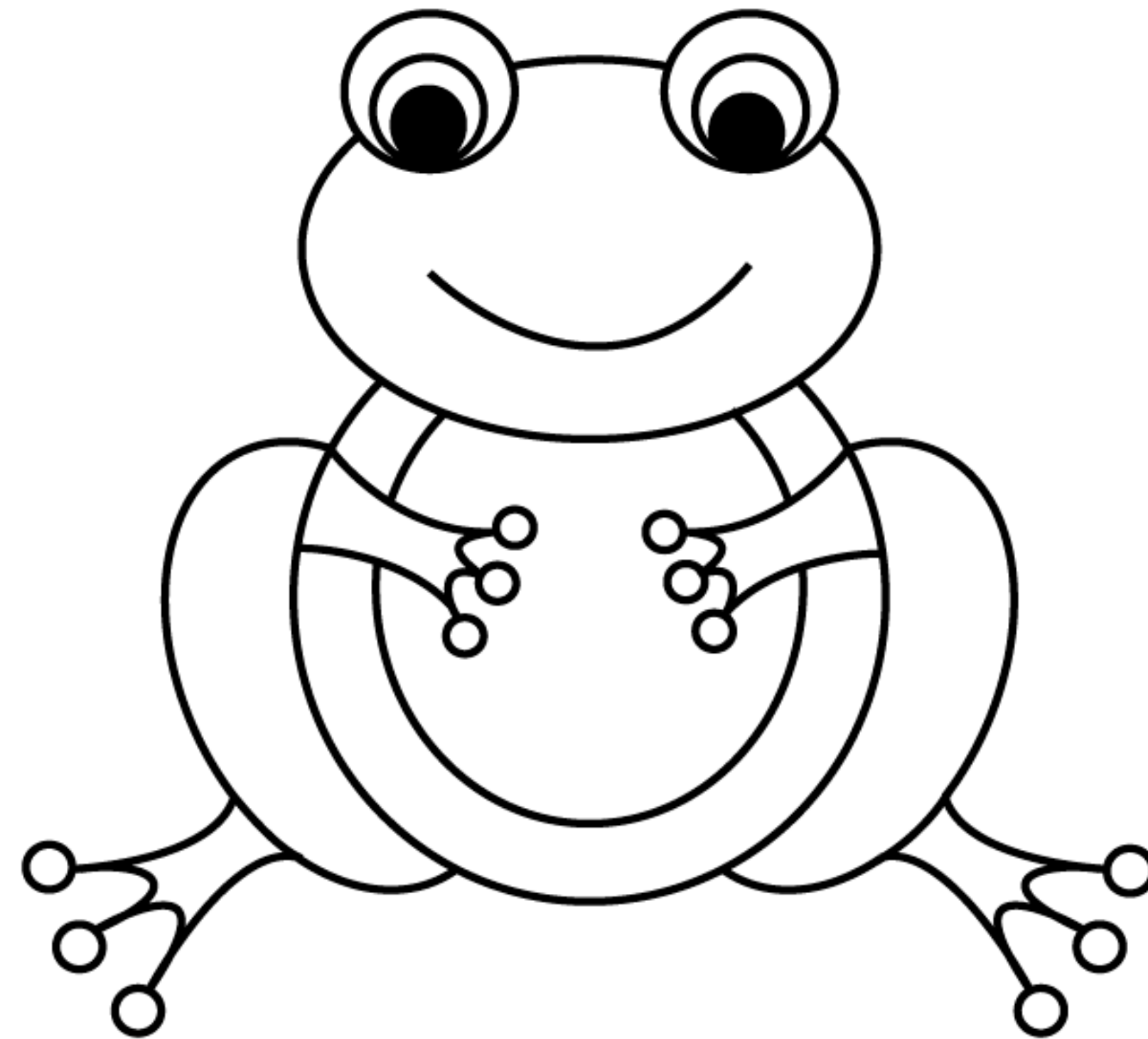
Draw small circles at the end of each point on the feet.



Draw a second oval over the tummy but behind the front legs.



Give your frog some eyeballs and a smile to finish him off!



How
easy was it to
follow the

How
similar does your
frog look to

How even
are your
shapes?

Is
everything in
proportion?

