

# Let's draw animals! YOU OTTER DRAW ME!

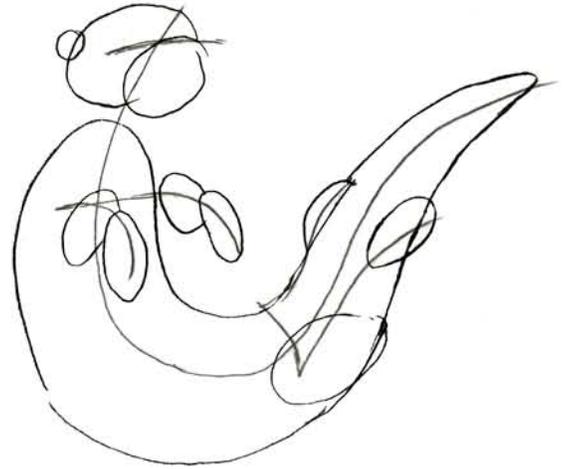
North American River Otters have long, muscular, streamlined bodies, short legs and webbed feet. They have small heads with long, stiff whiskers. Their eyes and ears are located high on the head for surface swimming. A third eyelid protects the eye when swimming underwater. Along with their powerful hind feet and muscular front feet, they have long, muscular tails which help propel them through the water.

Take time to study the animal before starting your sketch. If it moves it will often come back to a similar position. Draw quickly. Take pictures if you have a camera.



Draw a line for the spine. This helps show direction and movement of the body. Draw lines to show where the head, front and hind legs will go.

Draw ovals for the head and legs.



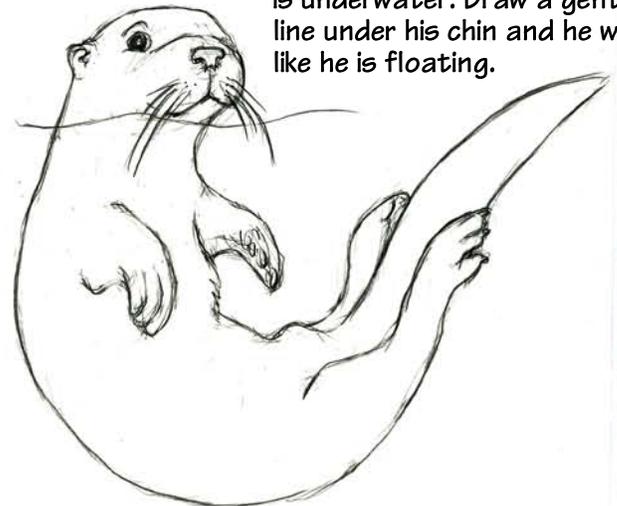
Draw a banana shape for the body.

Draw a circle for the eye and ear. Add lines to connect the head to the body. Draw lines to indicate mouth, nose and toes.



Add the eyes, whiskers and some detail. You can erase the lines you don't need. Reference and guide books are handy for confirming detail.

Drawing water: Most of this otter is underwater. Draw a gentle wave line under his chin and he will look like he is floating.



 Resident otters, Banks and Finn, say: "The Otter Banks is full of beautiful sounds and marshes. Help keep the water clean and protect these areas so they can remain safe homes for animals."