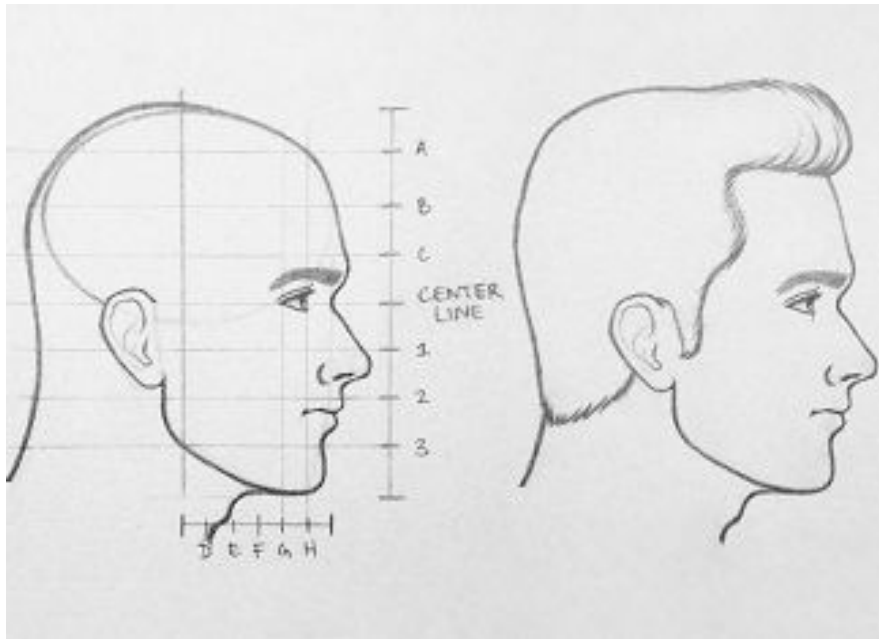


How to Draw a Face from the Side

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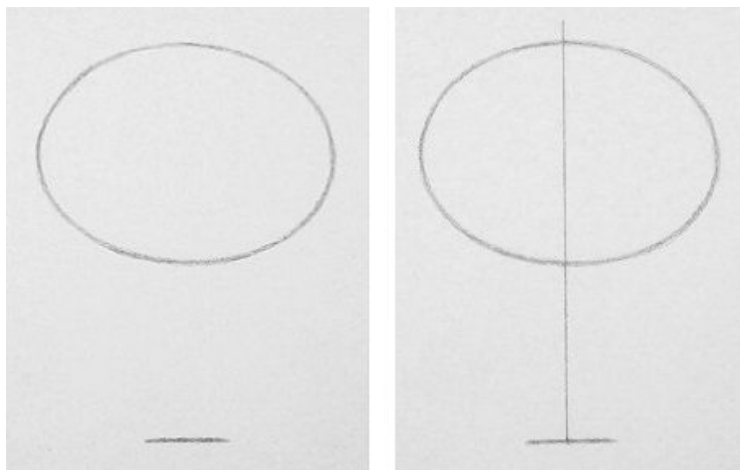
Hey Guys! I'm back with a new tutorial as a followup to the last one: [how to draw a face from the front](#). This tutorial is very similar to the last one because it uses the same ruler 'a,b,c, center line, 1,2,3'. If you followed my last tutorial, this one should be easy for you to pick up.

This tutorial requires a bit of measuring, so bear with me!

Tools ([You can find all my recommended tools here](#)):

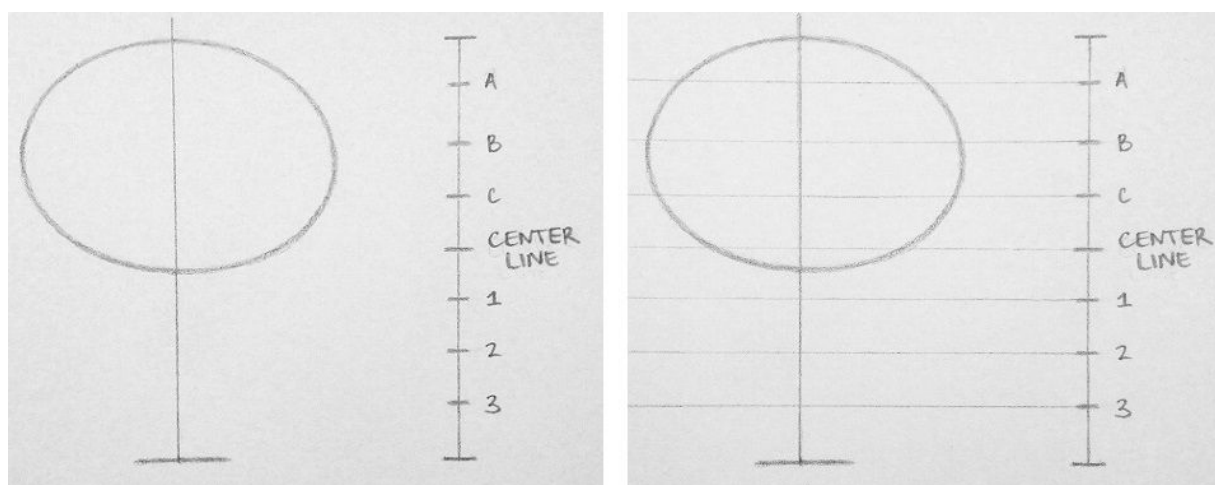
- HB Derwent pencil
- Kneaded eraser
- A straight edge or ruler (optional)

Step 1: How to Draw a Profile



Draw an oval and place a horizontal line below it about one oval down and draw a vertical line down the middle.

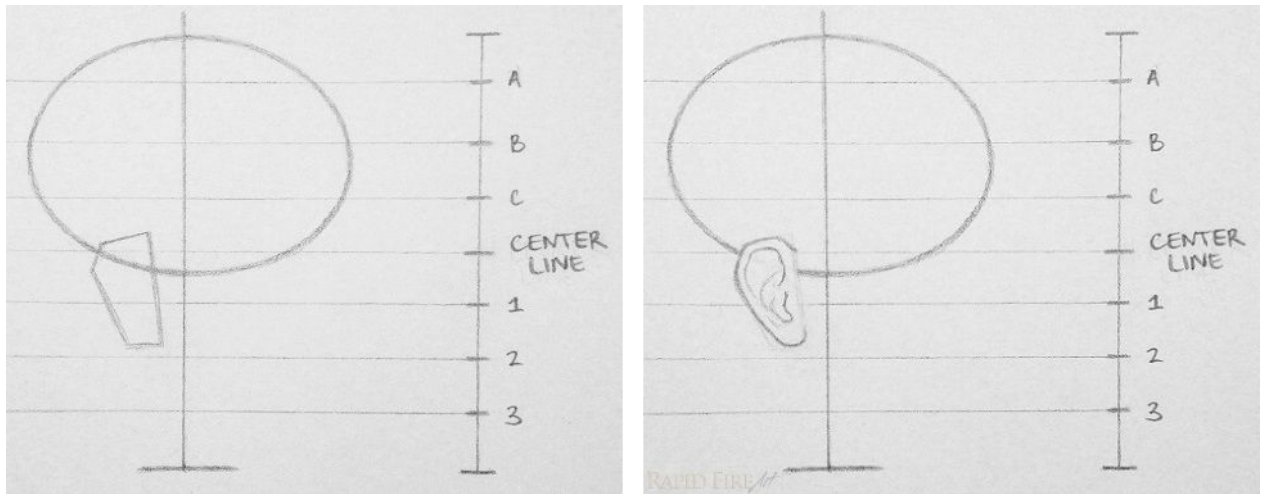
Step 2: Ruler



On the side, draw a ruler the same length as your drawing and divide it into eight equal spaces starting in the center. Make sure the spaces are as equal as possible! Use a straight edge to extend these markings over your drawing without pressing too hard. You can also create these lines without the ruler on the side, but I

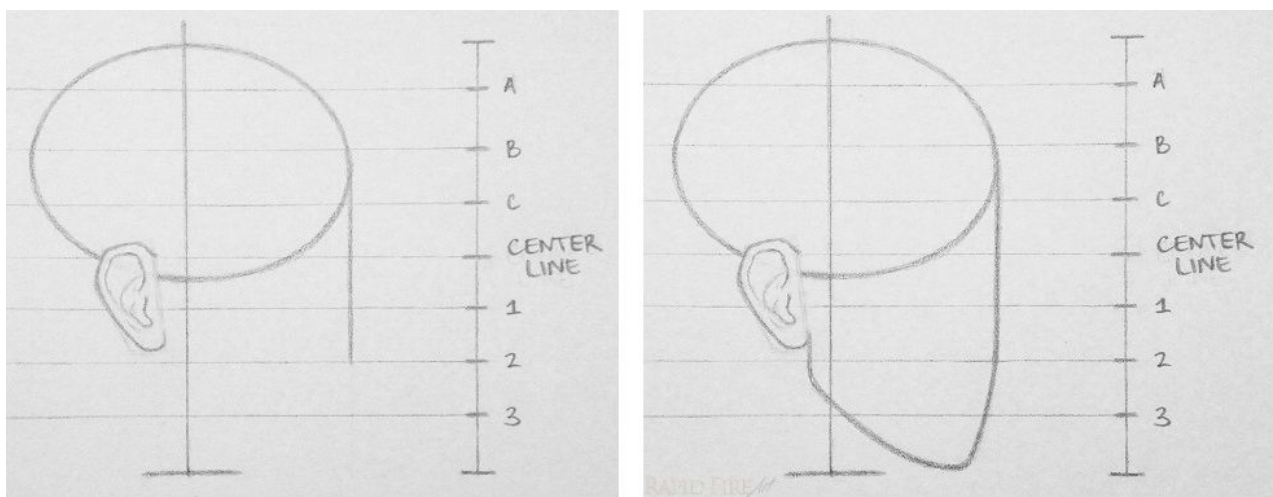
recommend using it at least the first 2 or 3 times you practice drawing a face from the side.

Step 3: Ear



Draw an ear on the left side of the head between line C and line 2. Click here for a detailed tutorial on [how to draw ears](#).

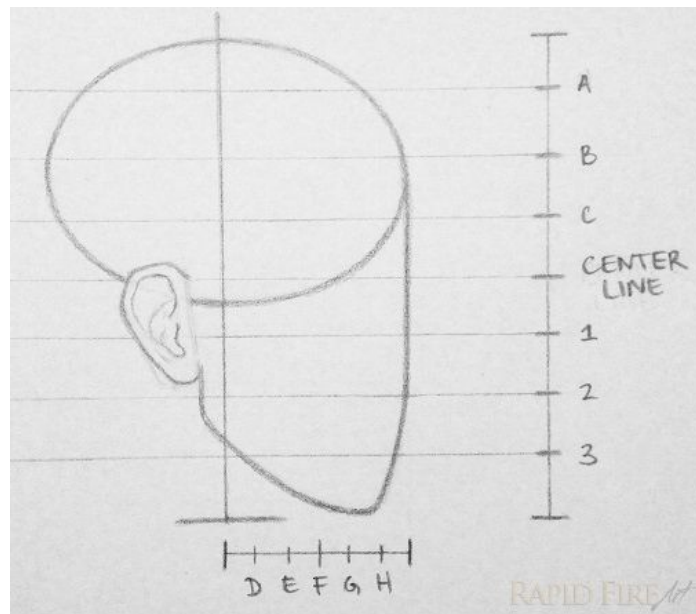
Step 4



Draw a straight line down the front of the face (let's call this the **face line**). Stop at

line 2 and slant inwards the rest of the way down. Connect the ear to the chin to complete the jaw.

Step 5: Second Ruler

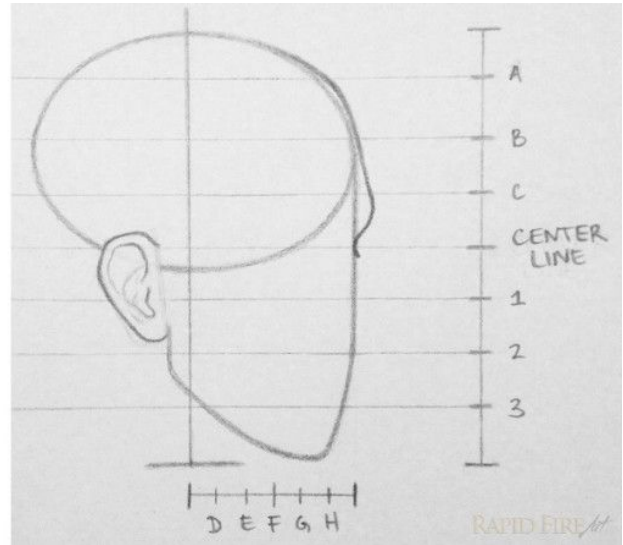
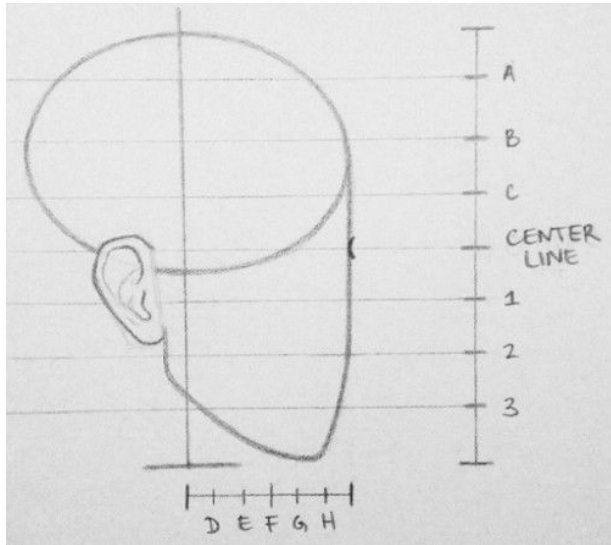


Make a horizontal line at the bottom of your drawing spanning from the middle of the head to the front of the face. Divide the line into 6 sections.

You can forget about this ruler for now. We'll come back to it later.

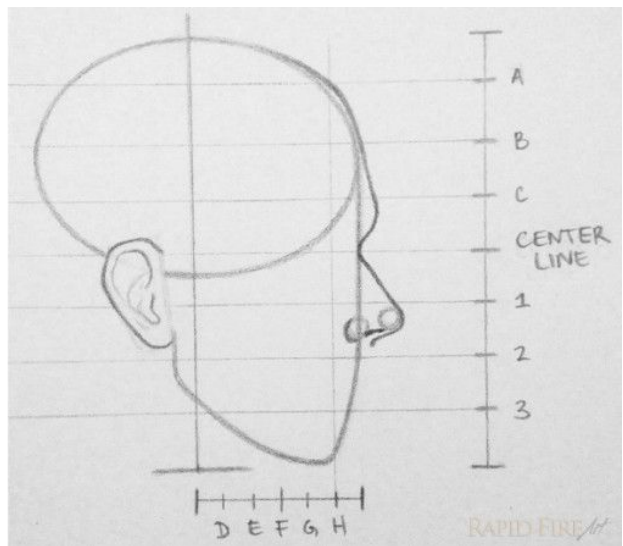
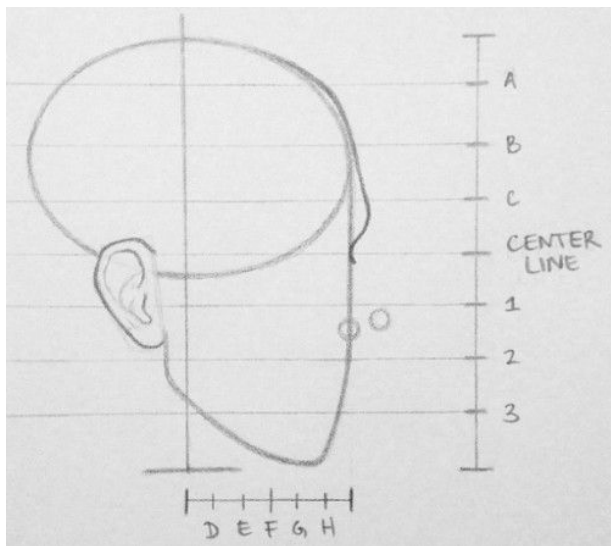
Step 6: Brow Bone

Draw a shallow 'c' shape where the Center Line and Face Line intersect. Shape the brow bone, working your way up to the forehead and merge the line back into the oval.



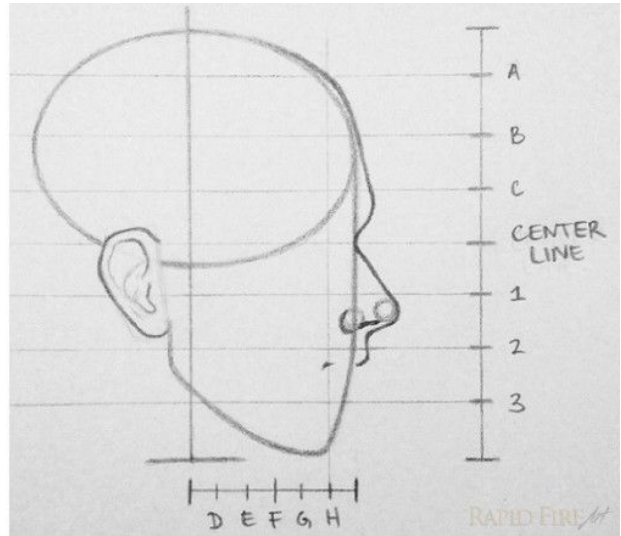
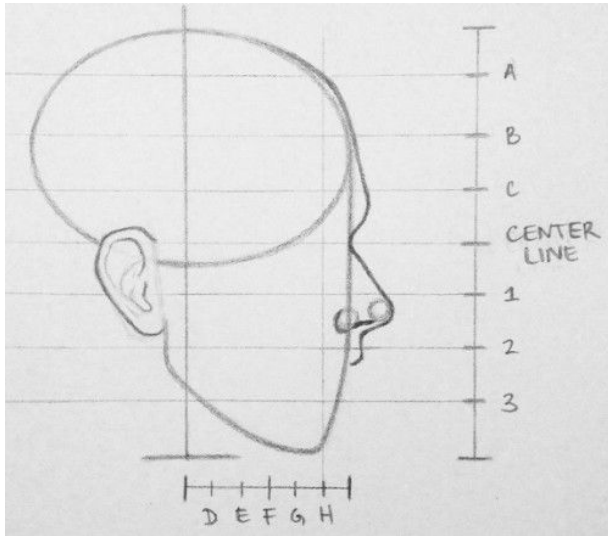
Step 7: Nose

Draw two small circles: one on the face line between lines 1 and 2 and another circle to the right of that.



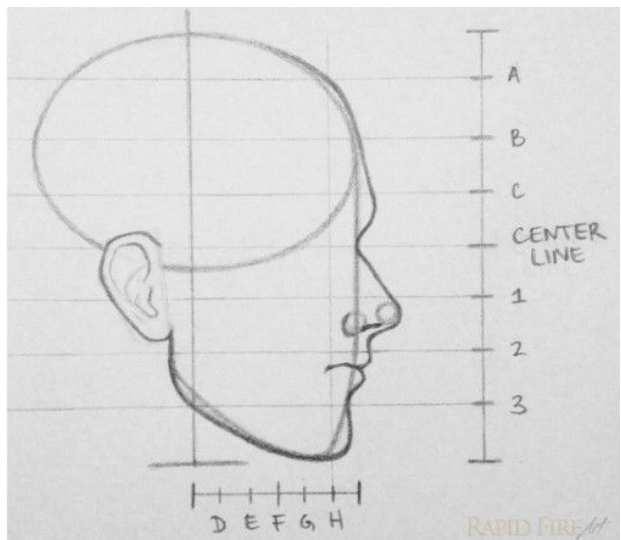
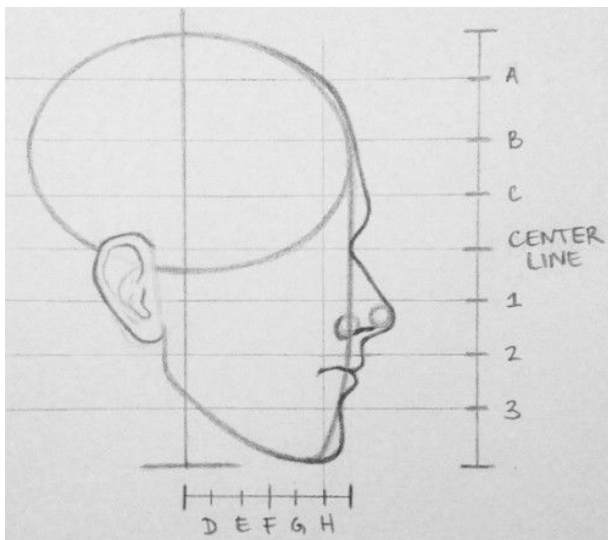
Click here for a detailed tutorial on [drawing noses from the side](#).

Step 8: Lips and Chin



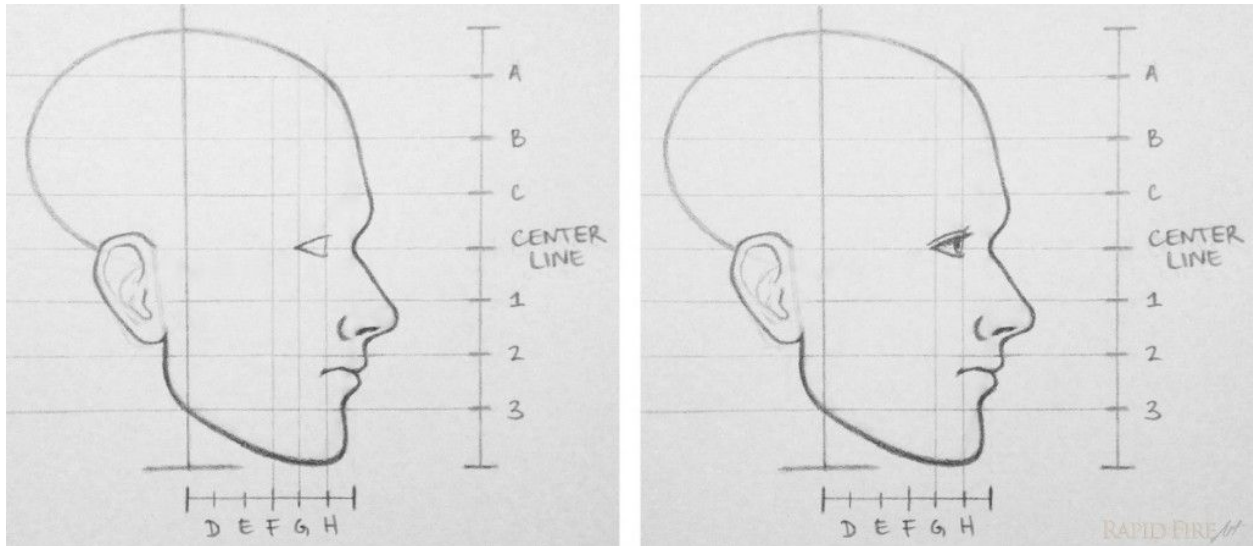
Line your straight edge or ruler up to the marking labelled 'H' and draw a straight line through the face.

Draw the top lip under line 2. Now that we have one lip drawn, it's time to draw the mouth's corner. Place a small tick on line H.



Draw the bottom lip above line 3. Underbite or overbite?? Your choice! Follow up with the jaw and chin. Keep in mind that they do not need to follow along the underlayer created in step 4.

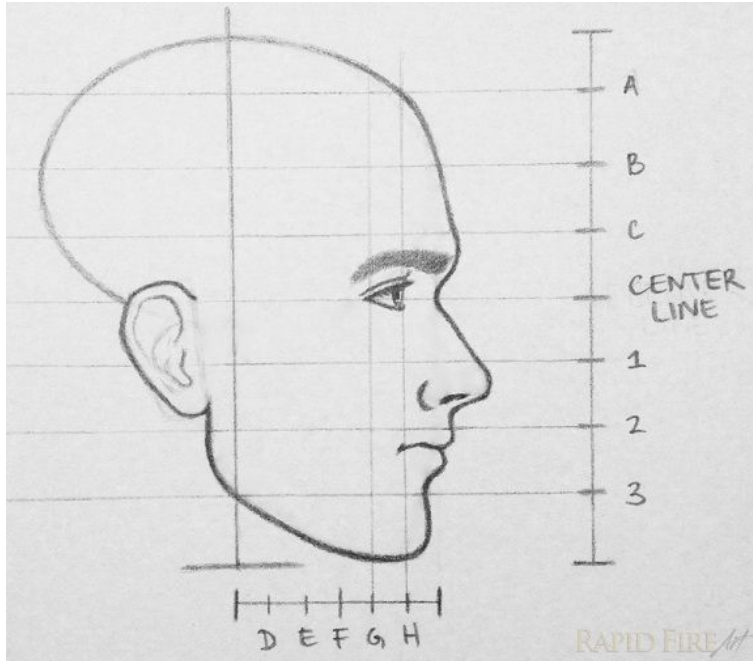
Step 9: Eye and Eyebrow



Update: Draw two lines from the top of the head through the markings labelled 'F' and 'G'.

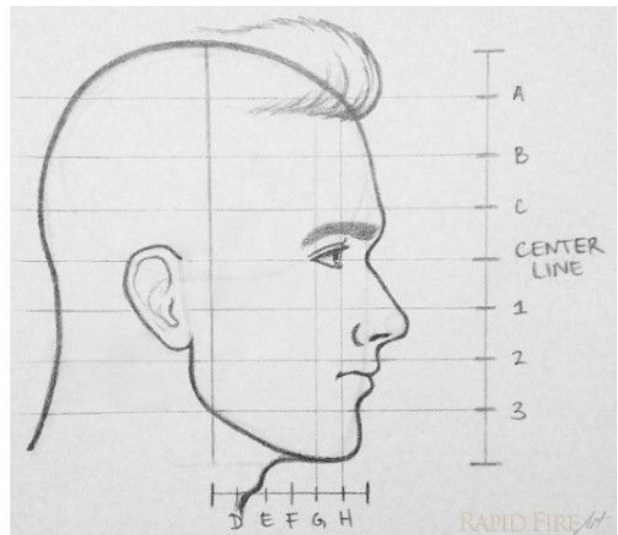
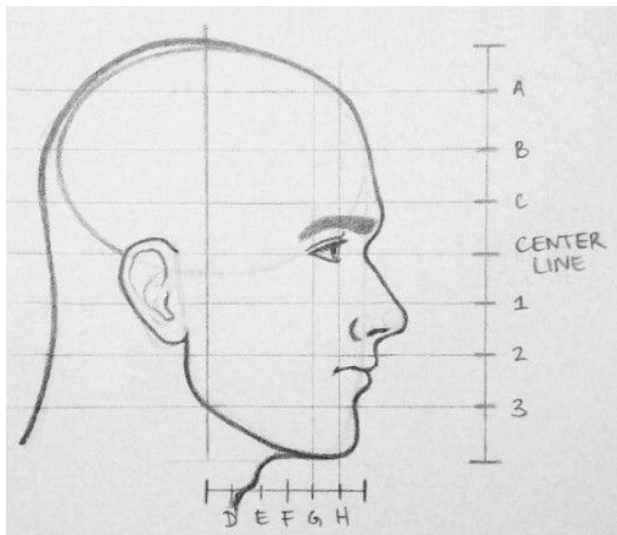
To draw an eye, draw a circle between lines F and G on the Center Line, or draw a triangle between lines G and H on the Center Line.

Click here for a detailed tutorial on [how to draw an eye from the side!](#)



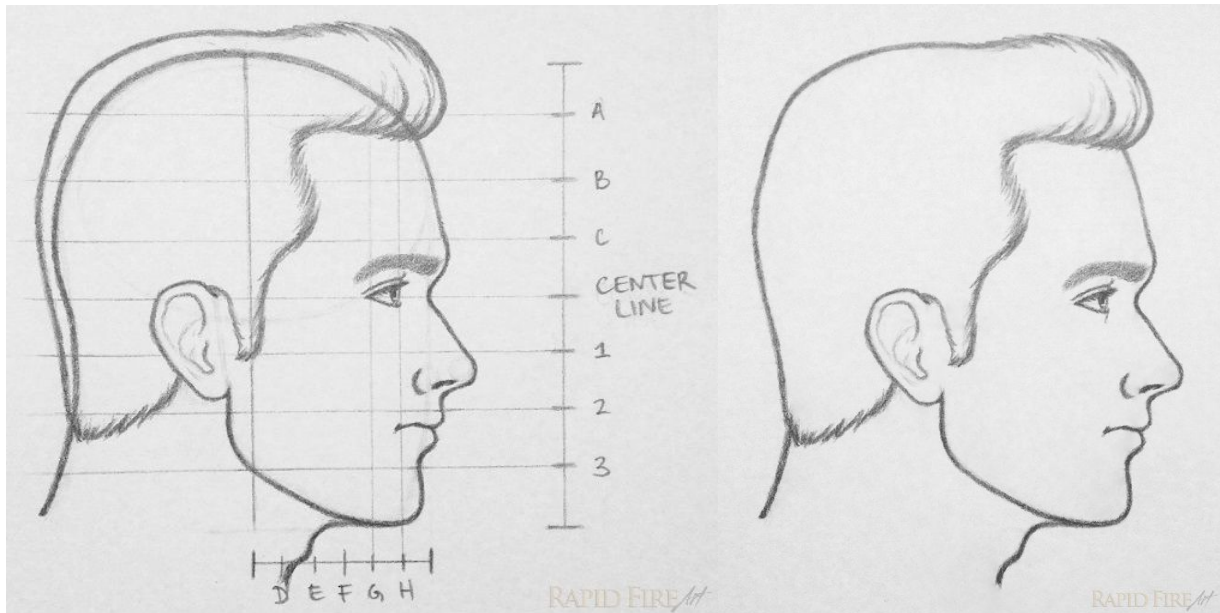
Then draw the eyebrow below line C.

Step 10: Final Step



Draw the top and back of the head by following along the oval and taking a plunge all the way down, creating the back of the neck. When you draw the front part of the neck, try not to go too far left past the middle of the head.

Draw a regular hairline on the forehead between lines A and B or a receding hairline above line A.



Add some finishing touches.. and you're all set! Practice this a few more times and when you're comfortable, try drawing without the two rulers on the side and bottom of your drawing!

To learn how to draw short hair and shade it realistically, [click here!](#)