

# CONTOUR DRAWING

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**CONTOUR DRAWING** - Definition: A contour is the line which defines a form or edge - an outline. Contour drawing is the place where most beginners start, following the visible edges of a shape. The contour describes the outermost edges of a form, as well as dramatic changes of plane within the form. Whenever possible, keep your line continuous and without line breaks.

Please review carefully your assignment below.  
This photographic reference of a Buffalo is where we begin.

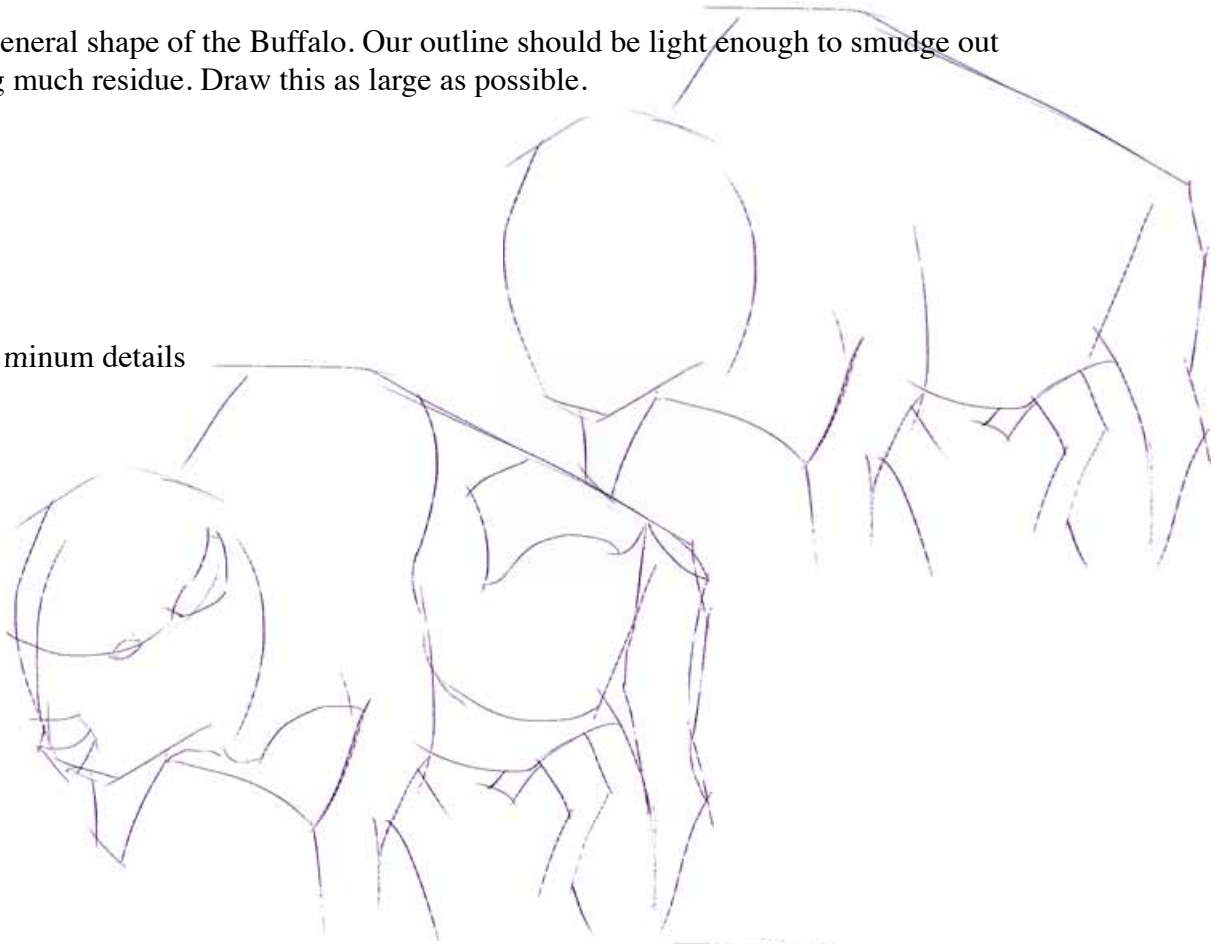


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Step One: Begin with the faintest outline of this Buffalo. This outline, also called guidelines will assist you in following the general shape of the Buffalo. Our outline should be light enough to smudge out without leaving much residue. Draw this as large as possible.

Step Two: Add minimum details



Step Three: Begin your contour drawing using your photographic reference as a guide. Your contour drawing need not look exactly like this but should end up looking like a buffalo. Note that there is no shading.



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Your final should look something like this.

Line variations are acceptable and encouraged, but stay true to the definition of a contour drawing.

