DRAWING A PENGUIN WITH SHAPES

The **"Drawing a Penguin with Shapes"** is a craft based on the book "Penguins". Watch this cool video about gentoo penguins: https://youtu.be/xnu5htZpruE
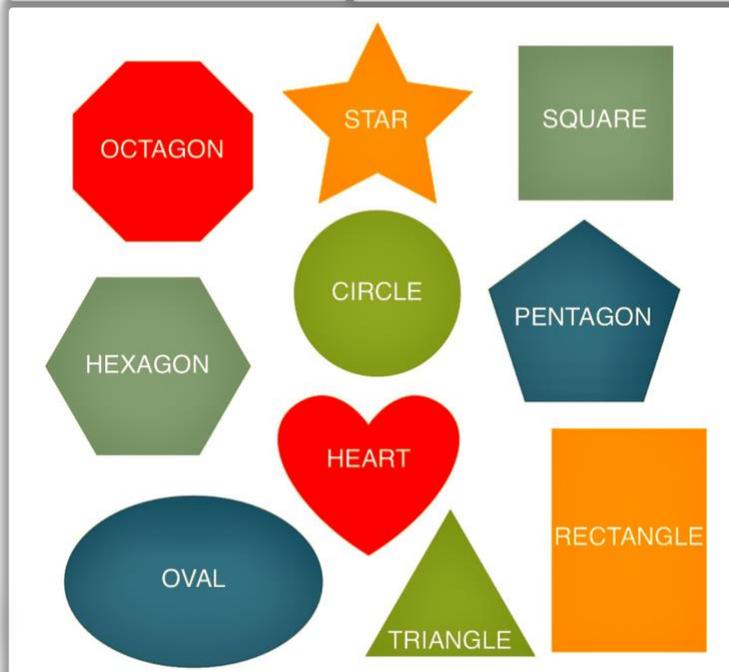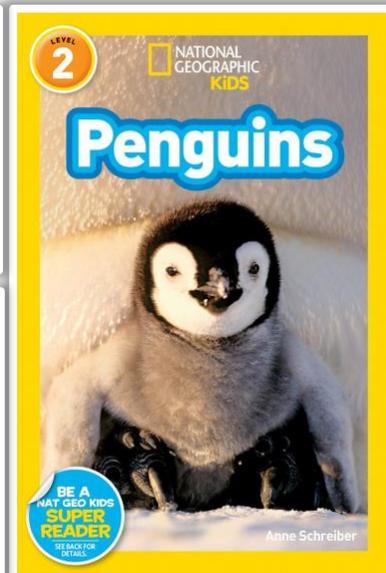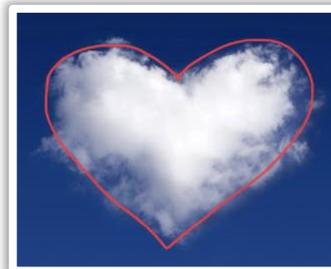
Shape is a geometric figure. It is the outline of a area or figure. Example: "That cloud it's the shape of a heart." or "That cloud is the shape of a rabbit." →

To make this craft you will need a pencil, an eraser, white paper, a black marker and a medium to color it with, such as markers, crayons or colored pencils.
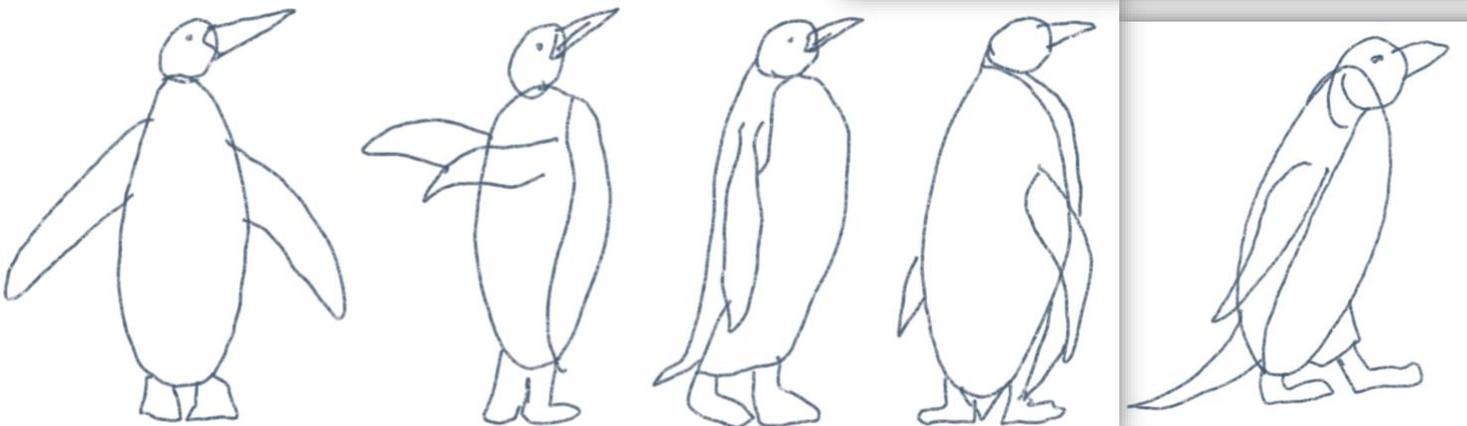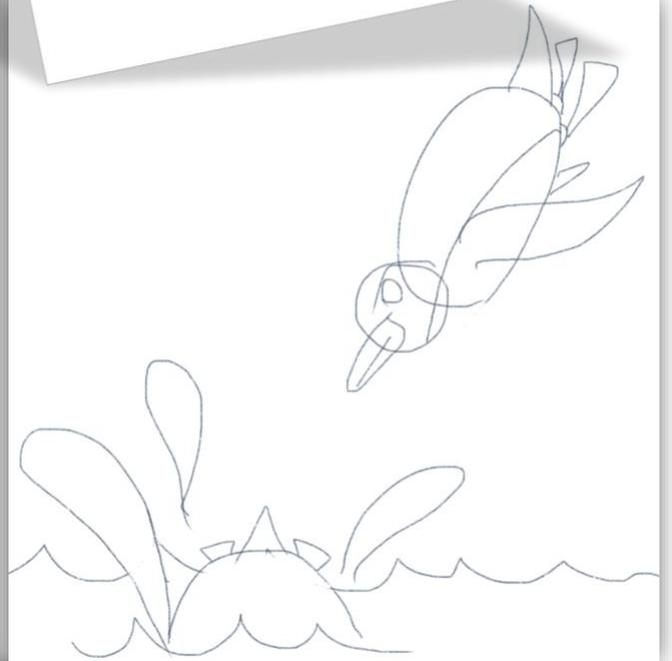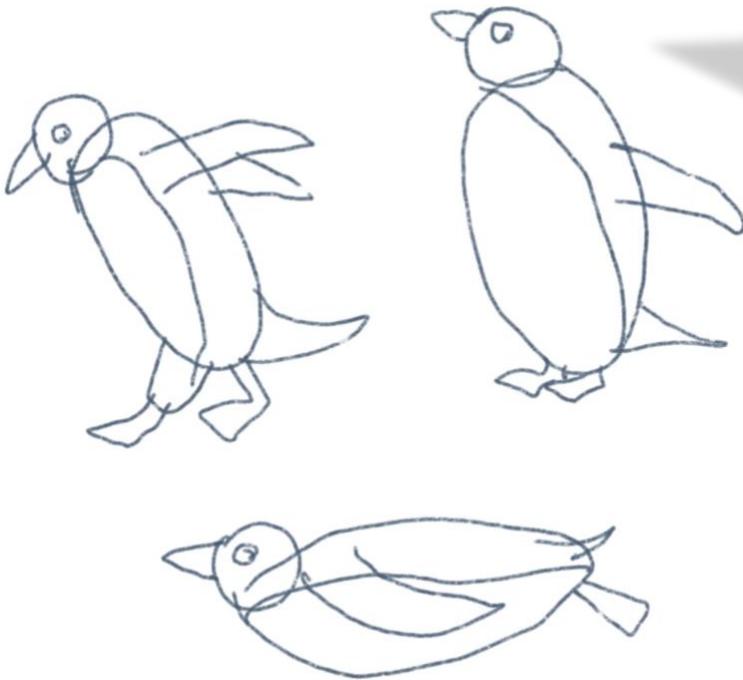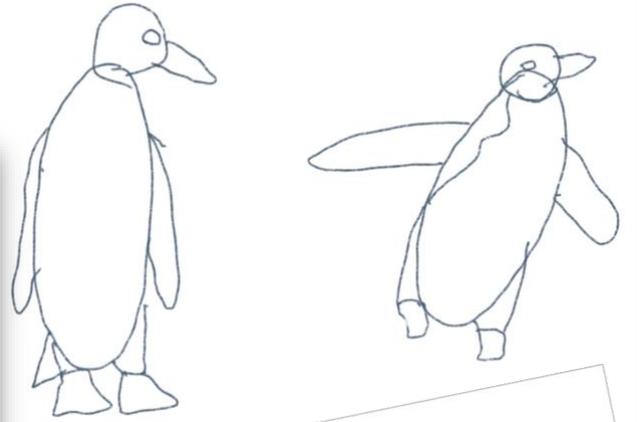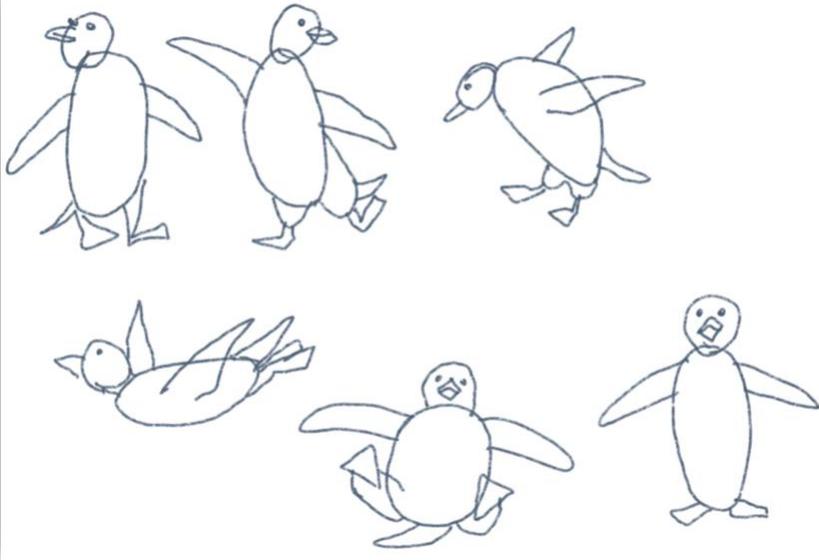
Look at the penguin images. (find these and other inspirational images at Google.com). Now, think about these questions:

What position do you want your penguin to be in? What is he doing? What is the scene? Example of a scene: is he jumping in the air because he is happy it is snowing? Or maybe he is sliding on his belly on ice! It doesn't matter the position, you will be working with the same basic shapes. You can make a really cool drawing only using these basic shapes. →

A penguin has a body, a head, a tail, two flippers and two feet. Looking at the shapes, which do you think would be the best ones to draw a penguin?

OCTAGON STAR SQUARE

HEXAGON CIRCLE PENTAGON

HEART RECTANGLE

OVAL TRIANGLE

That is right! Oval for the body, circle for the head and eyes, triangles for the feet, beak and flippers. I know it's not exactly like it, but that is where we start!

1. Sketch using a light pencil, so you can try as many times as you need to, because you can erase it. So, do not put much pressure on the pencil. You can use a real photo that you like as a reference, like on my example. I added the horizon line and mountains on the background. I used soft wavy lines for the water and straight lines with sharp edges for the ice.

2. Once you are happy with your sketch, retrace the outline of the drawing with a black marker. But only the lines that you want to stay on your drawing. Erase any pencil showing when the marker is dry.

3. Color it! 😃

Try your best and have fun! 🙂👍

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