

# Tips for Drawing Facial Expressions

## The Most Important Features

**The Eyes** - Probably the most important feature for evoking a clear emotion. Utilize the eyelids and eyebrows to create your effect.

**The Cheeks** - The way they squash and stretch will affect the look and position of the eyes.

**The Mouth** - The shape of the mouth is also very important. It affects how the cheeks move and the shape of the entire face.

## Additional Tips

Note that when you move the shape and position of one feature, it affects everything else. Nothing stands completely on its own.

For a stronger drawing and character, really push the expression. Instead of simply drawing a happy person, draw one that is ecstatic; instead of drawing an angry person, draw a furious one.

Have a mirror nearby. When I'm trying to nail down an expression, I often find my own face making weird movements unconsciously. It can make for good reference.



