Aesthetic Doodle Reference Sheet

Transform basic shapes into cozy cafe doodles in four easy steps.

Create an aesthetic, cozy sketchbook page with this simple layer-by-layer doodle process. Start with basic geometric forms and finish with charming, dimensional highlights.



Key Doodle Dimensions

approx 2 inches
Base circle width for page layout

under 20 percent
Initial pencil pressure for easy erasing

0.5mm
Soft monoline pen tip size

at least 2 minutes
Ink drying time before using eraser

120gsm or higher
Smooth sketchbook paper weight

3 to 5 items
Doodle cluster size for natural composition

Store Pens Flat

Always store your size 10 white gel pen horizontally so the opaque ink flows smoothly to the rollerball tip instantly.

Four Easy Steps

1. **Base circle guide** Draw a light pencil shape to establish volume before adding secondary details like handles or leaves.
2. **Soft monoline pen** Trace your sketch using a single, confident smooth stroke without lifting to create clean outlines.
3. **Eyes low and wide** Place dot eyes on the lower third, adding pastel blush spots just below and slightly outside.
4. **White dot over outline** Place a glossy highlight directly overlapping the black ink for a dimensional, sticker-like finish.

Highlight Styles

Find your row: **Material Type**

Material Type	Your pick	Why
Ceramic Mug	Long curved swoosh	Top right rim
Bakery Item	Small scattered dots	Upper crust edge
Plant Leaf	Short diagonal dash	Center vein area
Glass Boba Cup	Two parallel lines	Middle right side

Before You Sketch

- ○ Draw a quick figure-eight on scrap paper to test ink flow.
- ○ Draw continuous overlapping circles for two minutes to warm up your wrist.
- ○ Check that your eraser is soft white vinyl or kneaded rubber.
- ○ Photograph finished pages in natural, indirect sunlight for crisp linework.

Sketchbook Ideas

Tuck this guide inside your sketchbook for quick inspiration whenever you sit down!