

How to Draw a Waterfall

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A waterfall can add a paradisaical feel to your illustration, using some simple shapes you'll learn how to make one following these steps.

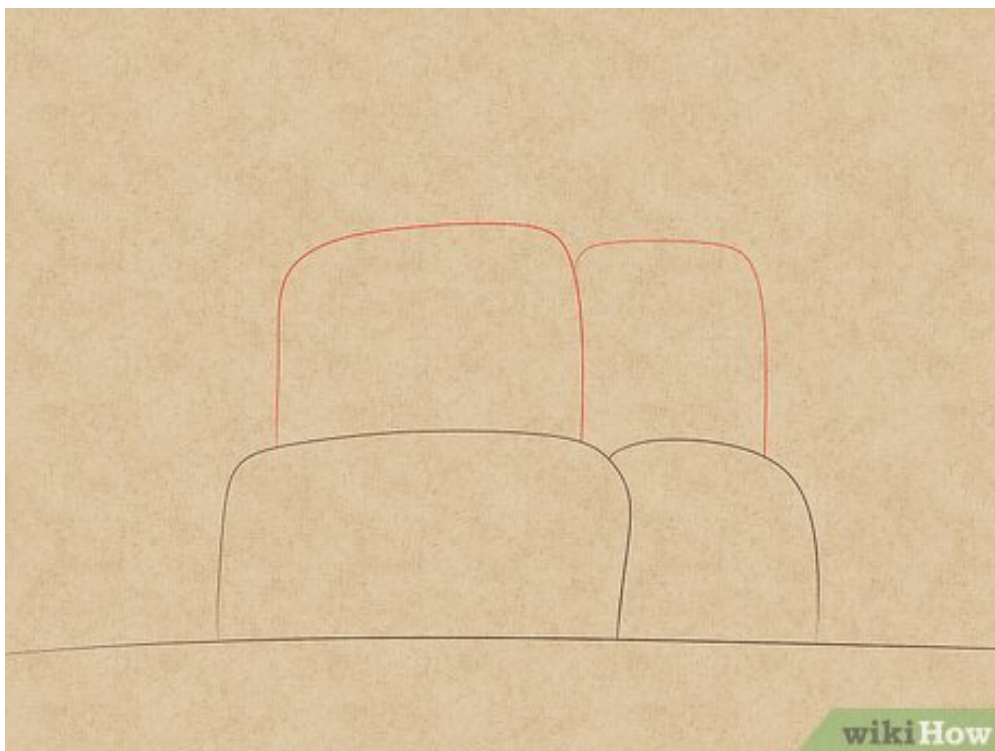
Steps



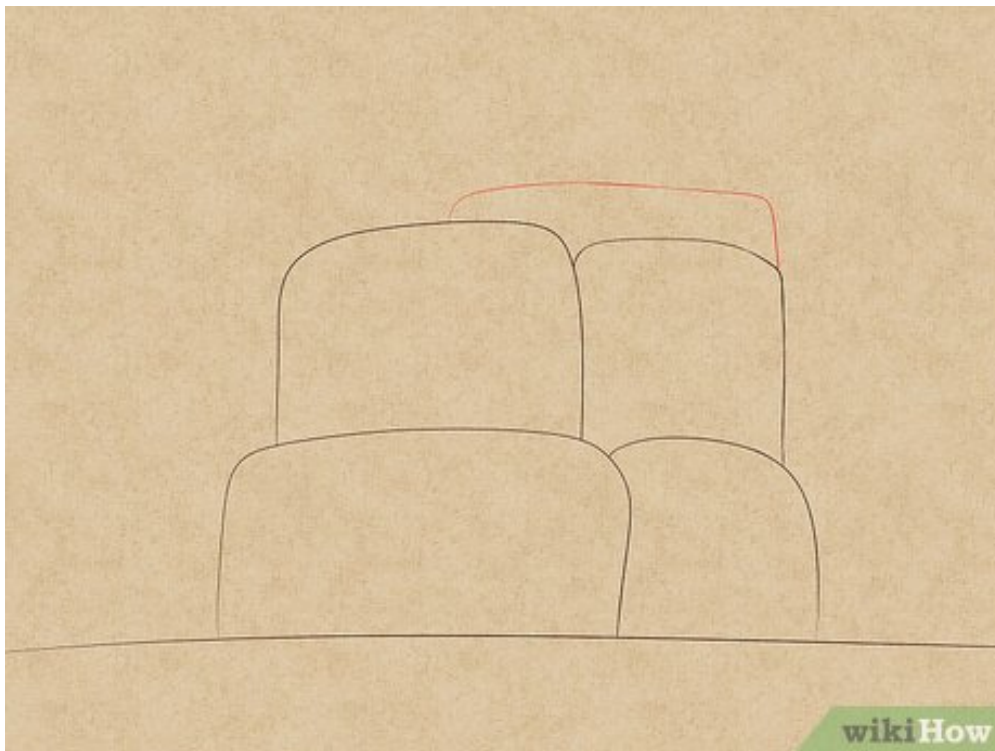
- 1** Draw a curved line on the bottom of the scene, this will be the outline of the pond/river.



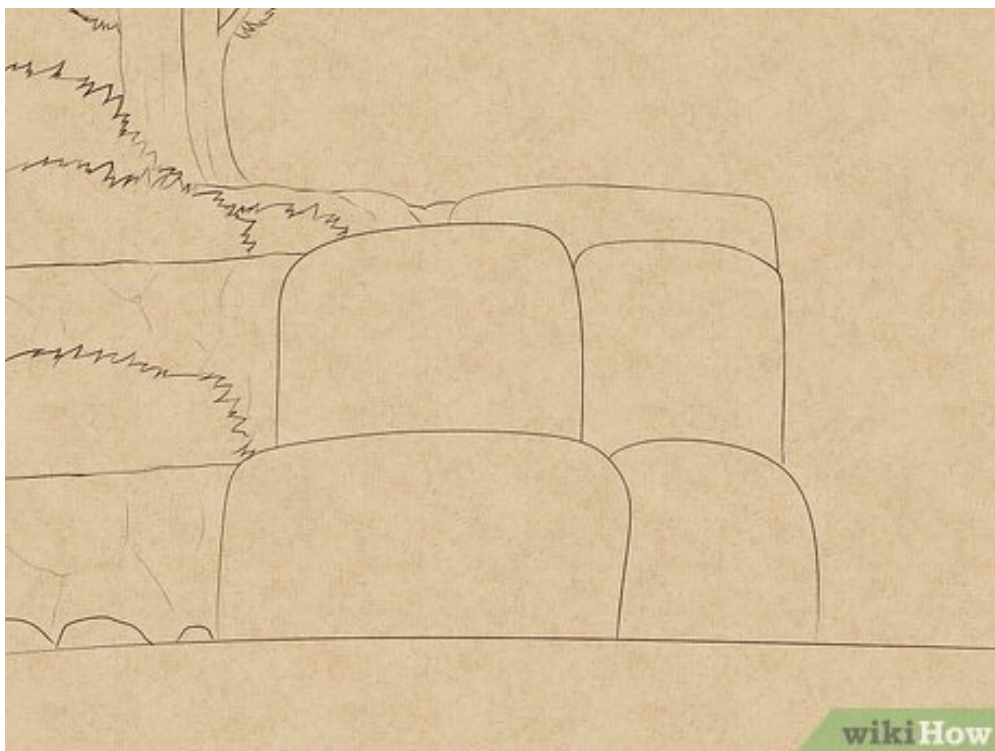
2 Draw rounded cornered rectangles for the first tier.



3 Draw another couple of rectangles. Make them smaller this time.



4 Add a third tier. Remember that the smaller they look, the farther they are, depth-wise.



5 Draw some bushes sticking to one side.



6 Complete the scene by drawing some more trees or bushes to the other side.



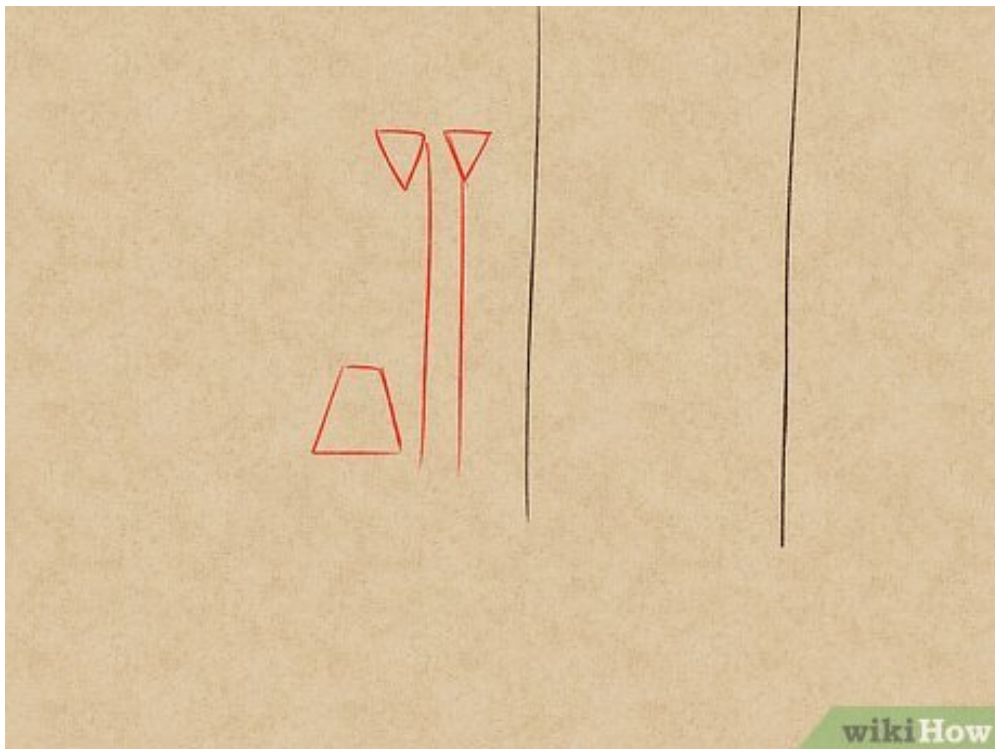
7 Use teal, sky blue and white to color the water, and green for the plants.

- Remember that foam forms on the base of the waterfall. Sketch this in like clouds.

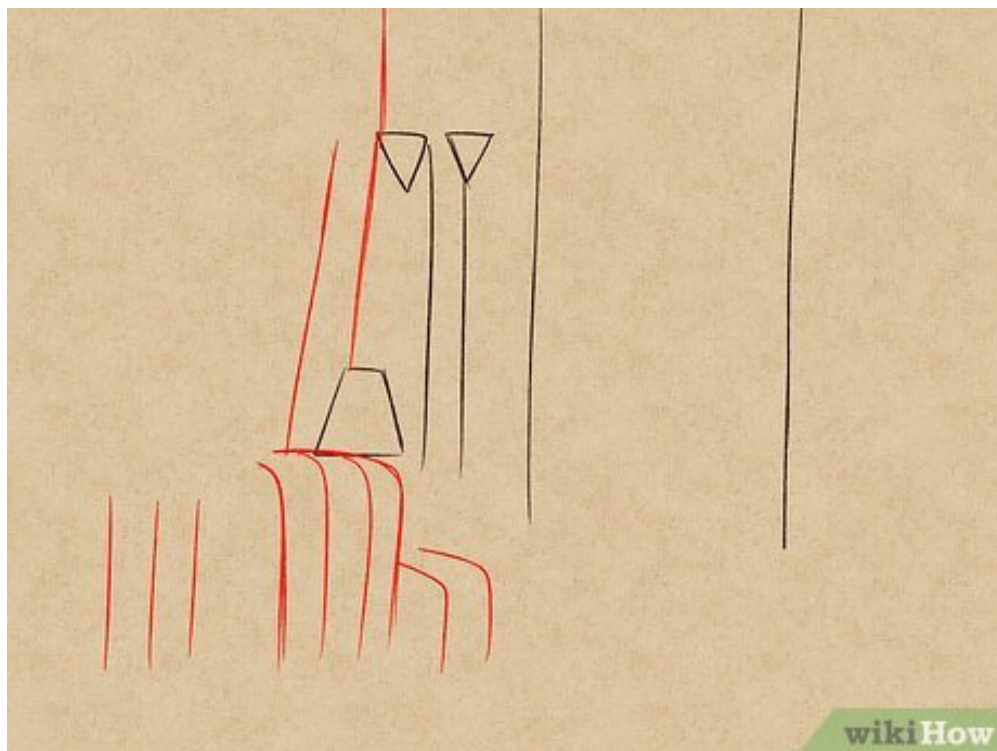
Method 1 of 1: Alternate Method



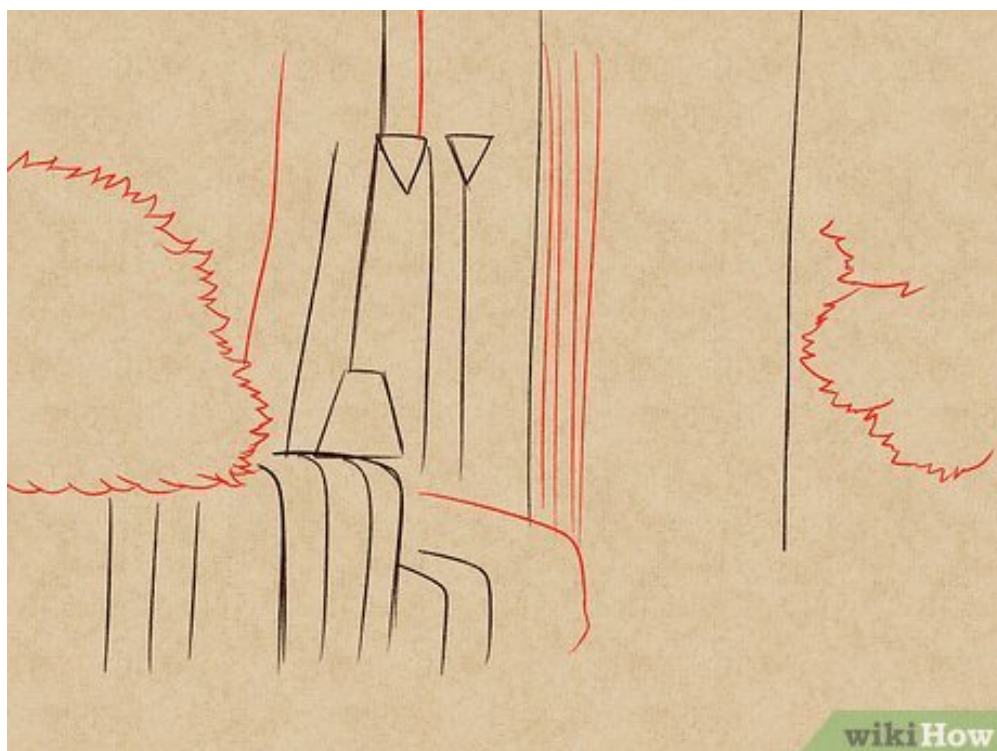
1 Draw two vertical lines.



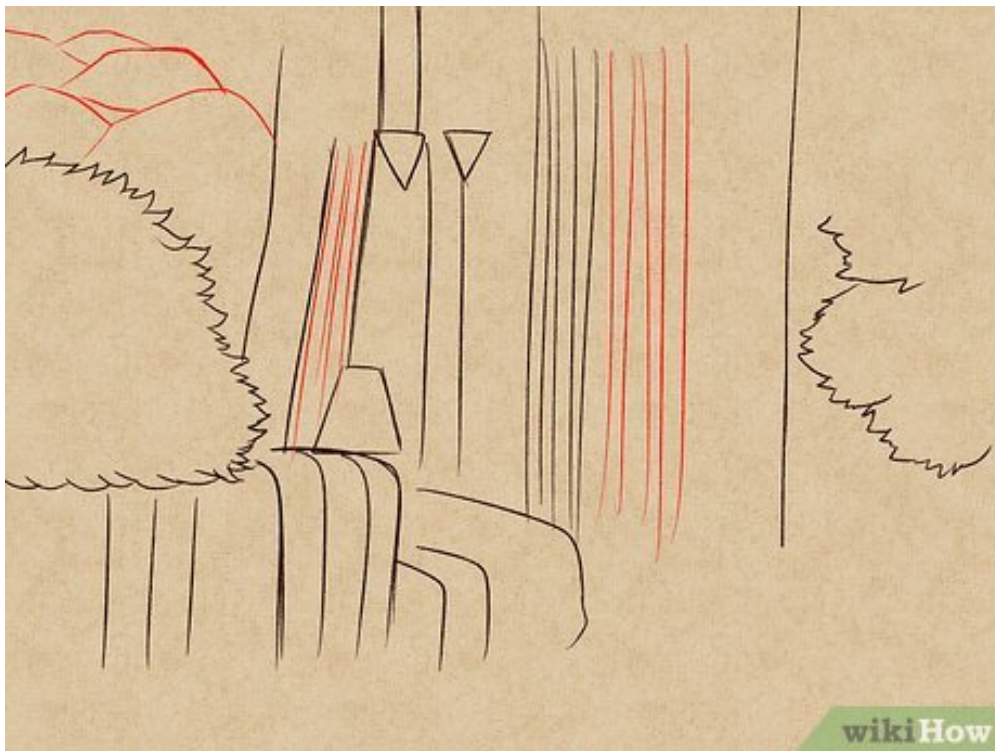
2 To the left of these two lines, add two smaller parallel lines. On top of each line, draw a triangle. Draw a trapezoid on the bottom left of the image.



3 Add four groups of parallel lines and one single line on the left side of the image.



4 Draw close-together vertical lines in the center of the image. Begin adding foliage to your drawing.



5 Repeat the vertical lines on the right side of the image. Also, add some smaller vertical lines to the groups of parallel lines. Continue adding foliage.



6 Continue adding detail.



7 Erase unnecessary guidelines.



8 Color the waterfall.



9 Finish coloring the drawing.



Community Q&A

Question

How can I find the proper colors to use?



Community Answer

Try using water colors on scrap paper and keep mixing them until you find the color that works for you.

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Question

What color is used for the rocks?



Community Answer

The color seen here is a light grey with dark grey shading and some light yellow highlights. However, you could use any colors you'd like.

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Question

Is this a good painting for an art project?



Community Answer

Yes. The scene and the way it shows nature blending are beautiful.

Helpful 69 Not Helpful 27

Question

How do people get so good?



Community Answer

People get good by practicing different methods so that they get better every time.

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Question

What should I use when drawing on a canvas?



Community Answer

Use a hard lead pencil and sketch lightly. Then, commence painting.

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Question

Can I have my paper either way?



Community Answer

Yes. Portrait-style would emphasize the height of the waterfall, and landscape would draw focus to the waterfall's surroundings.

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Question

What should I use - a pencil or a red pen?



Community Answer

You should lightly sketch with a pencil; the red lines are to show what each step indicates.

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Question

How long does it take to draw a waterfall?



Community Answer

It depends on how much detail you will include, your skill level, the medium and the size of the drawing.

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Question

Can I use a 36 pack of colored pencils?



Community Answer

Yes, you can use any amount of colored pencils that you desire.

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Question

Can this be done with a 24 pack of colored pencils?



Community Answer

Yes, that would be fine.

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