

DRAWING ASIAN PEOPLE

SOURCE : I'M ASIAN

Common Misconceptions.

"Asian" doesn't just mean East Asian
+ lightskinned

white-passing Asian ppl are still Asian

Anime \neq actual real Asian people lol

Afro-Asian people exist, multiracial Asian
ppl exist dont give me that

"[x anime character] can't be black" shit
that being said if ur white and you draw an asian
character as black to be more 'visibly ethnic' as if
asians arent already poc... cringe

Asian culture is not interchangeable.
if I see another 'chinese' oc wearing
a kimono i will bite you

"Asian" in of itself is an umbrella
term, not an ethnicity.

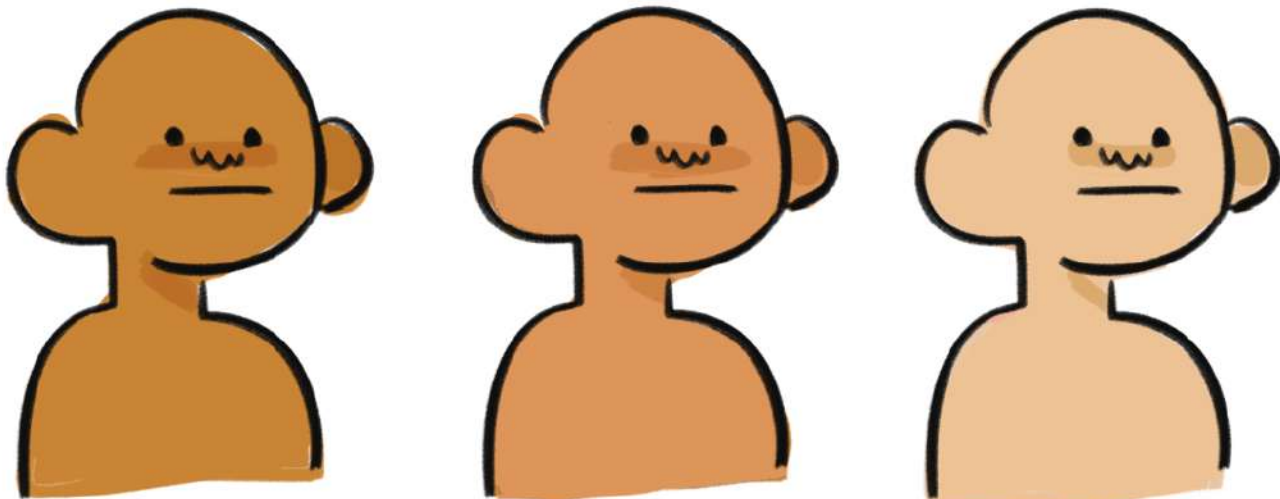
if ur in dire need of a specific ethnicity,
wikipedia is good (for basic research.)

hey wow look at that :~)

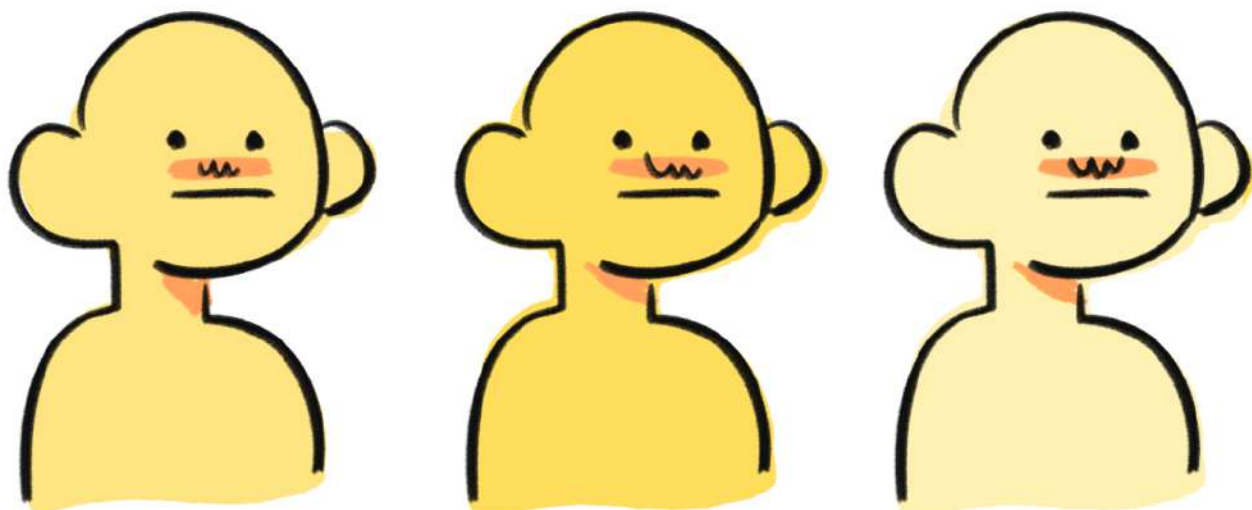


Regions with significant populations	
East Asians	
China	1,384,688,986 ^[2]
Hong Kong	7,213,338 ^[3]
Taiwan	23,545,963 ^[4]
Japan	126,168,156 ^[5]
South Korea	51,418,097 ^[6]
Central Asians	
Kazakhstan	18,744,548 ^[7]
Uzbekistan	30,565,411 ^[8]
South Asians	
India	1,296,834,042 ^[9]
Pakistan	233,500,636 ^[10]
Bangladesh	162,650,853 ^[11]
Southeast Asians	
Indonesia	262,787,403 ^[12]
Philippines	100,006,900 ^[13]
Vietnam	97,040,334 ^[14]
Thailand	68,615,858 ^[15]
Cambodia	15,288,489 ^[16]
Singapore	5,996,000 ^[17]
West Asians	
Iran	84,923,314 ^[18]
Turkey	81,257,239 ^[19]
Iraq	38,872,655 ^[20]
Saudi Arabia	33,091,113 ^[21]
Syria	19,454,263 ^[22]
Jordan	10,458,413 ^[23]
United Arab Emirates	9,701,315 ^[24]
Israel	8,424,904 ^[25]
Lebanon	5,469,612 ^[26]
Palestine	4,683,000 ^[27]

SOME EXAMPLES OF ACTUAL ASIAN SKINTONES:*



THESE ARE LEMON PEOPLE



*no amount of examples I show could completely encompass the full range of asian skintones. these are just some samples and hard examples to avoid

Original



Whitewashing

it isn't just the obvious. here are some instances (which often overlap with each other.)

1) lightening skin



2) changing facial features

(making the nose smaller/'petite', larger eyes, erasing monolids, thinning lips)



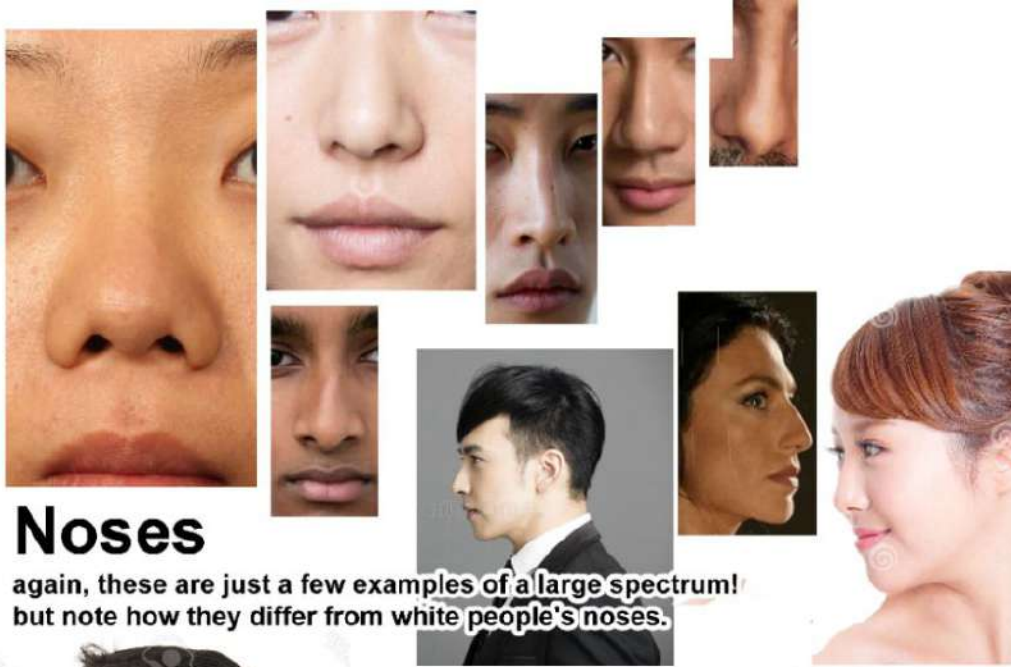
bonus points for blue/green/not black eyes
obv this is a common design trope in anime but it can also reinforce the idea that the more "desirable" poc have more recognizably "white" traits

3) changing skin undertone

asian people have yellow/olive undertones and certain lighting will make them look white even if the skin color itself is unchanged.



THIS DOESN'T MEAN AN ASIAN PERSON CAN'T HAVE A WARMER UNDERTONE BUT NOT MANY OF US DO,



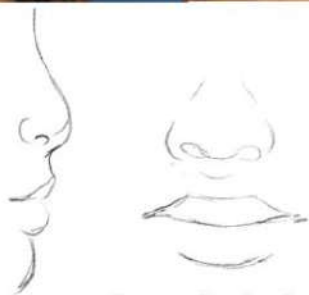
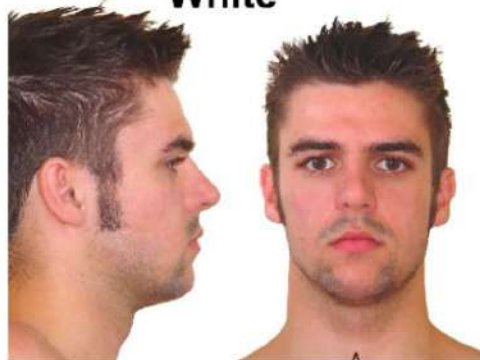
Noses

again, these are just a few examples of a large spectrum!
but note how they differ from white people's noses.

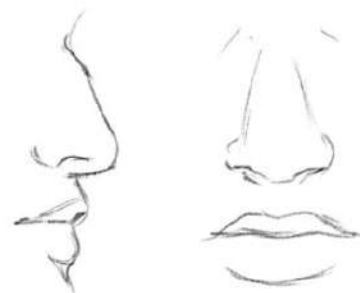
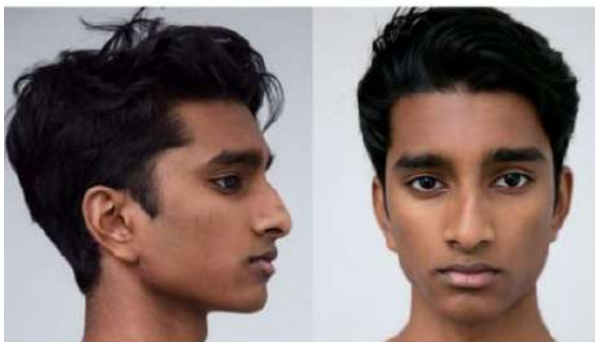
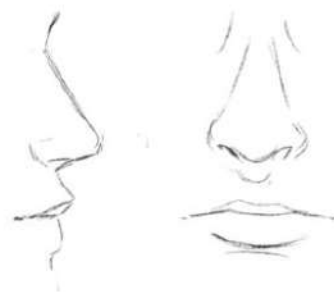


East Asian

White



South Asian



also note how asian lips are fuller than white people lips! learn how to draw lips! please.
please

Eyes



Asian people typically have monolids and smaller eyes that are more spaced out than white peoples'. The slope of the brow in profile also tends to be softer.

Again this is nowhere near universal a quick Google search can show you that



Most (not all, but most) Asians have epicanthic folds that cover the inner corner of the eye.

We're put under a lot of pressure to "fix" this.



Before (left) and after (right) double eyelid surgery

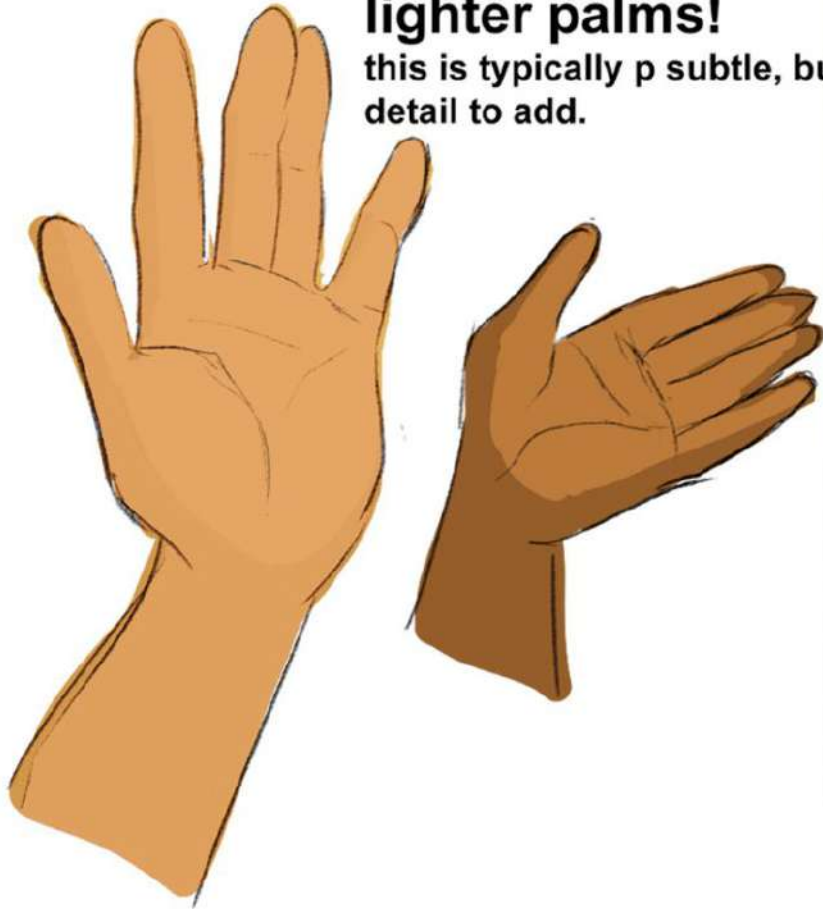
stylized/cartoony asian faces



BONUS POINTS

darker skinned asians have
lighter palms!

this is typically p subtle, but its a nice
detail to add.



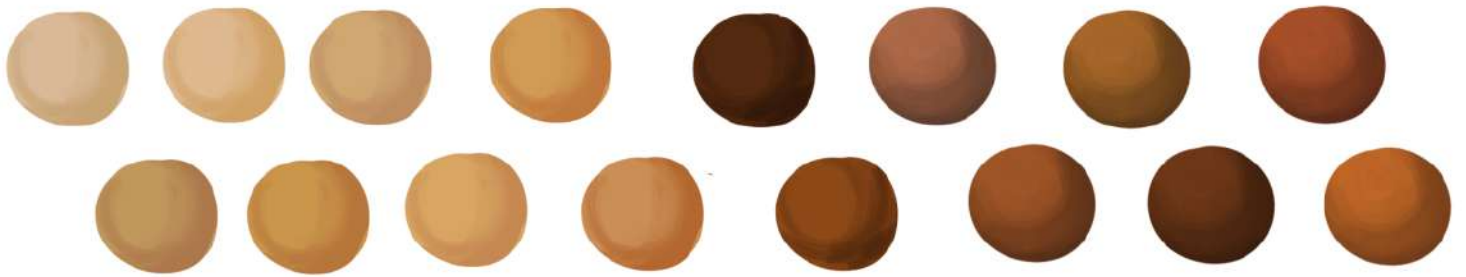
As a certified Hairy Asian I would love
more asians w bushy brows, thick lip
and arm hair, all that good shit



fat asians... gay asians.. fat gay asians..
gender nonconforming asians...
this is the future we want

and FINALLY,

Just A Sample Of Actual Asian Skin Tones :~)



remember kids:

if you are racist i will fuckgin
pull your teeth out one by one
never make me look at a
lemon yellow asian again

thanks for coming to my tedtalk

