

# How to Draw Native People

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Btw pls  
check out  
my Native skin  
tutorial first

Now with TWO buns!



## DISCLAIMER!!

I will be focusing on Native NORTH Americans since I feel that I have authority to give a tutorial on us firstly & know more about it. But using the same general guideline, you should be fine.

Also note that this tutorial does NOT state the phenotypes listed are what ALL Native people MUST look like/have in order to be native, and not all Native people do. Natives are very diverse. Also if you're not native dont go around thinking you're an expert on our looks bc you read this lol

Most people are familiar with Natives who look like this



- Big forehead
- Aquiline nose
- Godlike cheekbones
- Long, flowing hair
- brown skinned
- very hot (correct)

And they're not WRONG, lots of Natives do look like this, but Native people are very diverse! So today we'll examine some COMMON Native features and how you can draw them.



# ON Mixed race Natives:

Not Mixed



Mixed race

Darkskinned  
↔



pale  
↔



All Native people

-Genes and Phenotypes can get crazy, so drawing from a reference is your best bet  
 -Not all mixed natives "look native", this does not mean they are not native  
 -Not-mixed Natives can be darkskinned, lightskinned, pale, light eyed, have curly hair, wide noses, be whitepassing, and not "look Native" without being mixed  
 -Mixed siblings sometimes look almost nothing alike despite having the same parents

Being mixed race can mean you get features from either of your parents & grandparents, so looking up how to draw other ethnicities & photo refs can help you find a balance to your suiting

White  
Asian  
Black



# Cheekbones, faceshapes



- soft, rounded, oval
- rounded cheekbones
- full cheeks

These are DEFINITELY not the only face shapes Natives have, but if we're talking cheekbones, it's quite common for them to appear with these face shapes.



- angular or square
- sharp cheekbones
- prominent jaw



also not everybody has prominent cheekbones!!

# EYES

These are common eye types!

hooded eyes ★



also commonly almond-shaped



folded over  
bags & folds  
get more prominent  
with age



↑ monolid eyes

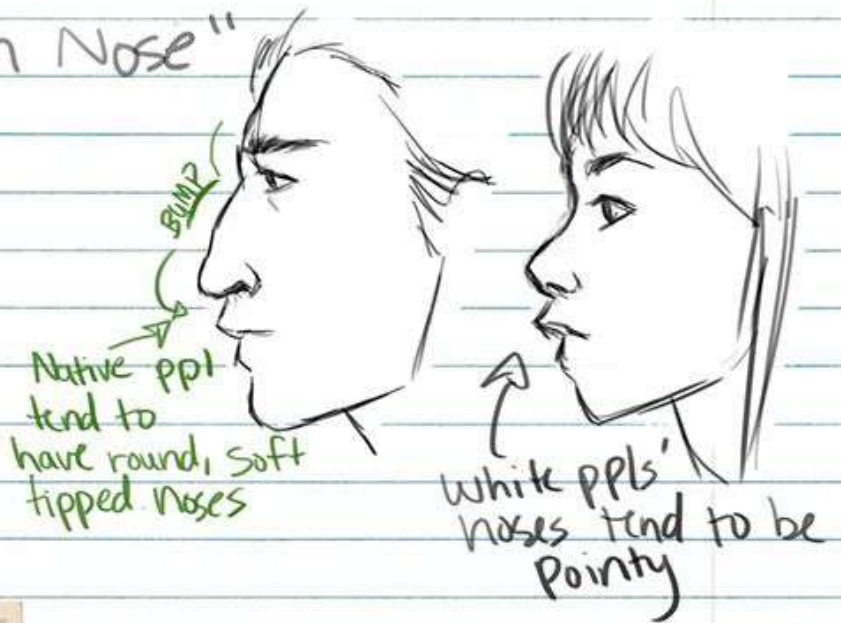


Hooded & monolid eyes



★ Also present in whitepassing ppl

# The "Indian Nose"



↳ An aquiline or "Indian" nose is what a lot of people associate Native people as having, and they ARE very common, but not the only nose type among us!

# MORE Native NOSES!



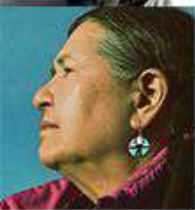
- Nose "bump" extends past forehead



- Long, straight nose
- Kircha Grecian



- Concave
- very "soft" slope



Now, Native noses aren't restricted by these types! Using photo refs will be your best source.



## Remember:

Who you are

1. USE REFERENCES! LOTS OF THEM!(esp of people from the tribe you're trying to draw!)
2. Natives are DIVERSE, this tutorial is not exhaustive of all Native features and Natives may have any combination of any of these features (or even none), but these are just some COMMON features, and some features may even be more prominent in some Nations or areas than others
3. Don't draw Natives with red skin or as caricatures
4. Practice
5. Have fun!

Also, enjoy more resources I've linked below!  
Thank you!

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