## Character Dossier

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Name:

Age:

Who is it?

Appearance Description:

Character Traits. Is your character brave, timid, quirky, or wise?

Physical attributes, clothes, accessories

Color Schemes

Illustration Mood, symbols

Commercial Use

## Character Design

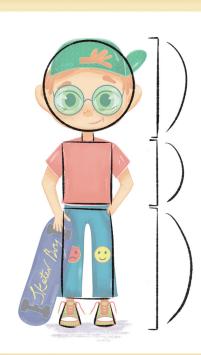
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Proportions





Silhouette





Creating new characters is super exciting! You get to decide how they will look, what story they will tell, and what message they will deliver.

To create a successful and believable character, follow these steps:

- I. <u>Storytelling:</u> As illustrators, storytelling is one of our most powerful tools. It helps sell, educate, share experiences, and entertain. Give your character a story—this will guide their appearance and the details that make them unique.
- 2. Evoking Emotion: Make sure your character evokes feelings in your audience. Can they relate to what the character does or feels? Does your character act as a hero, motivate, inspire, or bring happiness?

Characters that connect emotionally tend to be more memorable.

3. Understanding the Character's Purpose: What is the goal of your character? Is it for a commercial project, a brand mascot, or a book? Knowing the purpose behind your character will guide your design decisions and ensure they align with the intended message.

## 4. Brainstorming and Planning:

- Use mind mapping to explore all of your character ideas.
  - Create a character brief or dossier that outlines the personality, backstory, and key traits.
- Analyze the market for similar characters to see how you can stand out while maintaining relevance.

## 5. References and Sketching:

- Find references for inspiration, but be sure to make your character original.
- Start sketching. Experiment with different proportions, shapes, accessories, and lines of action to bring your character to life.