Let’s Draw: Very Handsome Squidward!

In the Out Of The Picture episode from Season 10, Squidward showcases and attempts to sell his new works of art. After being ridiculed and humiliated for creating “bad” art, Mr. Krabs purchases his work, hoping to make a profit when the paintings increase in value. Unfortunately, the value will only increase if Squidward disappears. Fearing his safety, Squidward destroys the work Mr. Krabs purchased. An art appraiser witnesses the destruction in awe, deeming it a masterpiece of performance art. The remnants of Squidward’s work are placed in a museum, with Squidward proudly exclaiming - “I’m an artist!” Channel Squidward’s determination and artistry and recreate one of his masterpieces - Very Handsome Squidward! As an alternative, choose someone in your After-School program and sit and draw a portrait of them with the same techniques!

**MATERIALS:**
- Pencil
- Paper
- Eraser
- Optional: Marker, Pencil sharpener
- Don’t forget your imagination!

**STEP 1:**
When drawing a head, it’s important to simplify it into basic shapes before adding all the major, complex details. These basic shapes will act as guidelines for us as we create our drawing. All heads start off as a sphere/oval shape. The size of your sphere/oval will determine the size of the head, so it’s up to you how big you want your drawing to be!

**STEP 2:**
We’ll continue creating guidelines by adding a basic shape for Squidward’s long, prominent chin - it resembles a letter “U”, and a letter ‘C’ shaped line to indicate the collar of his shirt.

**STEP 3:**
Proportion is the relationship in size of one part of a work of art to another. When drawing faces, we want to keep the facial features proportionate. Accurate proportions help add harmony, balance, and realism to a work of art. Proportion is one of the elements of design. To help you with the facial proportions, create a vertical guideline down the middle of his face. Create two horizontal guidelines to mark where his eyes and his mouth would be. You can also begin to further detail his cheekbones, chin, and forehead to give you a better idea of where everything will be placed.

**STEP 4:**
To create the nose, we’ll use our guideline from step 3. Starting off just above the line that marks where his eyes will be, draw the contour, or outline, of his nose. The tip of the nose will fall just below where the oval and the shape you drew for the chin meet. Add the sides of the nostrils once you have the main contour line for the nose.

**STEP 5:**
Now we can begin to add some expression to his face. Here, we are further defining some of the muscles in his face. Artists often hold mirrors to their faces to examine how their face changes with different expressions. Very Handsome Squidward has a kind of thoughtful, solemn look - causing him to scrunch his forehead a bit.

**STEP 6:**
To create the eyes, use the top guideline to create the eyelids. To create the rest of the eyeball, draw one semi-circle for the top half, and another semi-circle for the bottom half. Use the brow lines you created in step 5 as guides, the eyeballs should appear to rest below them. Squidward’s prominent nose should also appear to cover his left eye just a bit.

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**STEP 7:**
Now you'll use the bottom guideline to create the mouth. The bottom guideline will help you split the top lip from the bottom lip. The top lip will be shaped like the letter 'M' (or the top of a heart) and the bottom lip will be shaped like a wide letter "U".

**STEP 8:**
The guideline in the lips will also help you create the creases and details in Squidward's lips. You can also capture the wrinkle between his bottom lip and his chin.

**STEP 9:**
Now you can move on to his neck area. Draw a line connecting the head to the "C" shape we drew in Step 2 to create a neck for Squidward. You can also add an Adams apple below his chin.

**STEP 10:**
Clean up your drawing and adjust it as you'd like. Once you're happy with your sketch, you can finalize your drawing using a black marker to create permanent markings. You can add details like Very Handsome Squidward's fabulous chest hair!

**STEP 11:**
Color your drawing, or use your pencil to shade Squidward in!

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