

HOW TO TRACE IN PROCREATE – QUICK CHEAT SHEET

Tracing in Procreate is a simple way to turn photos, sketches, or templates into clean digital line art.

Here's a step-by-step cheat sheet you can keep next to your iPad while practicing.

- 1.Import your image – Open Procreate, tap the wrench icon (Actions > Add > Insert a photo or file). Resize and position it on your canvas.
- 2.Create a new layer – Tap the layers panel and add a new layer on top of your image. This is the layer you'll trace on.
- 3.Select your brush – Go to the Brush Library > Inking > Technical Pen. This brush is ideal for smooth outlines. 4) Adjust brush settings – Increase StreamLine and Stabilization (in Brush Studio or Quick Settings). This makes your lines flow smoothly and removes shakiness.
- 4.Lower image opacity – In the Layers panel, tap your reference image and reduce opacity (around 30–40%). Lock this layer so you don't draw on it by mistake.
- 5.Start tracing – On your new layer, carefully trace the outlines. Use long, confident strokes for smoother lines.
- 6.Zoom in & refine – Pinch to zoom for tricky areas. Undo (two-finger tap) if needed, and redraw smoothly.
- 7.Hide or delete the reference layer – Once you've finished tracing, hide or remove the original image. You'll be left with clean line art ready for coloring or further design work!



**Click here to download the
Tracing Practice file!**

Pro Tip: Try tracing with different colors (instead of just black) so you can easily separate elements later. You can also experiment with different inking brushes once you're comfortable with the Technical Pen.

Happy tracing!

Remember: smooth lines come from practice + Procreate's stabilization tools. Don't stress about perfection – tracing is meant to help you build confidence.