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A step-by-step guide



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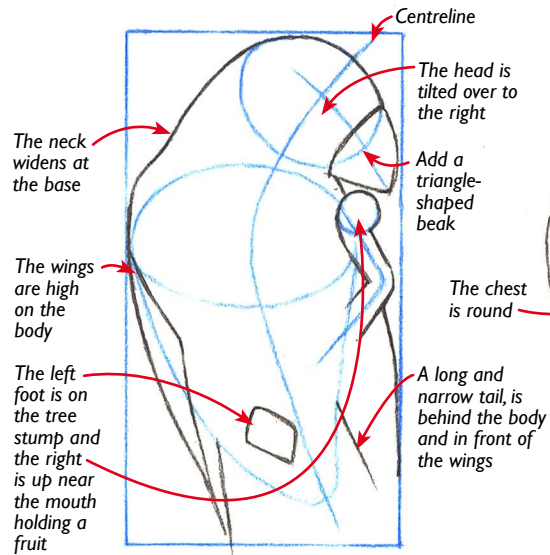
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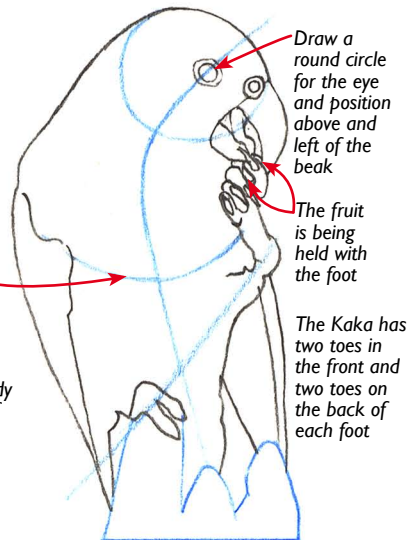


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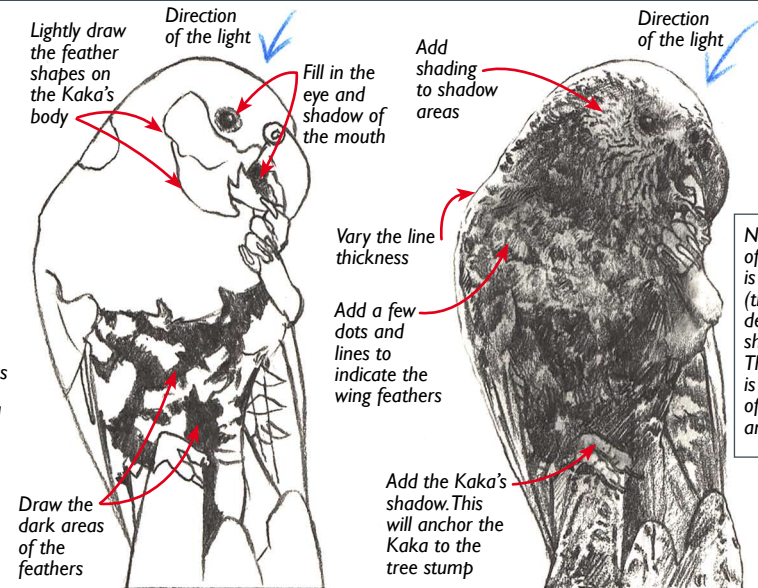
Step 1 Study the shape of the Kaka and see how it fits within a rectangle.



Step 2 Find the centreline. Draw an oval for the head and body. Join with the short neck. Use guidelines to position the wings and feet. The feet are on an angle, sloping up to the right.



Step 3 Refine the shape of the Kaka's body, feet and wings. The neck has a gentle curve to join the head to the body.



Step 4 Lightly draw the feather detail and shadow lines on the Kaka's body. Draw in the dark areas of the feathers, eye and beak. Note the direction of the sunlight.

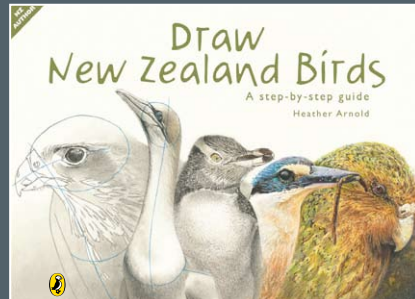
Step 5 Add shading to the Kaka. Leave the light areas white. Vary the tone (drawn with the side of the pencil) and detail (point of pencil). Draw the lines in the same direction as the feathers. Finally, add some detail on the tree stump using the side and point of the pencil.

Note: most of the Kaka is in shadow (there is detail in the shadows). The highlight is on the top of the head and back

Draw lightly at first to establish the shapes. Check that the shapes, size, proportions and position are correct. The blue lines are guidelines and can be rubbed out later.

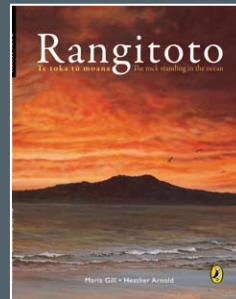
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