

HOW TO DRAW A SAXOPHONE - GRADES 9-12

This is a little complicated. Students will create a drawing of a saxophone.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Pencils

Paper

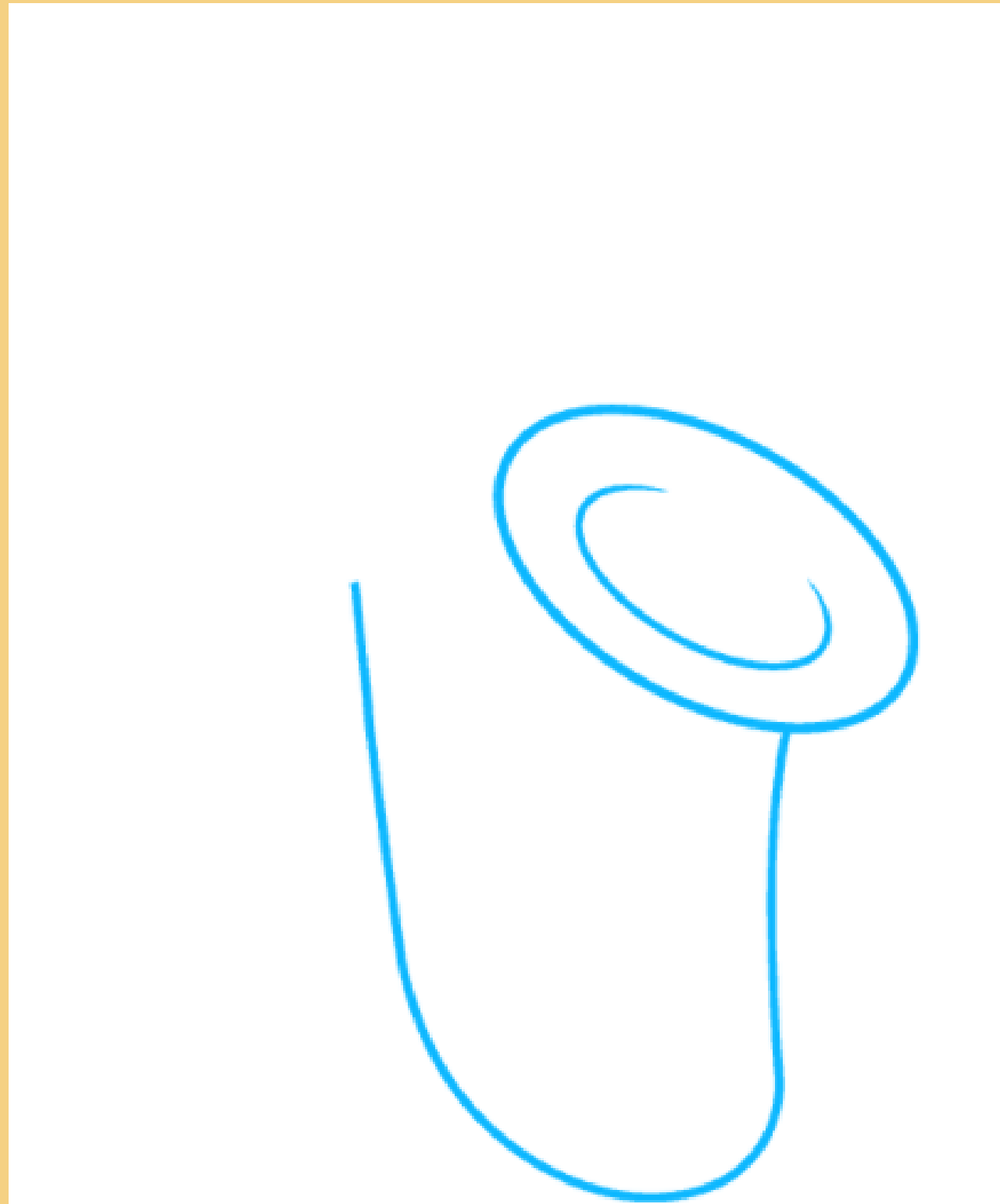
Color pencils or crayons or pastels or markers

Teacher Asks:

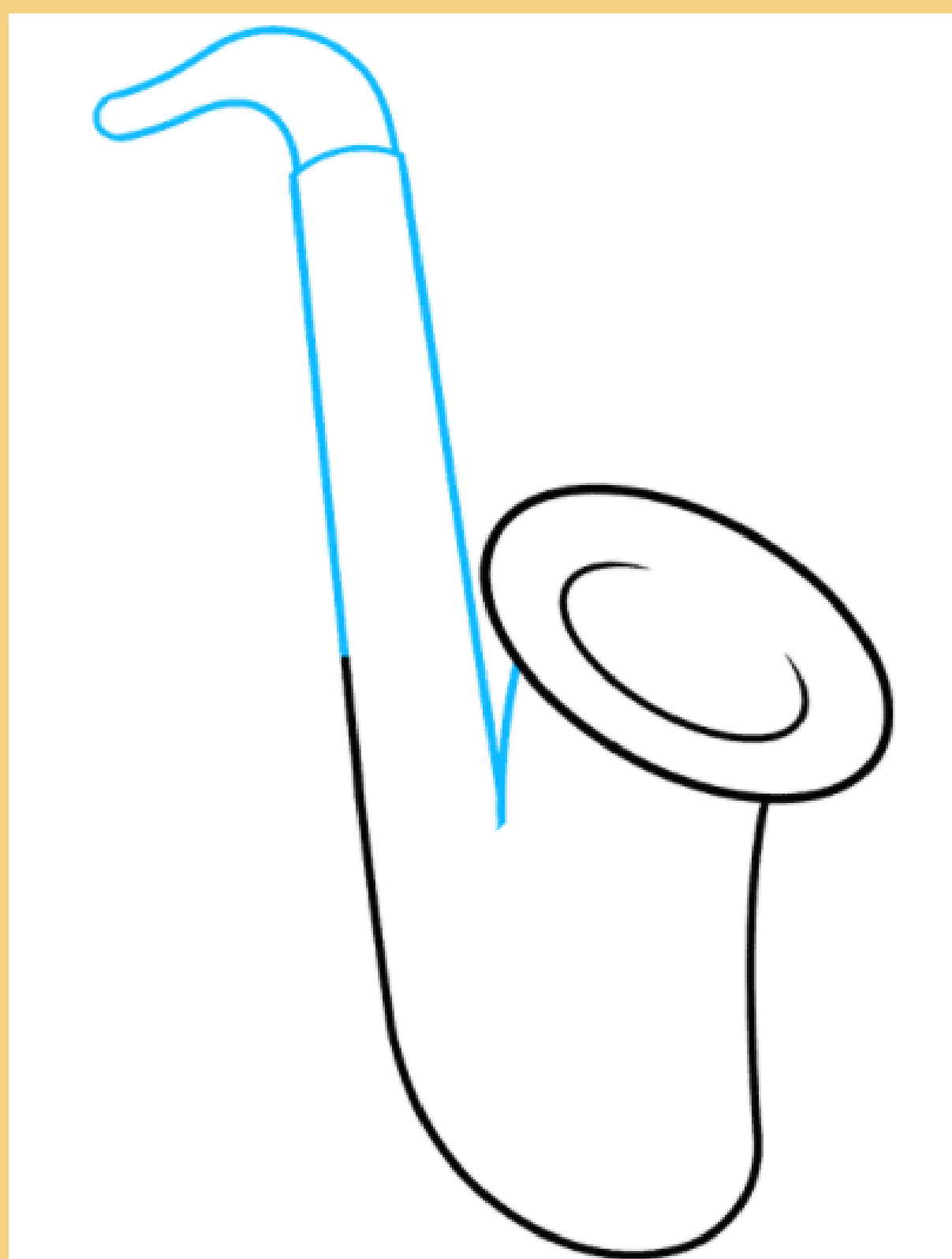
Ask your students if they have ever heard the sound of a saxophone or have seen one being played. Suggestion: Play saxophone music and identify.



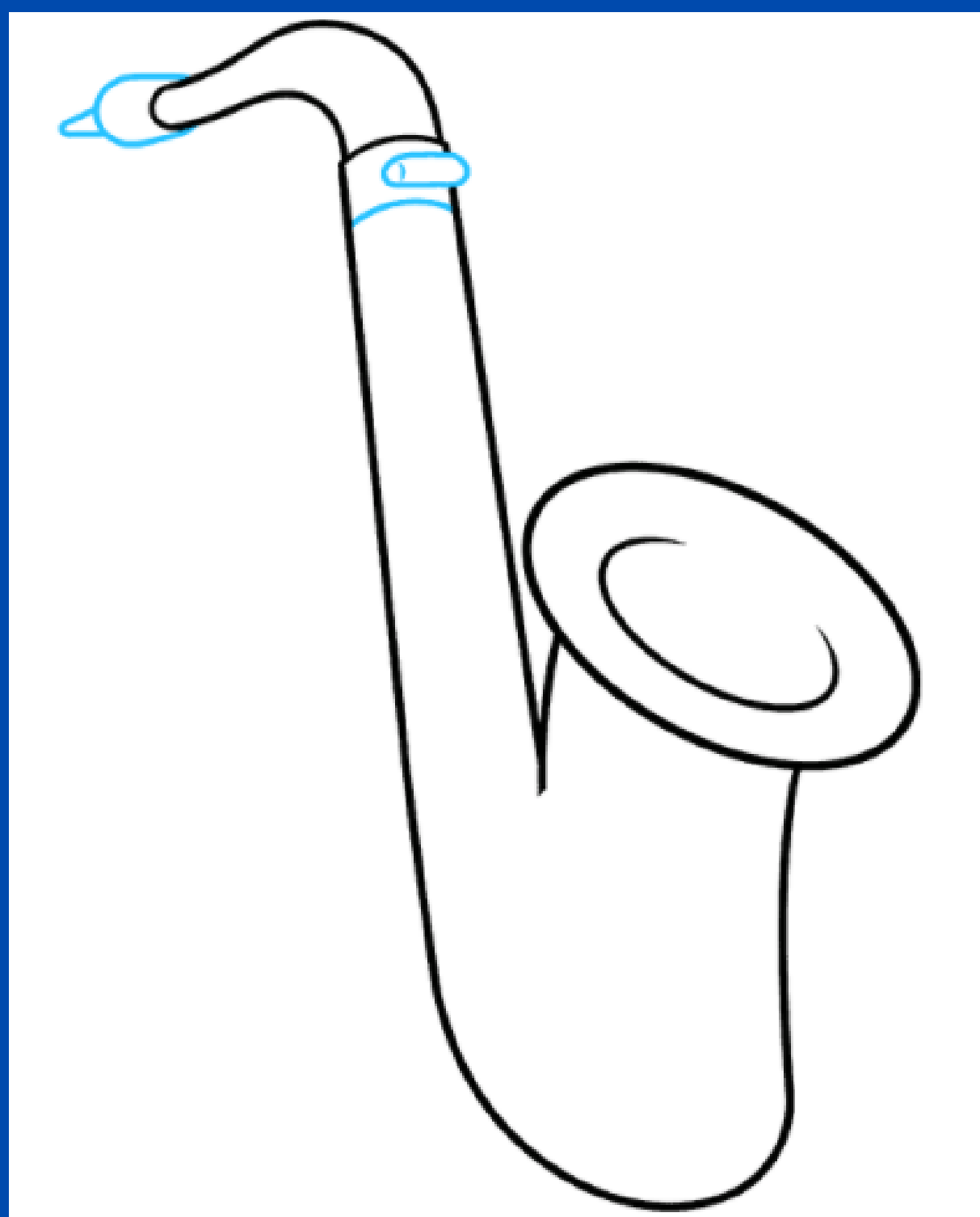
1. Begin by drawing the bell of the saxophone. First, draw an oval, with a "C" shaped line inside it. This is the opening of the bell. Then, draw a long curved line to outline the bottom of the instrument, called the bow.



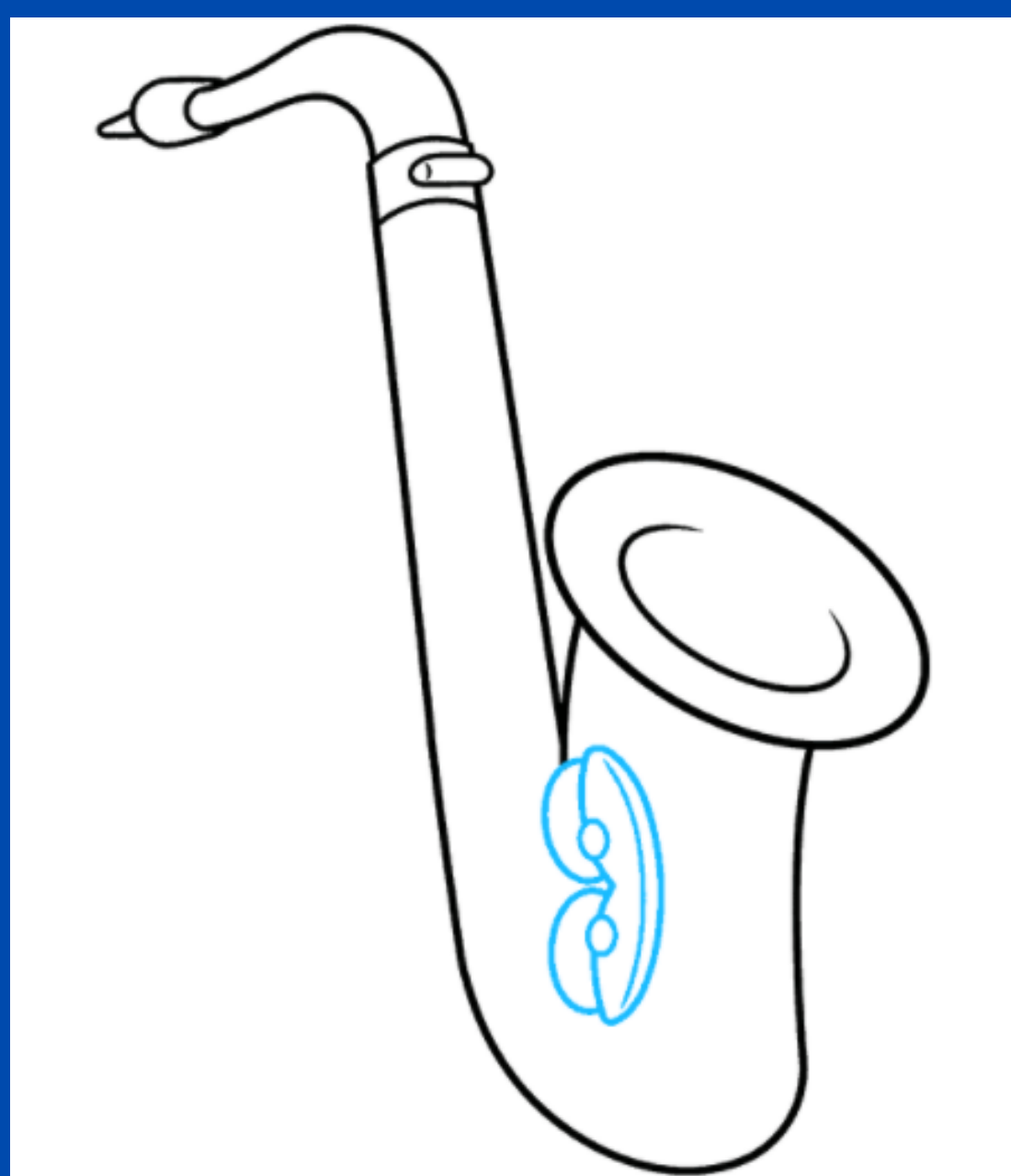
2. Use curved lines to outline the "J" shaped body of the saxophone. Connect the lines at the top. Then, extend a curved line and double it back upon itself to outline a curved shape. This represents the neck of the instrument.



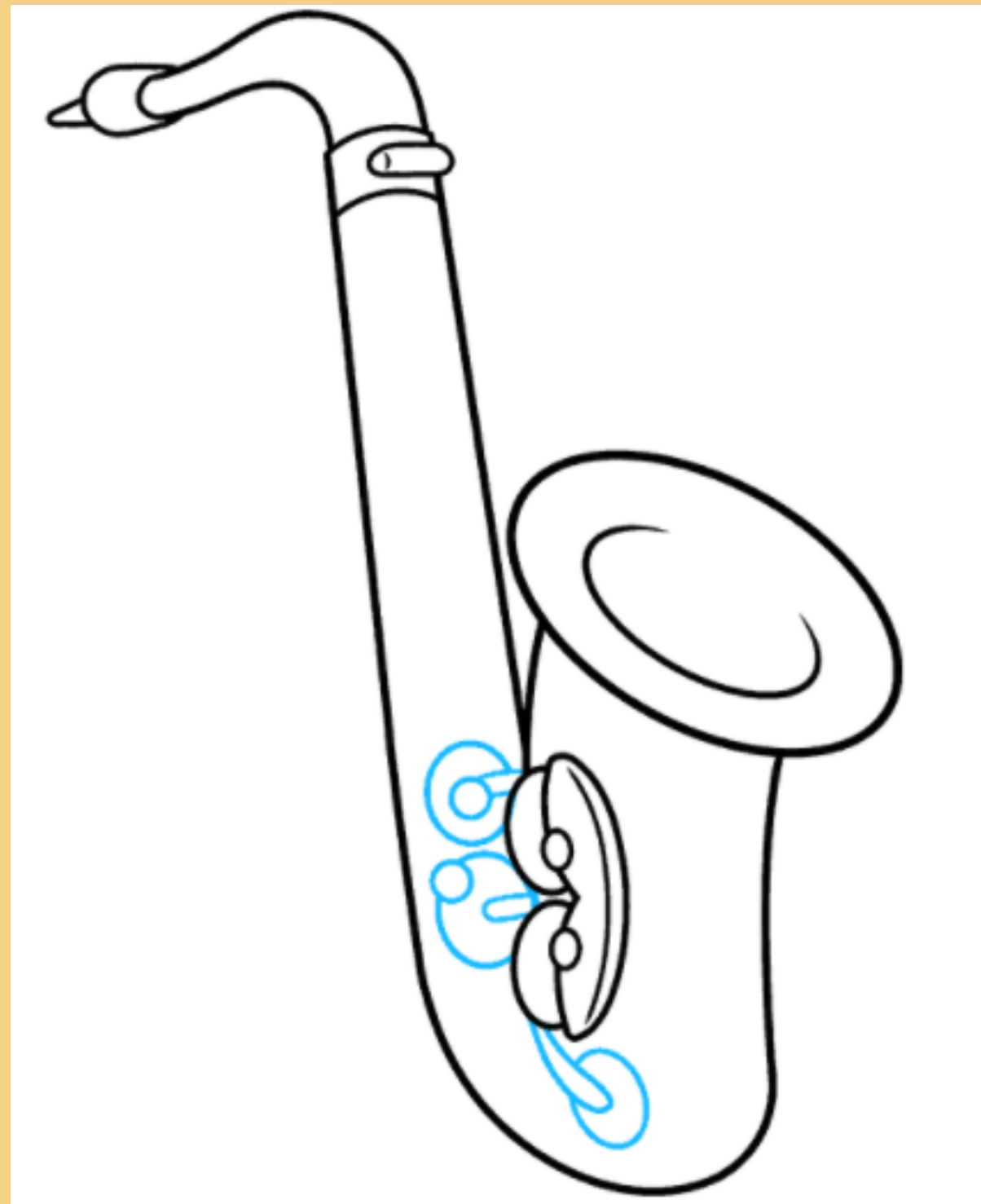
3. Extend a curved line from the neck and double it back upon itself to form the mouthpiece. Draw a small triangle at the tip. Then, draw a curved line across the top of the instrument body. Enclose a flattened oval shape, erasing as necessary. Draw a curved line across one end to give it the three-dimensional shape of a cylinder. This is the neck screw, which holds the instrument together.



4. Next, draw the keyguard. Enclose an irregular shape on the side of the bell using curved lines. Draw a line down the center and small circles on the lobes. Then, enclose a half-circle behind each lobe.



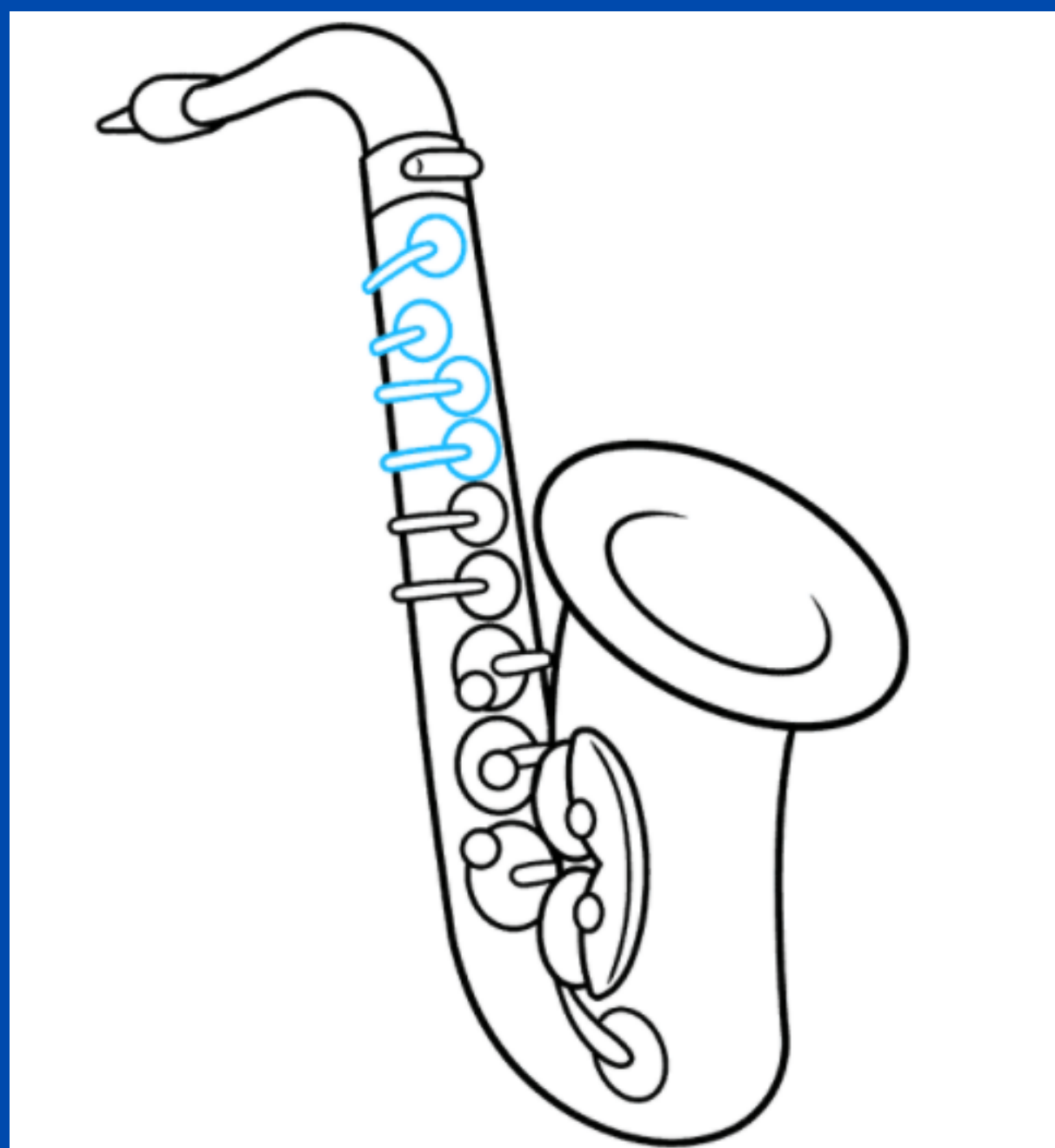
5. Begin drawing the saxophone's many keys. For each key, start with a circle. Then, draw smaller circles and curved shapes overlapping them.



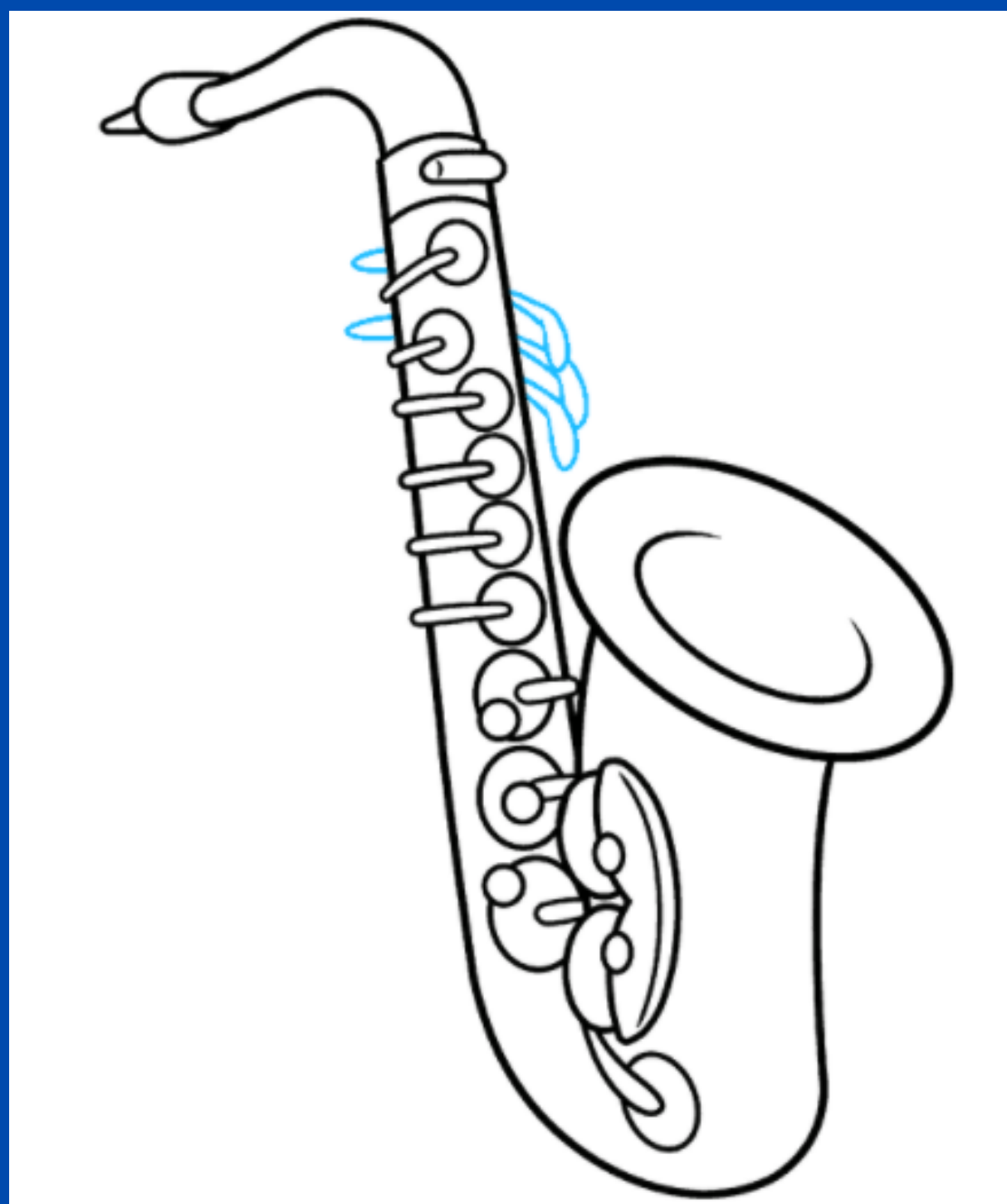
6. Draw more keys. Again, start with a circle and draw smaller circles and curved shapes overlapping them. Erase as necessary.



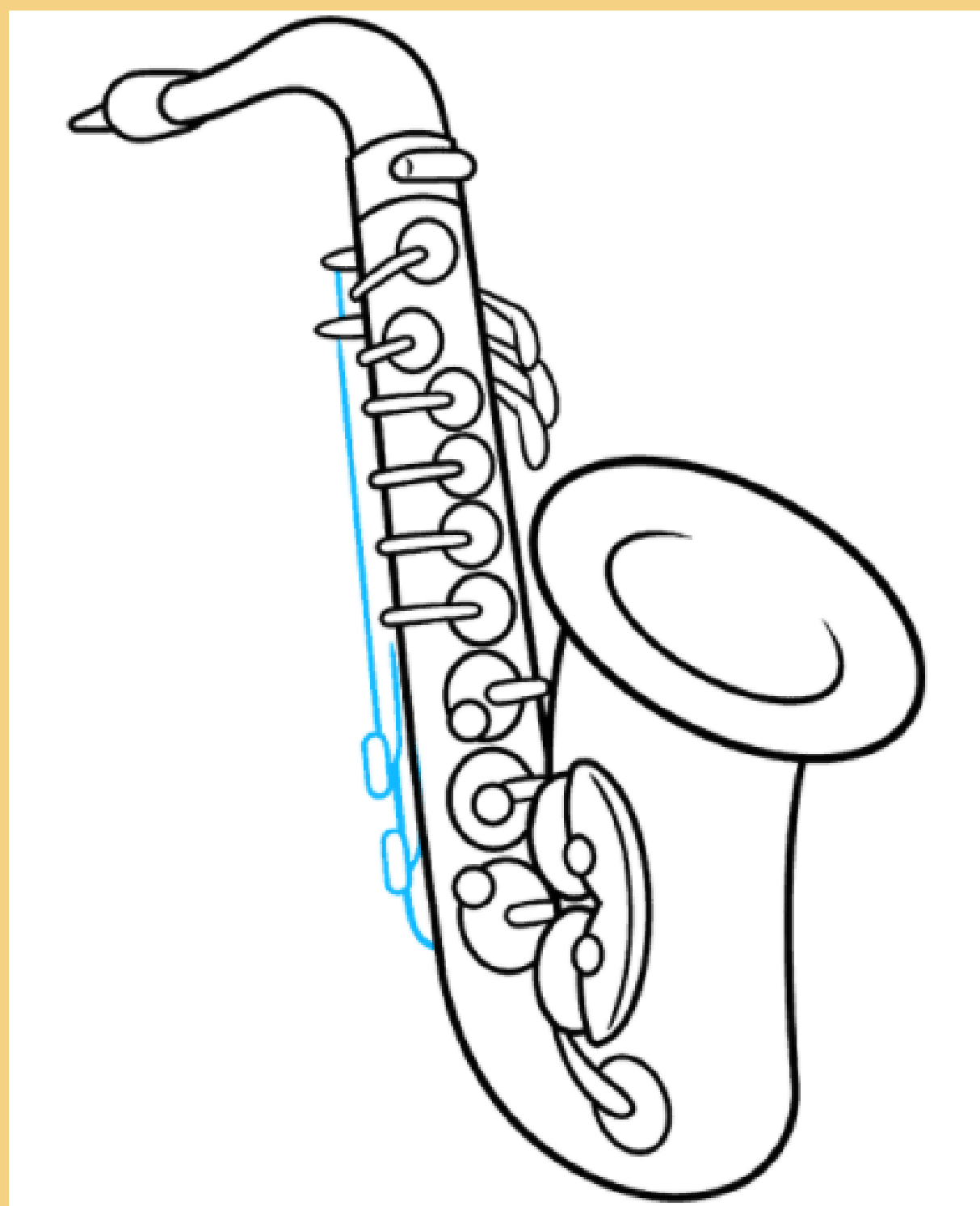
7. Draw more keys. Again, start with a circle and draw smaller circles and curved shapes overlapping them. Erase as necessary.



8. Draw keys extending from the top of the body. For each key, extend a curved line and double it back upon itself.



9. Draw straight and curved lines parallel to the body of the saxophone. Draw oblong, oval-shaped keys.



Color your cartoon saxophone. These brass instruments are usually gold or silver in color but you can make it any color you want.

