

HOW TO DRAW A TRUMPET - GRADES 9-12

This is a little more complicated. Students will create a drawing of a trumpet.

WHAT YOU NEED:

Pencils

Paper

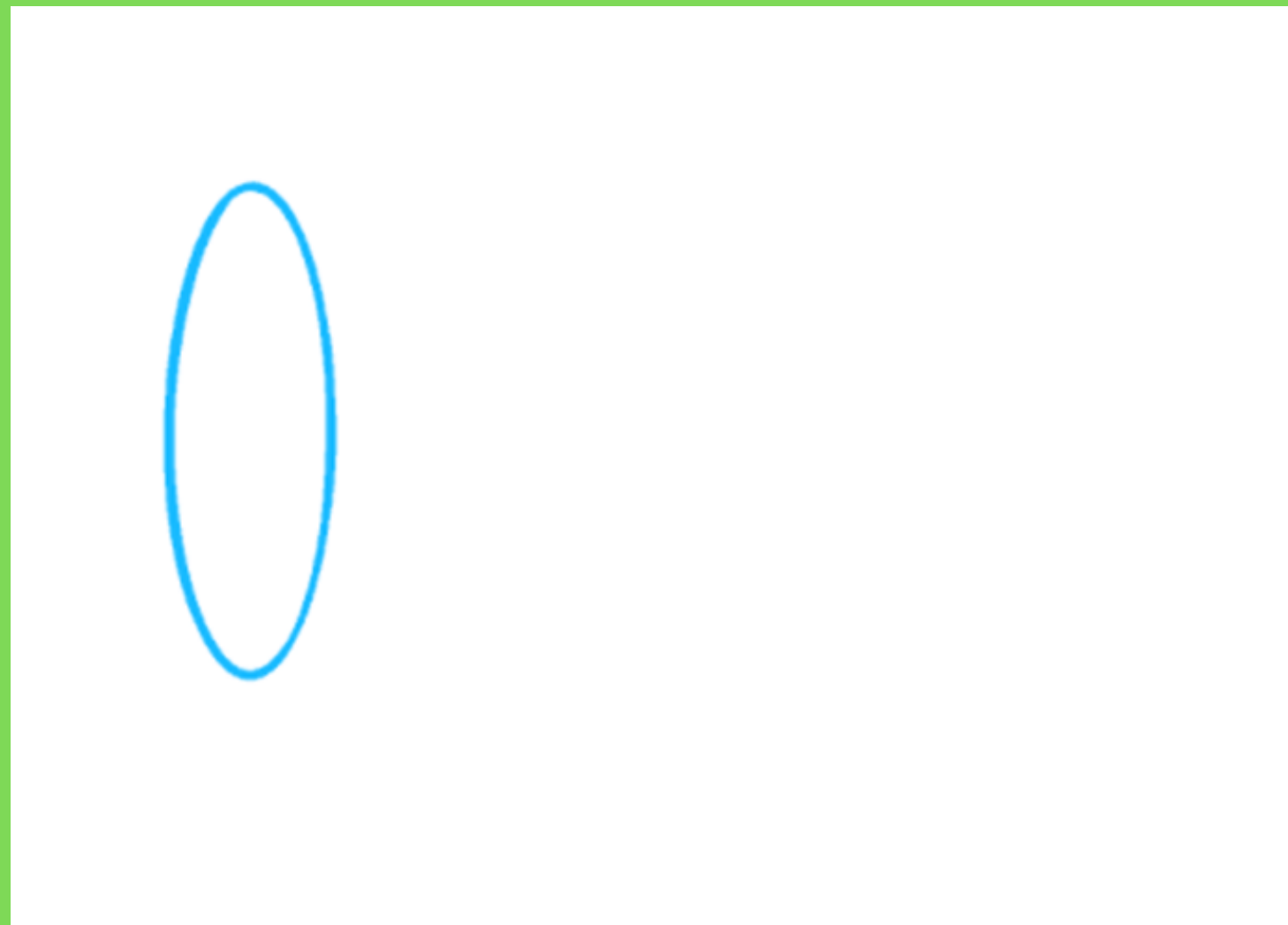
Color pencils or crayons or pastels or markers

Teacher Asks:

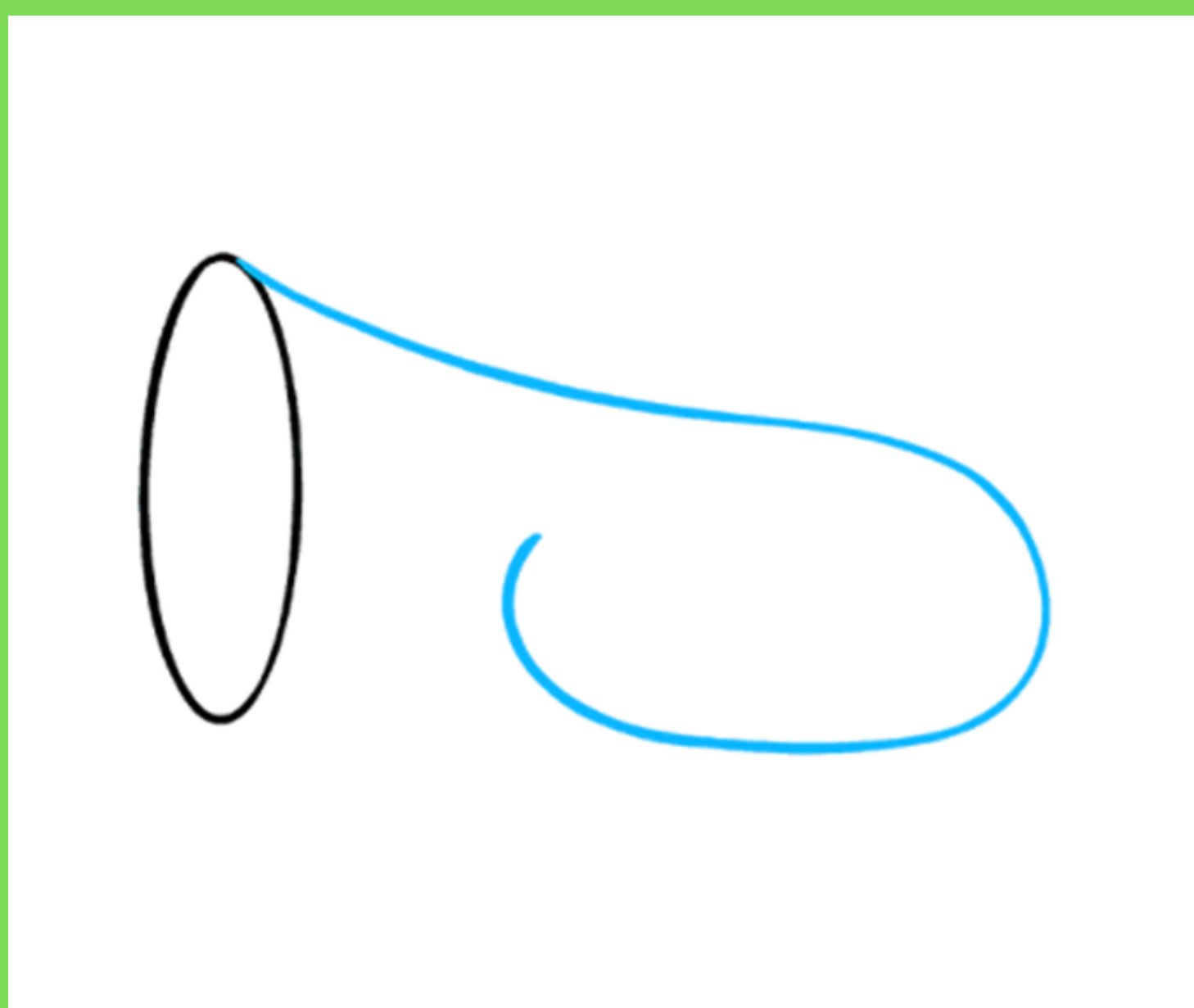
Ask students if they have heard or have they seen a trumpet. You may want to play some music made with a trumpet.



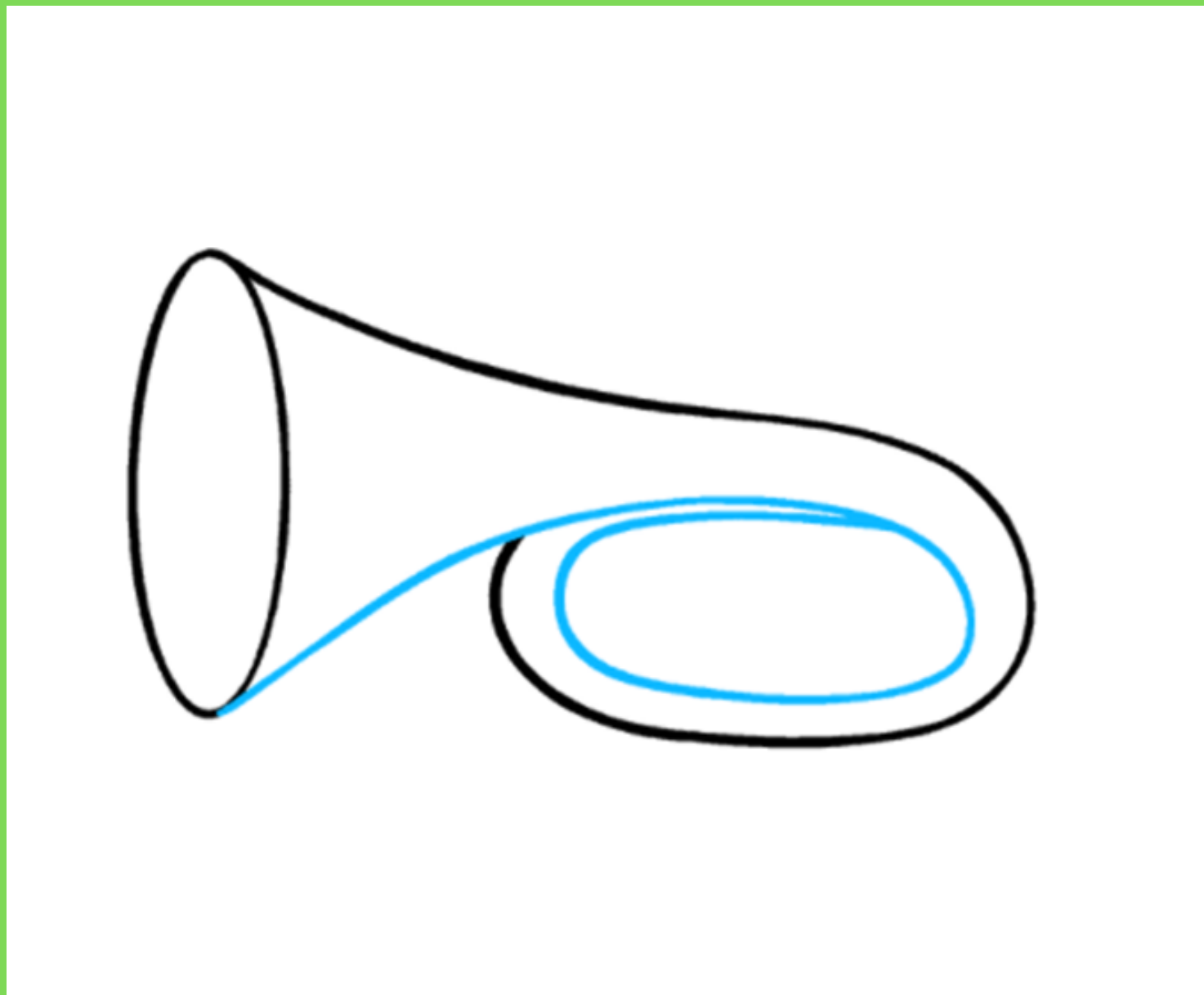
1. Begin by drawing a narrow vertical oval. This forms the opening of the trumpet's bell.



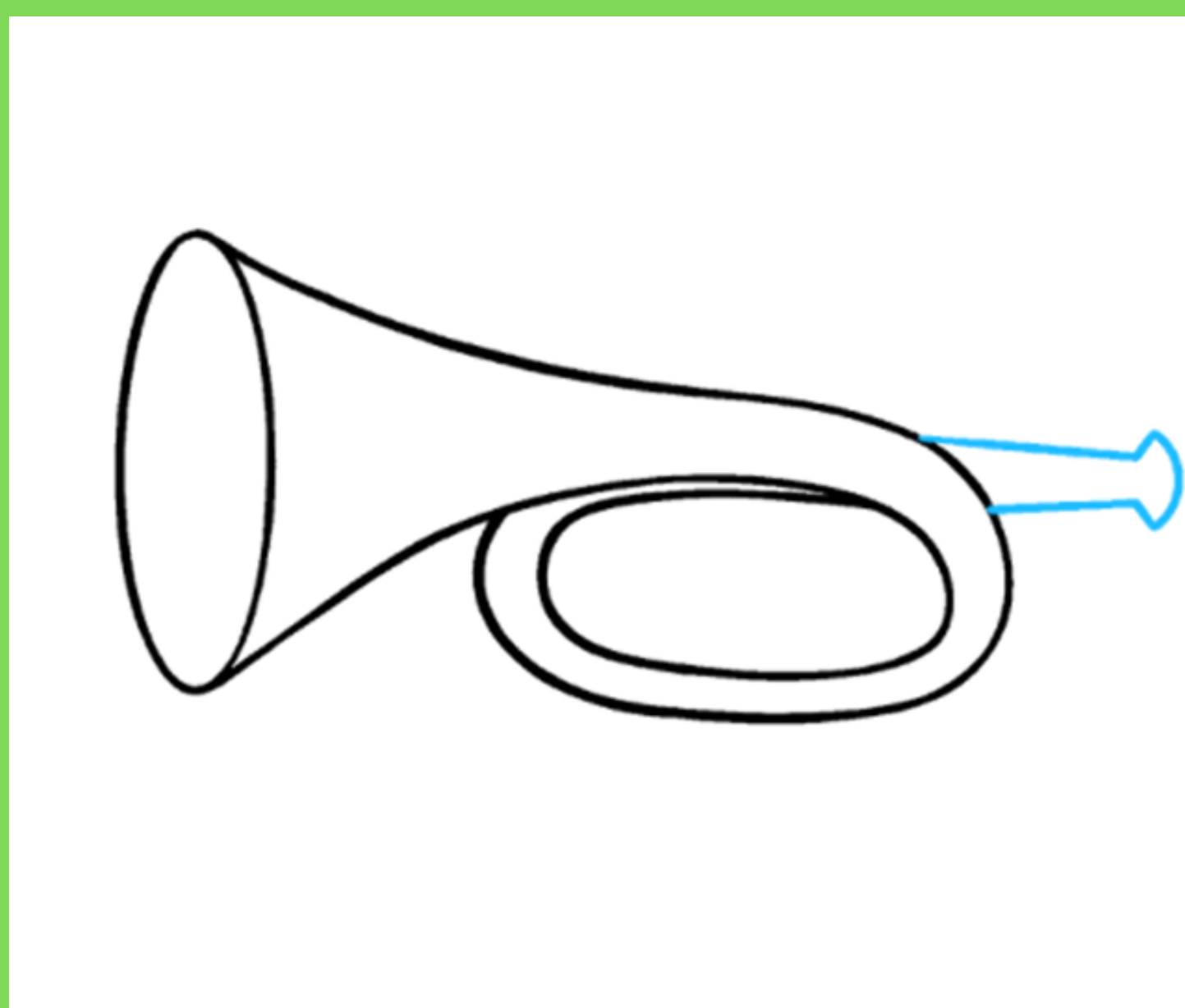
2. Extend a long, curved line from the top of the oval, then spiral it around. This forms the top of the bell and the curve of the brass instrument's pipe that leads to the slides..



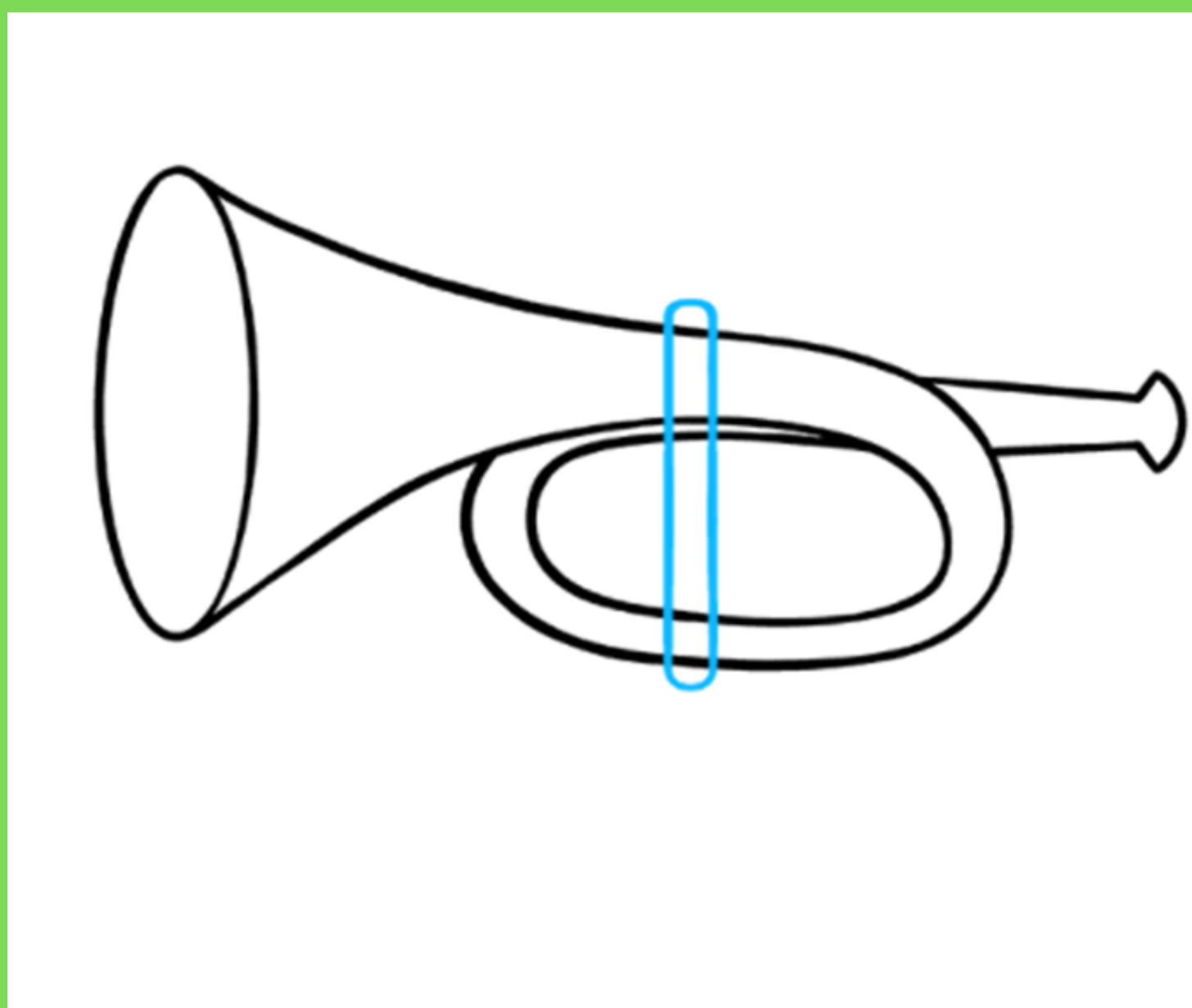
3. Extend a long, curved line from the bottom of the oval. Allow the line to meet the top of the previous spiral, enclosing the basic shape of the trumpet. Then, continue the line in a spiral pattern roughly parallel to the previous spiral. When this line spirals around, it should meet itself, enclosing an oval shape. This details the trumpet's slide and mouthpiece pipe.



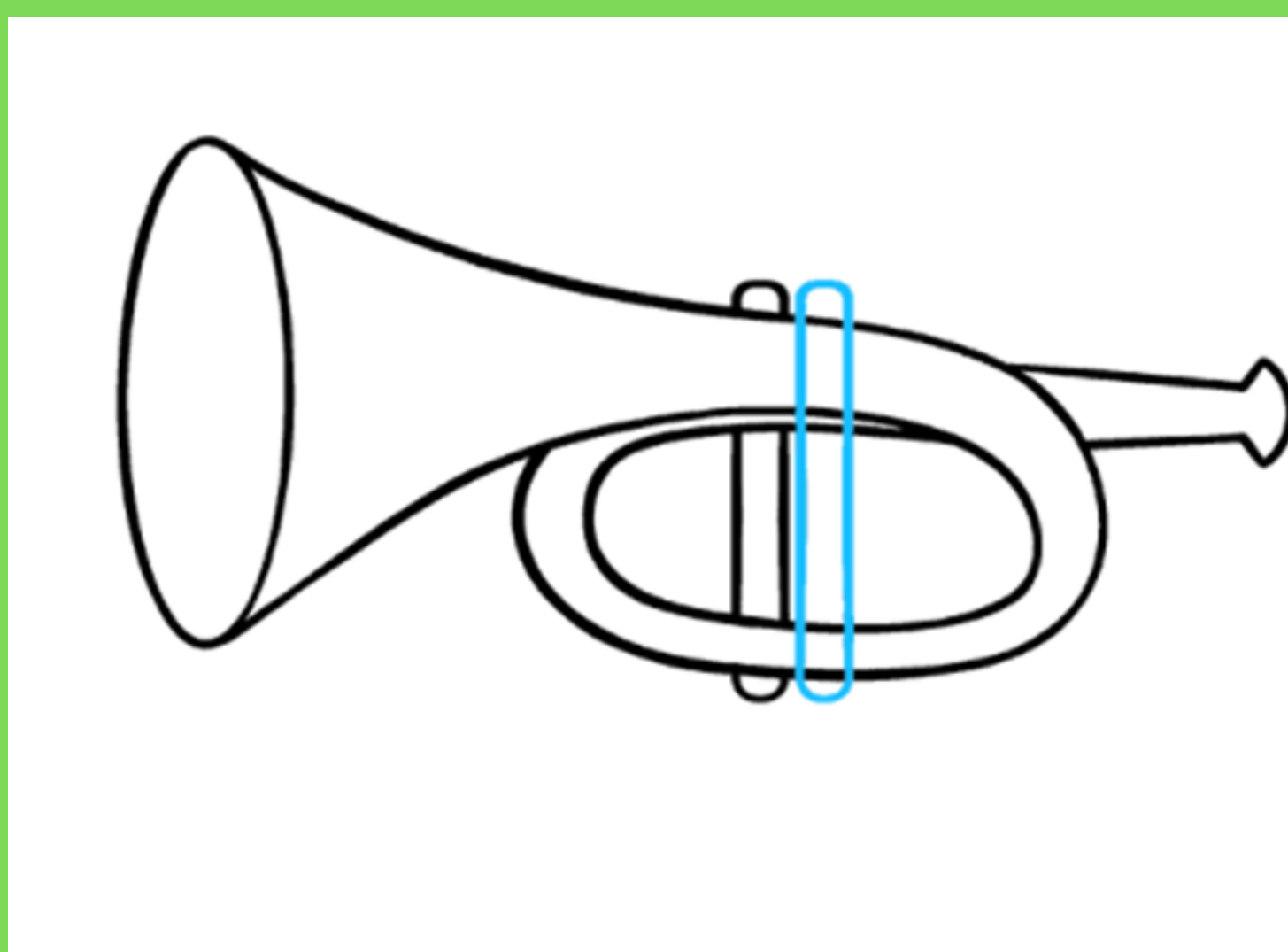
4. Extend a curved line from the trumpet opposite the bell. Let it bend in an "L" shape at the end. Then, extend a second line just below the first. The bend of the second "L" should face the opposite direction. Connect the two lines using a short, curved line. This outlines the trumpet's mouthpiece.



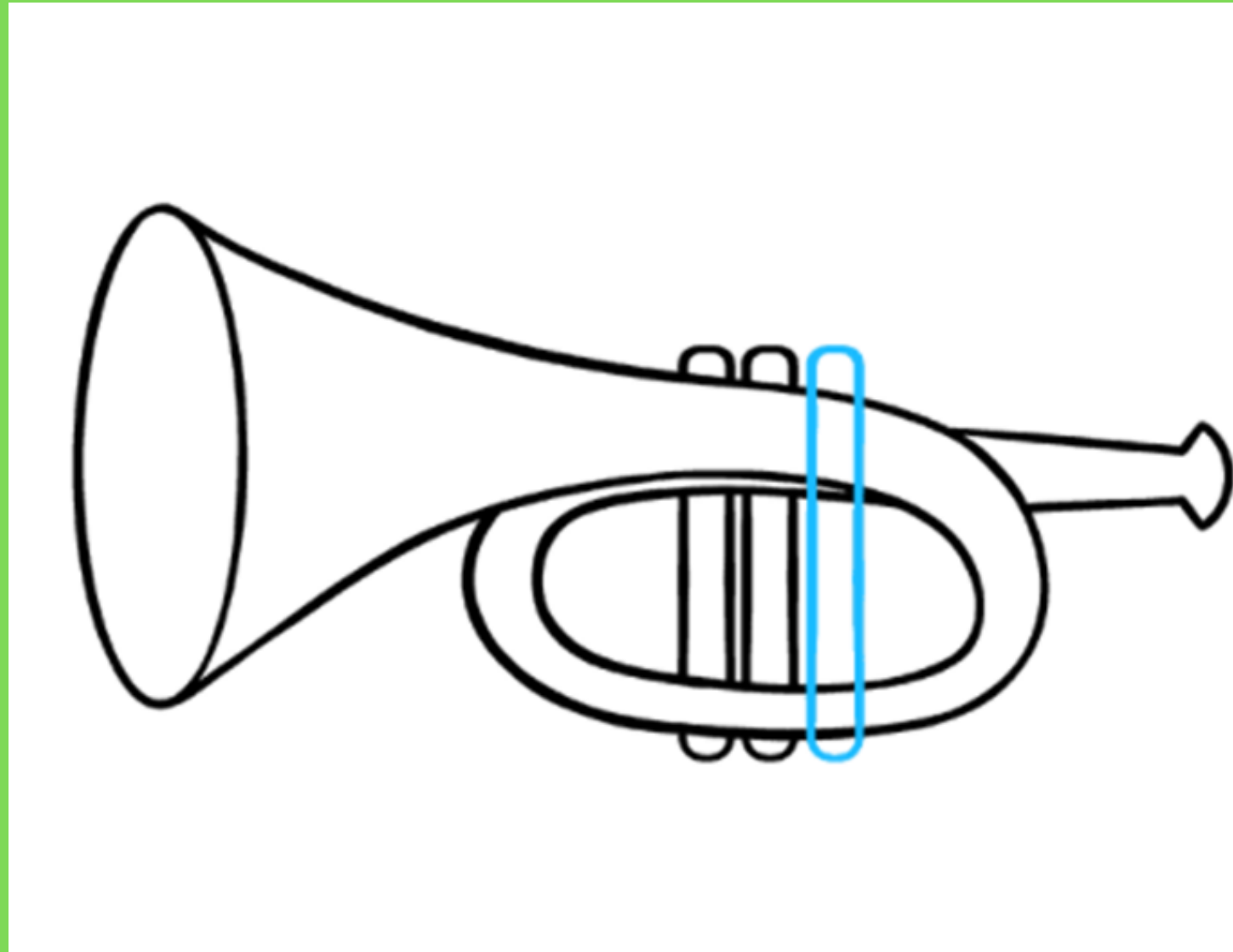
5. Draw a pair of vertical, straight lines crossing the middle of the trumpet. Connect the lines on each end using short, curved lines. This forms the first of the trumpet's three valve castings, which hold the keys you press to change the instrument's sound.



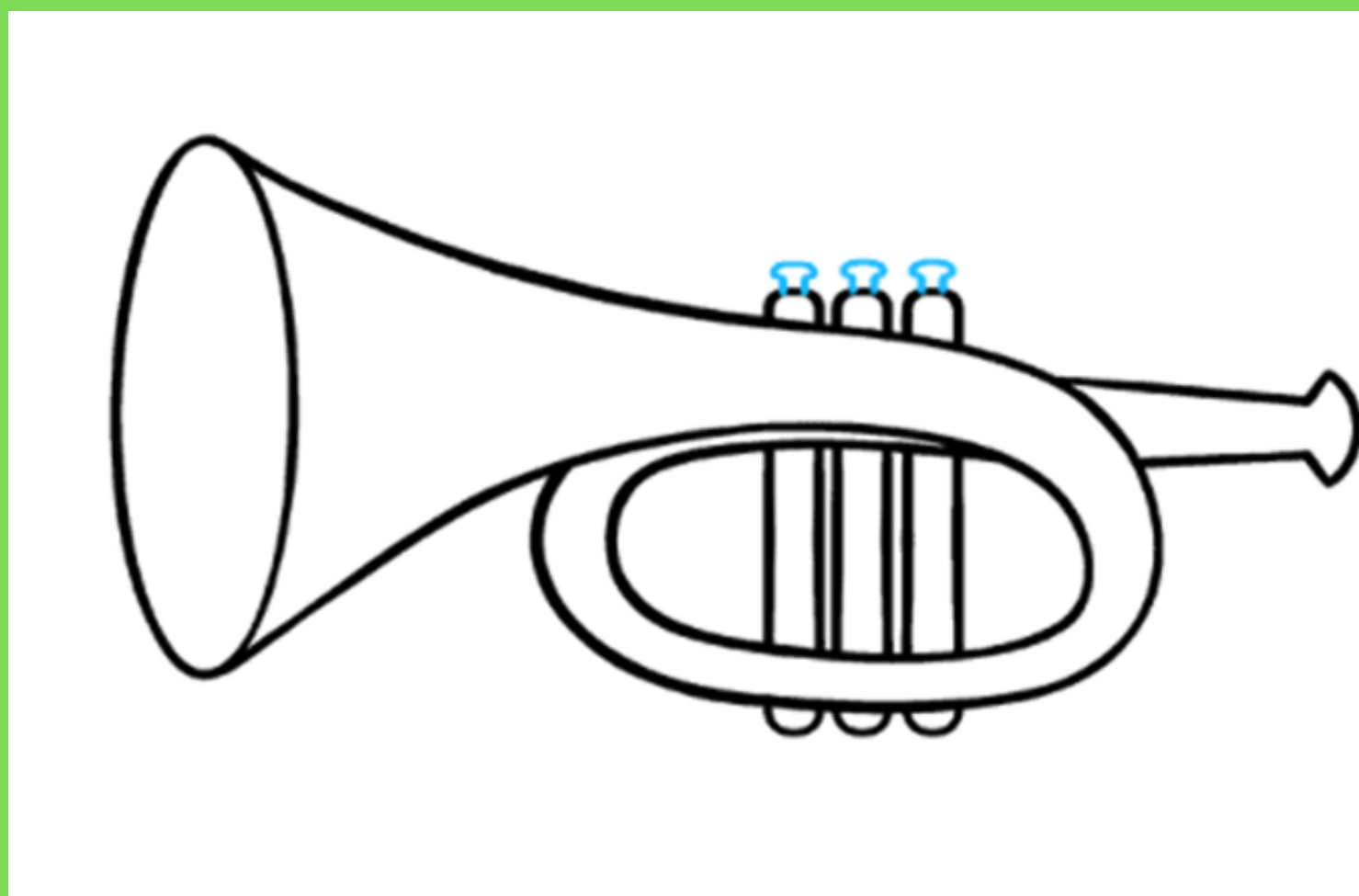
6. Erase the lines of the valve that overlap the trumpet, giving it the appearance of being on the back side of the instrument. Then, draw a second valve. Again, use two straight, vertical, parallel lines, and connect them on the ends using short lines.



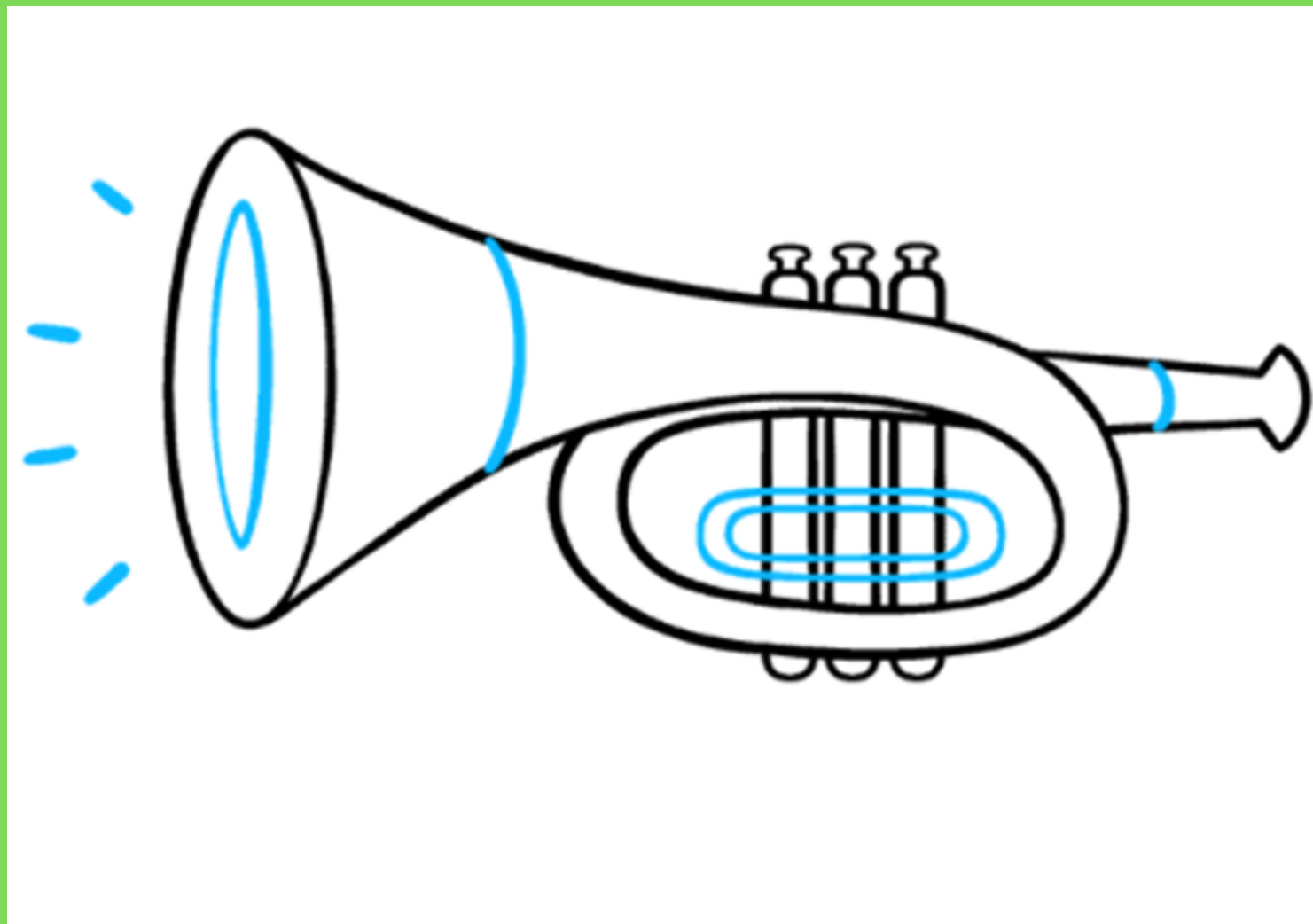
7. Erase overlapping lines. Then, draw the third valve. Use straight, vertical lines and connect them on the ends.



8. Erase overlapping lines. Draw the piston valves or keys at the top of the valve castings. For each, extend a pair of short, straight, parallel lines upward from the valve. Connect them at the top by enclosing a partial oval shape.



9. Add the finishing details to your trumpet. Draw another, smaller oval within the oval of the bell. Draw several short lines extending from the bell to indicate sound. Draw a curved line across the neck of the bell and the mouthpiece pipe. Finally, draw a pair of successively smaller ovals across the valves, within the curl of the trumpet's slides.



Color your cartoon trumpet. This brass instrument is typically gold or silver in color.

