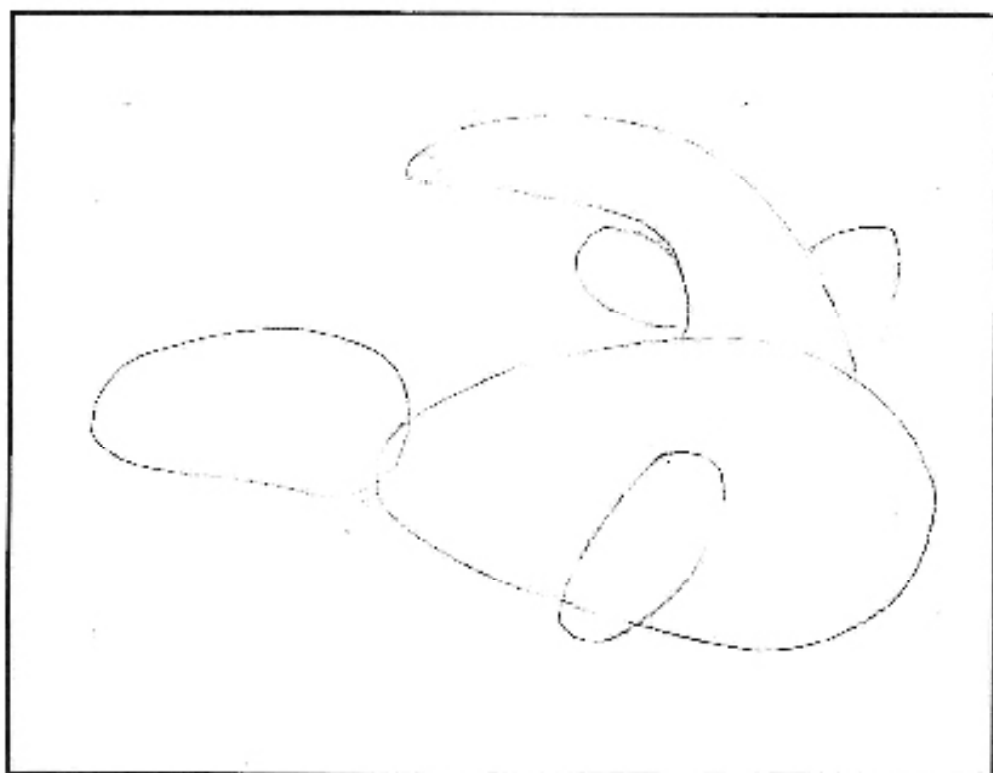


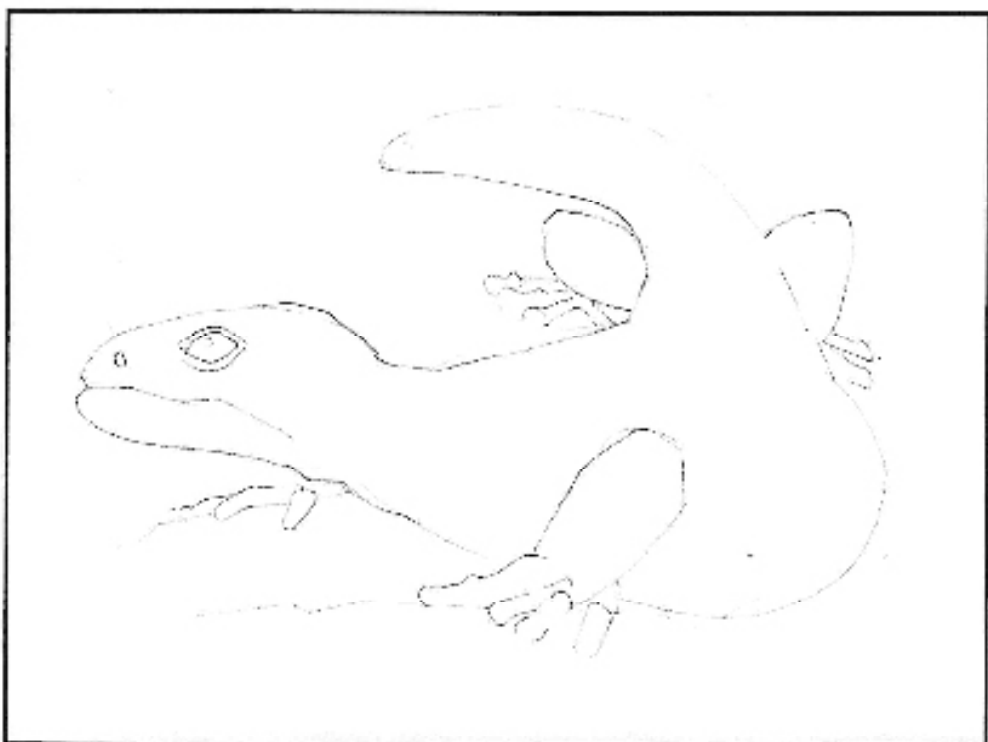
DRAWING LESSON

Gila Monster Step-By-Step

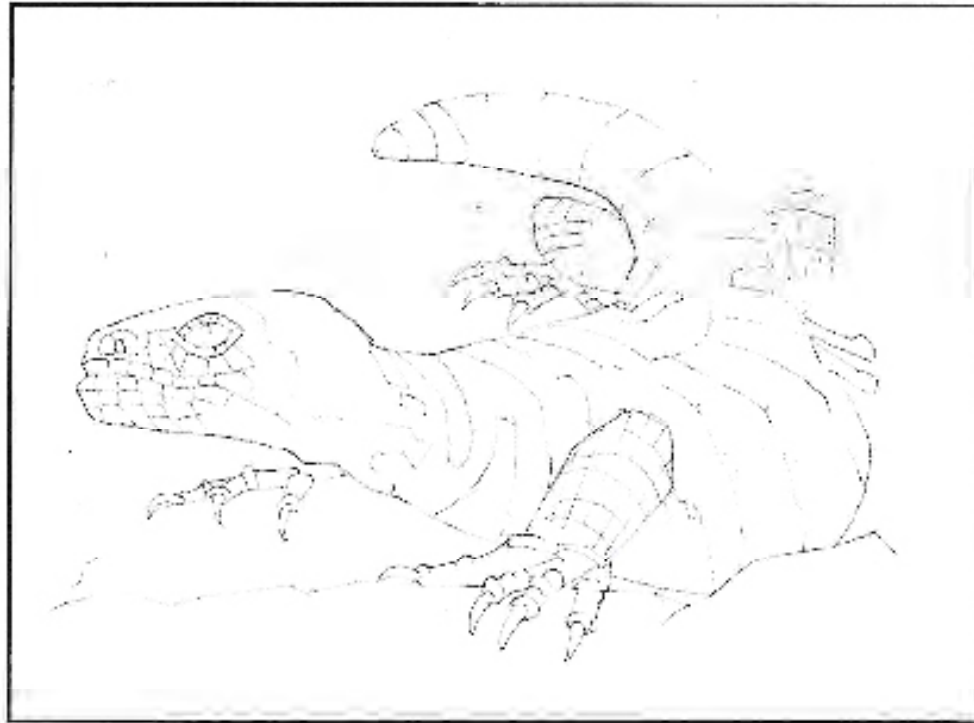
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Start sketching in the basic shapes of the body, head, tail and a hint of legs.



Add a few details like the eye, some more detail on the feet. I think I made it a bit too chunky, you might want to trim the belly a little.



Indicate where the stripes will go and a grid pattern that we will use to suggest scales. The stripes should follow the curve of the body to help define the form.



Finally, color! Using orange and a dark blue lay in the alternating stripes. Round off the corners on the grid pattern to look more like scales. We will use dark grey or a light application of black to darken the blue and add shading. Dark brown on the orange.



Moving along, keep filling in the blues and orange and use the grey, black and brown to shade. Light application of multiple layers allows easier blending of color. We threw a touch of pink just for fun and started creating some dirt or rocks using beige, reddish brown and light grey.



Almost done. Keep layering, color and darkening, adding shadows and suggesting more scales and ground. Used a very sharp black pencil to outline and define some of scales and plates Especially in the face.