

Drawing Amalfi Domes (Positano & Ravello)

Inspired by tiled church domes like the [Amalfi Cathedral](#) that I saw recently.

Domes: lemon yellow, olive green, cobalt tiles

Plants: olive, sap green, magenta bougainvillea

HOW TO DRAW DOMES

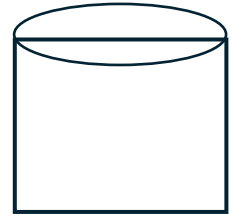
Step 1 — Draw the Base

- Start with a horizontal oval (the rim of the drum).
- Add a rectangle beneath it — this is the base of the dome.
- Add another horizontal oval at the base of the dome.

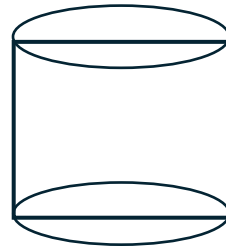
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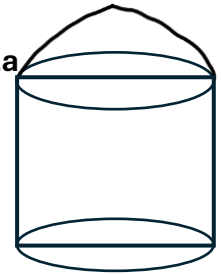
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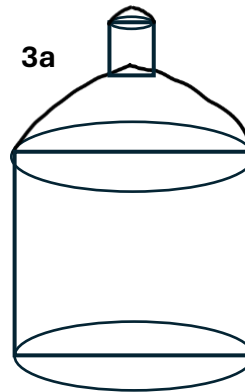
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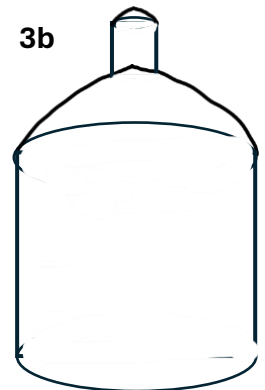
Step 2 — Add the Dome Shape

- On top of the oval, draw a half-circle or slightly pointed arch.
- Keep it smooth and light.

3a



3b



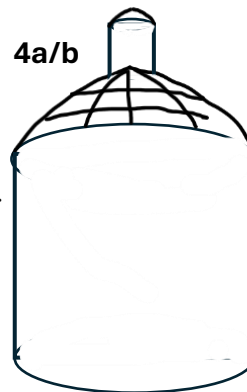
Step 3 — Add the Lantern

- Small rectangle → small circle → mini dome shape on top.
- Erase all the inside lines

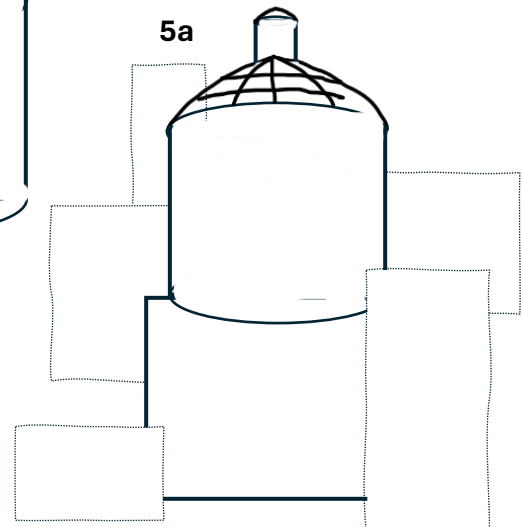
Step 4 — Add Tile Lines

- Draw vertical curved stripes down the dome like melon slices.
- Add horizontal bands (2–3) for tile rows.
- Tip: Don't over-detail — suggestion is enough.

4a/b



5a



Step 5 — Add a Simple Background

- Suggest surrounding buildings with soft rectangular silhouettes.
- In journals, keep shapes light and let the dome be the focal point.

Journal prompts for Amalfi Domes (or any dome)

- If this dome could tell a story, what would it whisper?
- What colors draw me in first?
- If I were standing on that rooftop, what would I hear?