

# ellipse()

Draws an ellipse (oval).

An ellipse is a round shape defined by the `x`, `y`, `w`, and `h` parameters. `x` and `y` set the location of its center. `w` and `h` set its width and height. See [ellipseMode\(\)](#) for other ways to set its position.

If no height is set, the value of width is used for both the width and height. If a negative height or width is specified, the absolute value is taken.

The fifth parameter, `detail`, is also optional. It determines how many vertices are used to draw the ellipse in WebGL mode. The default value is 25.

## Examples

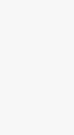
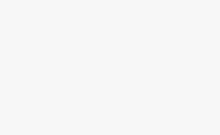


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  createCanvas(100, 100);

  background(200);

  ellipse(50, 50, 80, 80);

  describe('A white circle on a gray canvas.');
}
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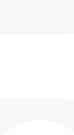
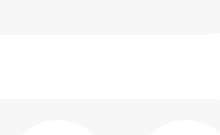


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function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100);

  background(200);

  ellipse(50, 50, 80, 40);

  describe('A white ellipse on a gray canvas.');
}
```



```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);

  background(200);

  ellipse(0, 0, 80, 40);

  describe('A white ellipse on a gray canvas.');
}
```



## Syntax

```
ellipse(x, y, w, [h])
```



```
ellipse(x, y, w, h, [detail])
```



## Parameters

<code>x</code>	Number: x-coordinate of the center of the ellipse.
<code>y</code>	Number: y-coordinate of the center of the ellipse.
<code>w</code>	Number: width of the ellipse.
<code>h</code>	Number: height of the ellipse.
<code>detail</code>	Integer: optional parameter for WebGL mode only. This is to specify the number of vertices that makes up the perimeter of the ellipse. Default value is 25. Won't draw a stroke for a detail of more than 50.

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