STEPS FOR LEWIS STRUCTURES

1) **COUNT** and sum valence electrons
2) **PLACE** your atoms
3) Bond all your atoms with **SINGLE BONDS**
4) Give all atoms a **FULL SHELL**
5) **RECOUNT** the number of e- (dots) used
6) **FIX IF NEEDED**
   - Used **too few** electrons?
       – Add extra to central atom
   - Used **too many** electrons?
       – Fix w/ double and/or triple bonds