

Hello everybody!

It looks like things are ever so slowly getting back to normal, so I hope you are enjoying the newly gained freedoms and went shopping or managed to visit some friends!

It's still safer to stay away from large crowds though so lets kill some time and do some art!

I don't know about you but for me, my feline companion has helped me through this lockdown period tremendously, just being her purry loving self. I am sure that counts for all pets, so I will provide classes on different animals as we go along.

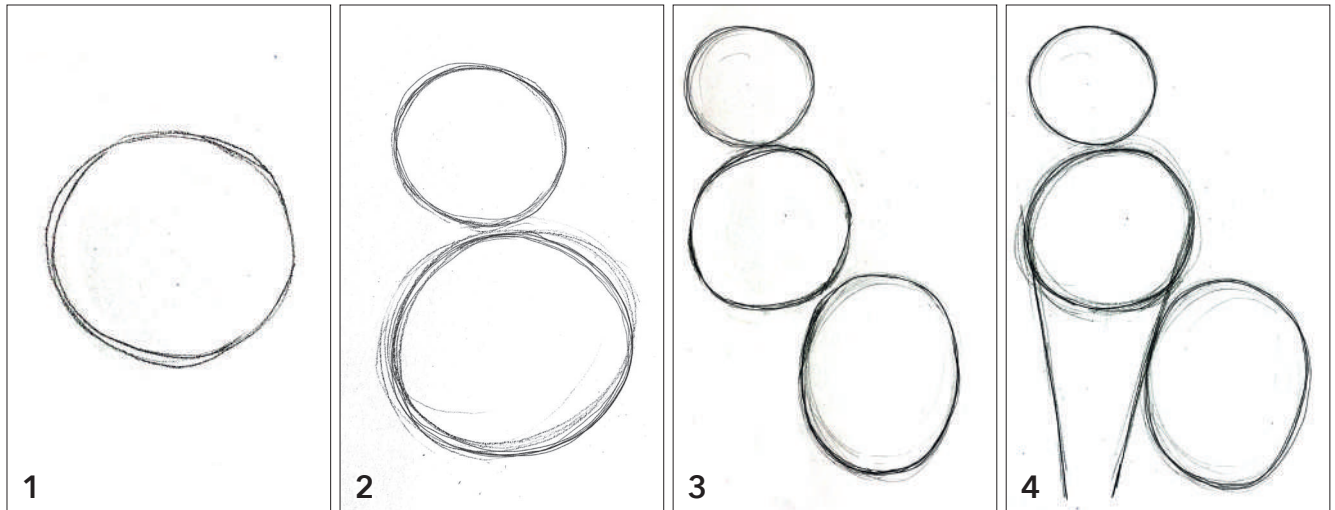
So for today's class I thought we could draw a sitting cat! It's easier than it looks if you follow the steps on the next pages!

You will need:

- A piece of paper
- A pencil
- A pen for outlines
- An eraser
- Your favourite art supplies to colour in the outlines (eg. felt pens, watercolours etc.)

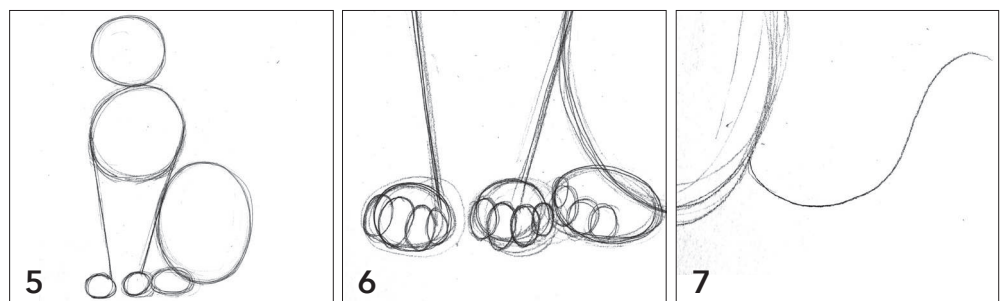
Step 1

With our pencil, we draw a circle for the cat's head 1. Add another circle that is slightly bigger for the cat's chest 2 and an oval shape for the cat's bum 3. The three circles look a bit like a tumbling snowman. Then draw two lines from either side of the chest circle that taper inwards, a bit like an ice cream cone, for the cat's front legs 4.



Step 2

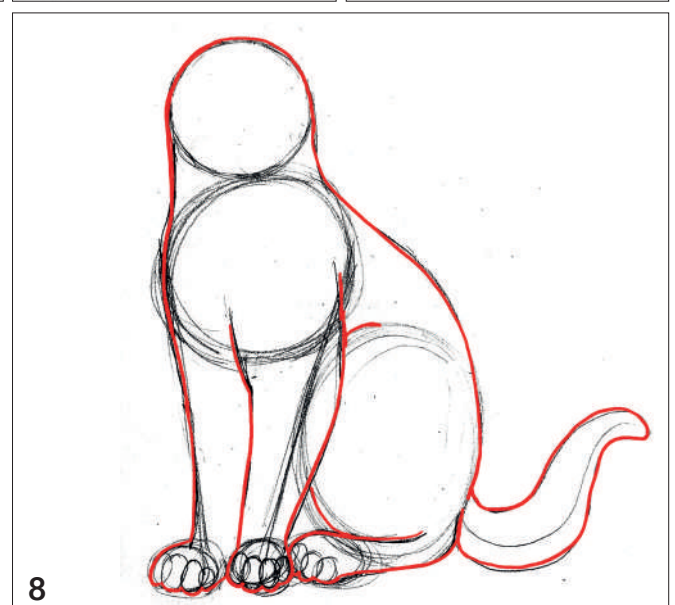
Next, add three small ovals for the cat's paws 5 (the fourth paw is hidden behind the front legs). On each paw, add 4 little ovals. These are the cat's toesies 6. Draw the skeleton of the tail at the base of the bum oval 7.



Step 3

Then we get to connect the circles and lines. When you draw the front legs, make sure they are the same length and thickness 8.

I have used a red pen to clarify the outlines. Please continue using your pencil for this step.

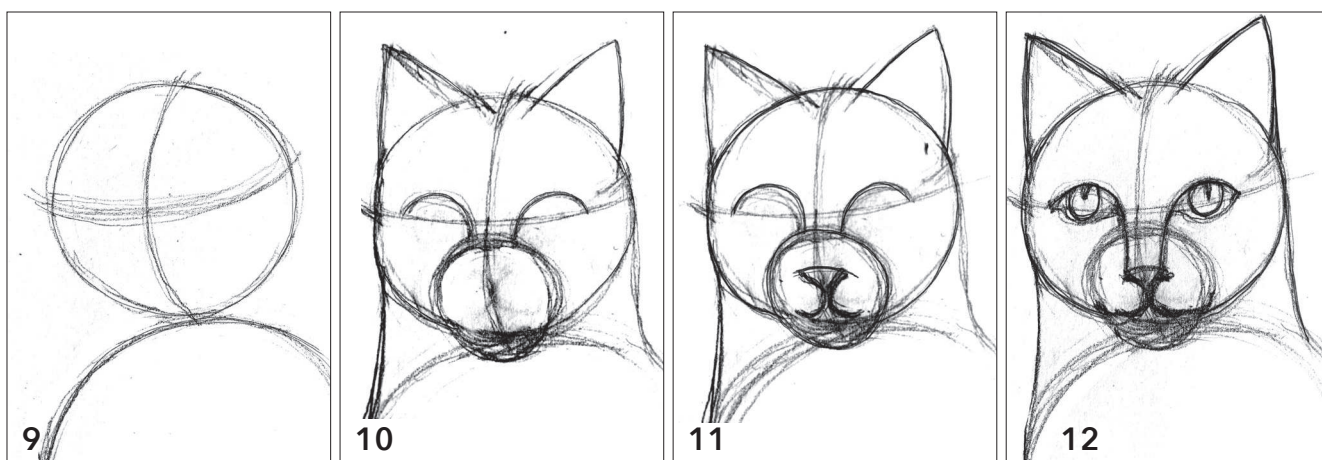


Step 4

Now we get to draw the cat's face. For that, divide the head circle into quarters 9. Use curved lines rather than straight ones, to pronounce a more organic, round shape. The ears sit on either side of the head, nearly taking up the space of a quarter of the head circle. For the cat's snout, draw a smaller circle into the bottom half of the head circle, just slightly overlapping at the bottom. The overlap is the cat's chin. Draw a couple of semi circles over the middle line of the head circle, connecting them to the snout circle. These indicate the eye sockets 10.

The cat's nose and mouth sit in the middle of the snout. Start shaping out a little triangle for the nose, opening up at the bottom for the mouth 11.

Then continue by connecting the nose with the eye lines and draw the eyes into the sockets 12.

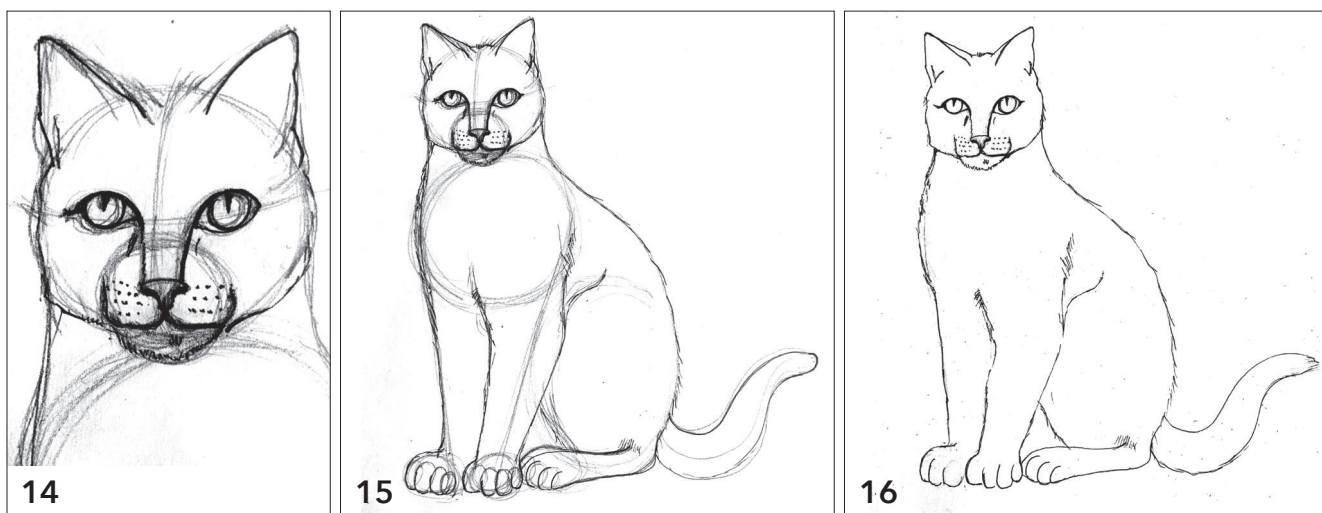
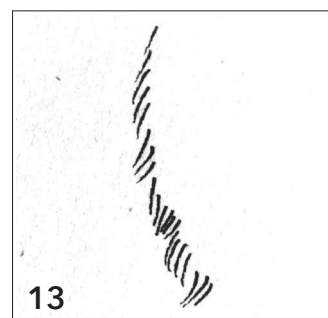


Step 5

Once you are happy with your guidelines, we can start tracing them with our pen and adding details, such as the little dots for where the whiskers are 14.

To give the illusion of fur, instead of drawing a continuous line, break up your outline as shown in image 13.

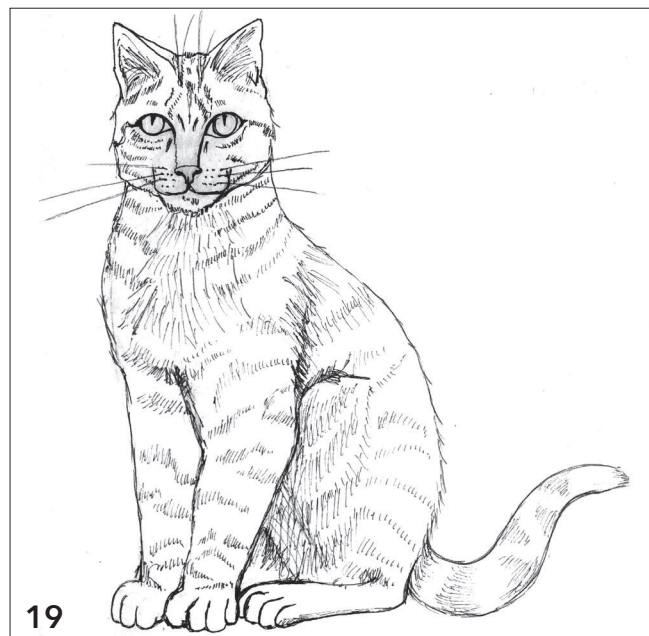
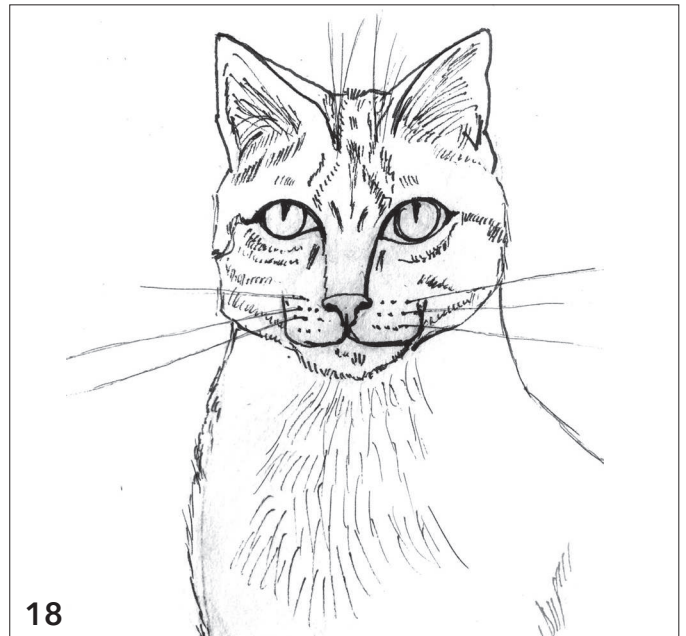
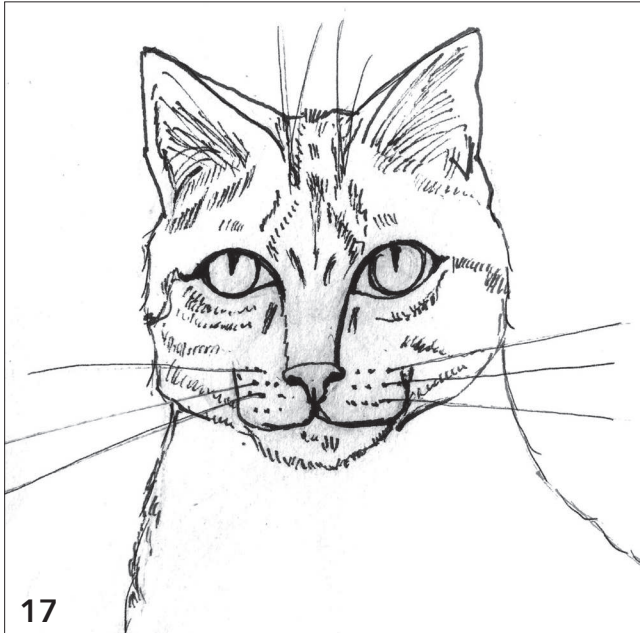
When we have traced the shape of our cat 15, we can then erase the pencil guidelines 16.



Step 6

Lets add some furry details with our pen. Draw a few whiskers on the cat's snout and also inbetween the ears for the eyebrows 17.

Draw the chest hair from the head downwards, as this is the direction in which it grows 18.
My example is a tabby cat, so I've drawn some stripes, following the body shape 19.



Once you are happy with your outlines you can colour them in, using your favourite art supplies (colour pencils, crayons, watercolour, felt pens etc.).

I hope you enjoyed the lesson and I can't wait to see all of your pussy cats!

Have a great week

Vera xx