



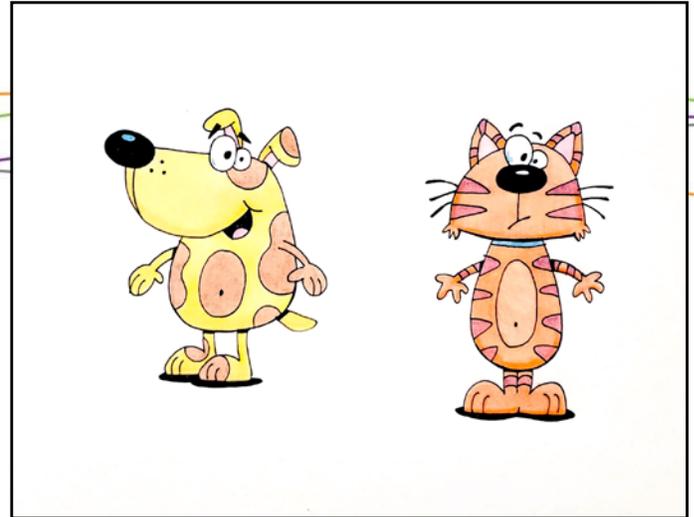
How to Draw

SILLY PETS

with Mrs. Guild

You will need:

- 1 piece of regular 8 1/2 x 11 white paper
- pencil & eraser
- black pen or thin marker
- colored pencils, markers, or crayons



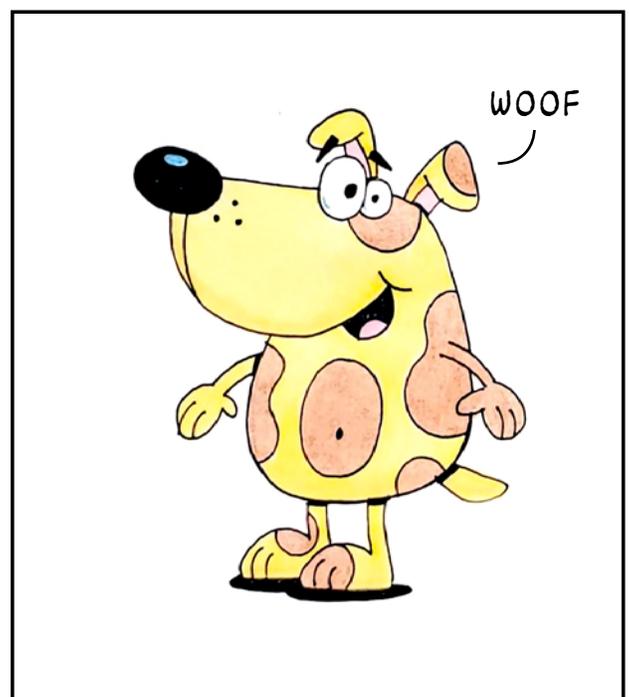
Objective

- Combine simple shapes to make a complex drawing
- Learn about illustration

In this lesson, we will draw an **illustration** of Silly Dog and Silly Cat. An **illustration**, in this sense, is a drawing or picture an artist makes from a concept in their mind. It's not from real life, although many illustrations can be made to look very realistic. The illustrations of Silly Dog and Silly Cat are **cartoon** illustrations. **Cartoons** are often humorous. But other illustrations, like what you might see on an older kid's book cover can look very real.

Before we start on Silly Dog, let's talk about some of the things that make him look fun.

- We want our character to look funny, but still neat and professional.
- Keep everything clean and simple.
- Exaggerate features. Silly Dog's nose is BIG.
- His eyes are different sizes, and so are his pupils.
- He isn't overly detailed. I chose one main embellishment--his spots, and that's it! Often, less is more in the detail department.
- Outline cartoon illustrations in black. It makes them look really sharp. Many cartoons are just black outlines with no colors at all!



Let's start with Silly Dog

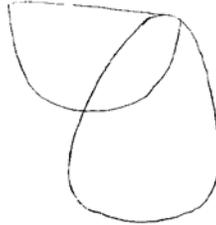
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Make a simple "egg" shape



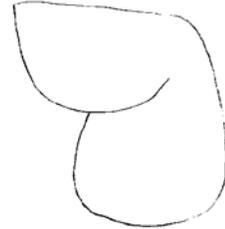
Step 2

Starting at the top of the "egg", draw a half-circle shape.



Step 2

Erase some of the lines that you won't need.



Step 3

Add the nose, eyes and mouth.
Making the eyes different sizes adds a humorous look.



Step 4

Erase the lines you don't need and color in the darks.



Step 5

Add ears and a belly.



Step 6

Add arms and legs. You can choose how fat or skinny you want them to be. You can also make the arms going a different direction than I did.



Step 7

Add hands and feet. Cartoon hands don't usually have 5 fingers. Often they only have 4.



Step 8

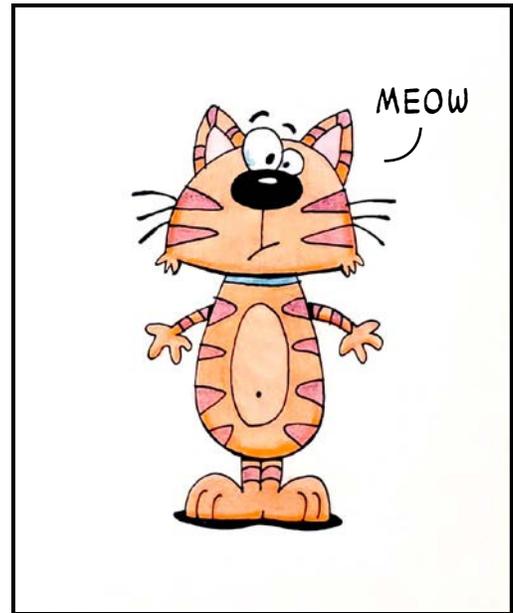
Add final details. I gave my Silly Dog some spots. You could draw a background or accessories to give him context.



Now on to Silly Cat!

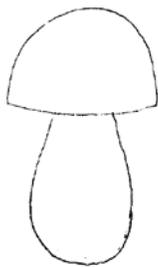
Step 1

Make a half-dome shape for the head



Step 2

Draw a "U" shape body. It looks a little like a mushroom!



Step 2

Add eyes and nose. I like to place the nose high up on the face and let the eyes overlap the top of the head a bit.



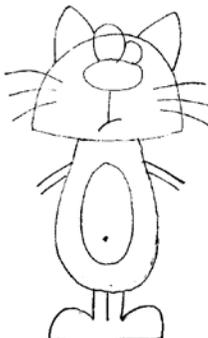
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Add a mouth and belly.



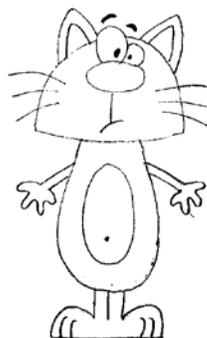
Step 2

Add all of the appendages! Ears, whiskers, arms, and legs.



Step 2

Give it character with pupils, hands, and toes.



Step 2

Add finishing touches. I like tabby cats, so I gave mine stripes!

