

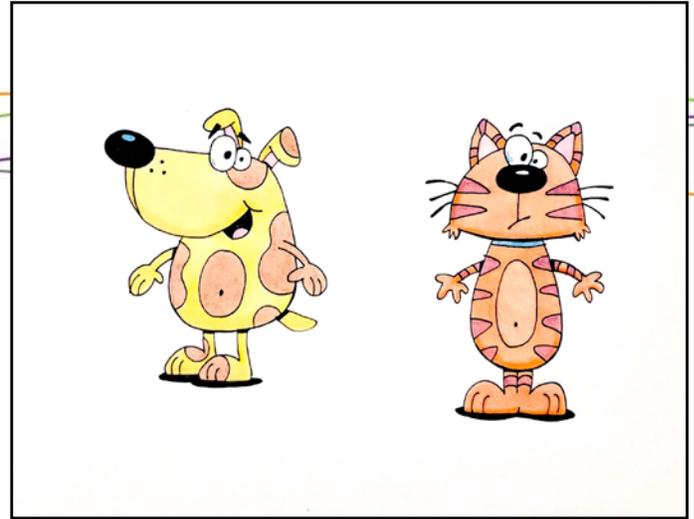


## How to Draw **SILLY PETS**

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



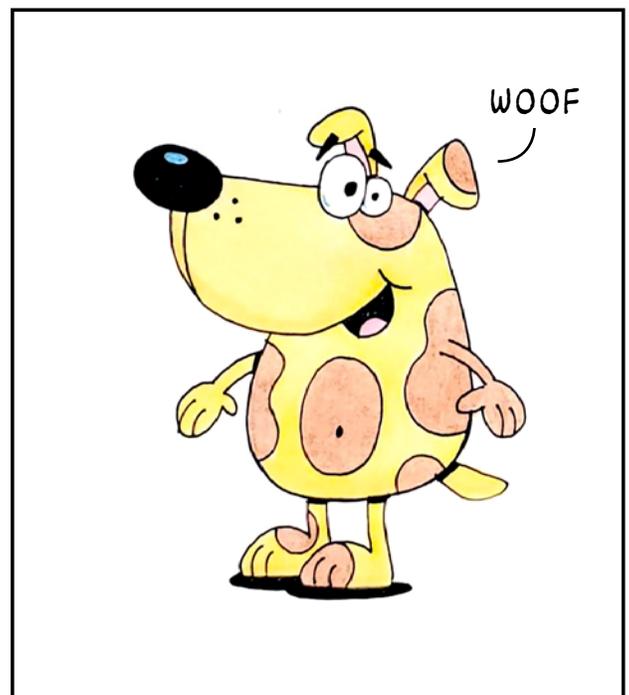
### Objective

- 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

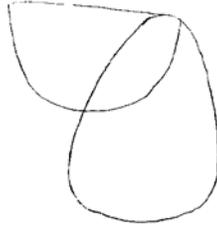
## Step 1

Make a simple "egg" shape



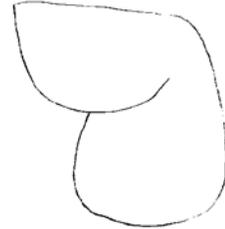
## Step 2

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

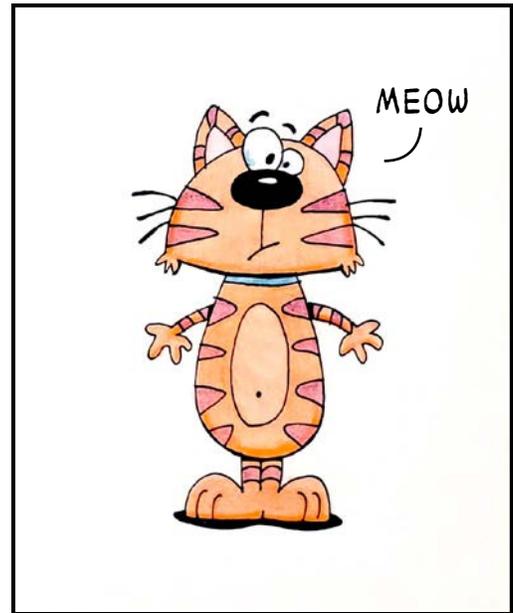
Add final details. I gave my Silly Dog some spots. You could draw a background or accessories to give him context.



# 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.



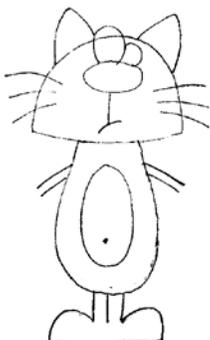
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Add a mouth and belly.



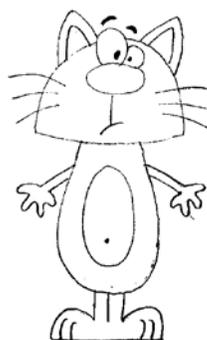
## Step 2

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!

