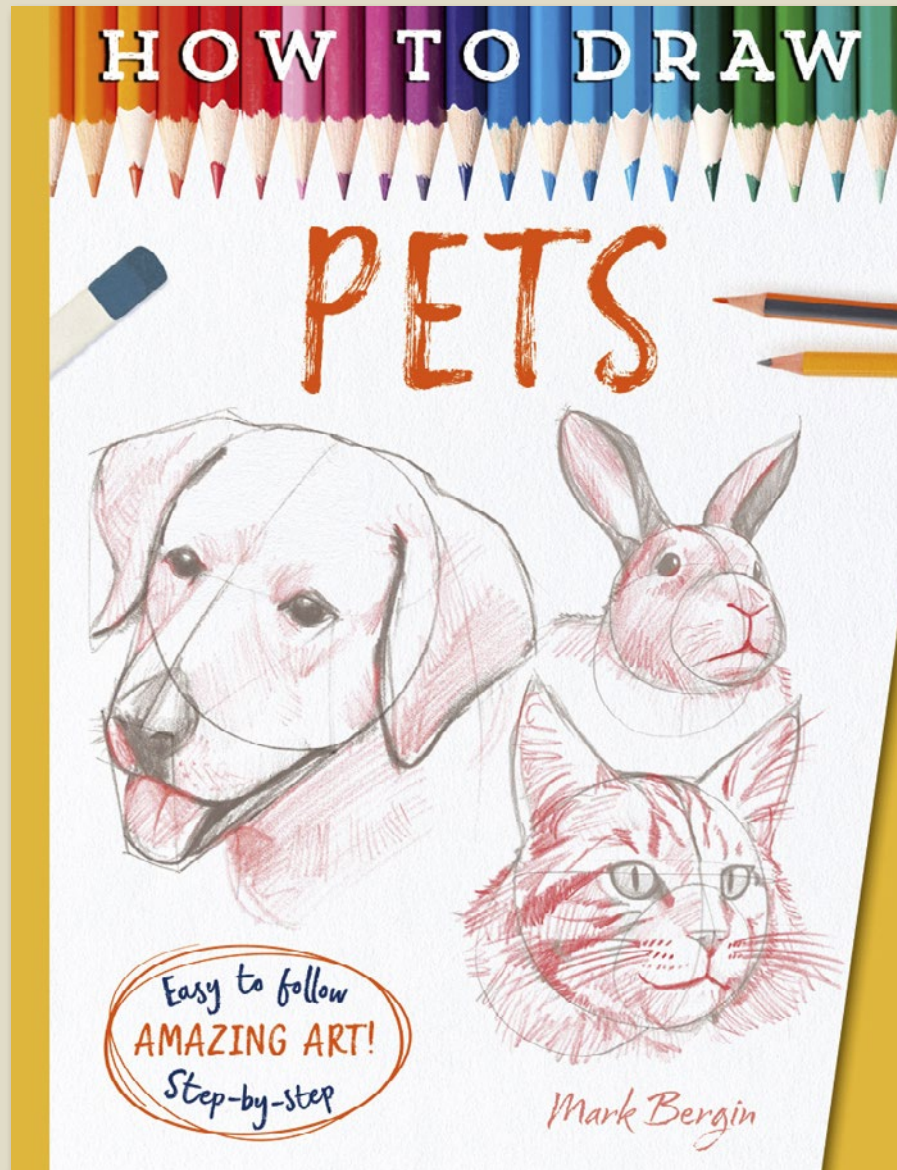


How To Draw Pets



A step-by-step guide to drawing your furry friends

- Easy to follow instructions, simple steps and diagrams throughout.
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- Perfect beginners guide to introduce children to art. Ideal for 9 to 12 year olds.
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Heads, paws and claws

Pets have many different types of heads, paws and claws. Studying and sketching the detailed features of a pet will help you with your final drawings.

Quick pencil sketches can help you to understand the structure of paws and claws.

Look for areas where hair should be darker and also for changes of texture.

The more you study a subject and your final drawing is the more accurate your drawing will become.

Always consider the light source and add tone to the darker areas.

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Using photos

Drawing from photographs of pets can help you develop both your drawing skills and your eye for detail.

Make a tracing of a photograph and line up the edges of squares in it.

Light source

To render your drawing with shading, draw a grid over the light source and use the grid to help you place the light and dark areas.

Place the grid on a photograph of a pet and use the grid to help you place the light and dark areas.

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Dog

Dogs are often kept as domestic pets but some, like sheepdogs, are used for work.

Draw a circle for the head. These two circles for the legs are the same size as the circle for the head.

Add a small circle for the ear.

Sketch a construction line to show the neck.

Draw the shape of the tail with curved lines.

Use the two small circles to show the front and rear legs.

Sketch in the shape of the body, adding the neck and tail.

Sketch in the shape of the head.

Sketch in the shape of the legs, adding the front and rear legs.

Sketch in the shape of the tail, adding the tail.

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Rabbit

Rabbits are popular pets that are usually kept outside in a hutch.

Draw a circle for the head and two ovals for the shoulders and rear.

Draw two long connecting curved lines.

Add two front legs using straight lines, and use half circles for the front paws.

Sketch in the basic shape of the rear legs and paws.

Position the rabbit's ears on its head.

Sketch in the rabbit's muzzle using straight lines.

Add a little round tail.

Add the head details: draw in the ears, eyes, small nose and mouth.

Add shading to the rabbit's body to give the impression of fur.

Add shading to areas where the light would not reach.

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