



Draw Like a Cat

If a cat could draw, would she draw her surroundings differently than a human would? How would your room look from a cat's point-of-view? What, in the room, would be interesting to a cat? Suppose a magical spell is cast upon you and you are turned into a cat for one hour? What are you going to draw?

First, let's practice being a cat . . .

Stretch

Arch your back

Extend your claws

Roll over

Sit up quickly

Hunch down

Stare at you friend or neighbor

Rub up against your bed or desk

Look around at the room from a cat's viewpoint.

Now think like a cat . . .

If you were a cat, where would you sleep in the room?

Where could you find food?

Where could you find water?

What would you play with?

Where would you go if you didn't want to be bothered?

What would interest you the most in the room?

What would you mostly likely try to avoid?

Who would you try to make friends with?

Now that you are a “bona fide” cat, decide where in the room you would most like to “hang out” and what you would do. Take your drawing materials to that part of the room and draw it from a cat's perspective.

When you've finished, look at your drawing. Were you able to take the point-of-view of a cat? How is a cat's perspective different from your own? How is this shown in your drawing?

Want To Do More?

Make up other imaginary drawing games to play at home. Imagine yourself as a dog, a bug, or a bird. Draw a picture showing your new perspective on the world.