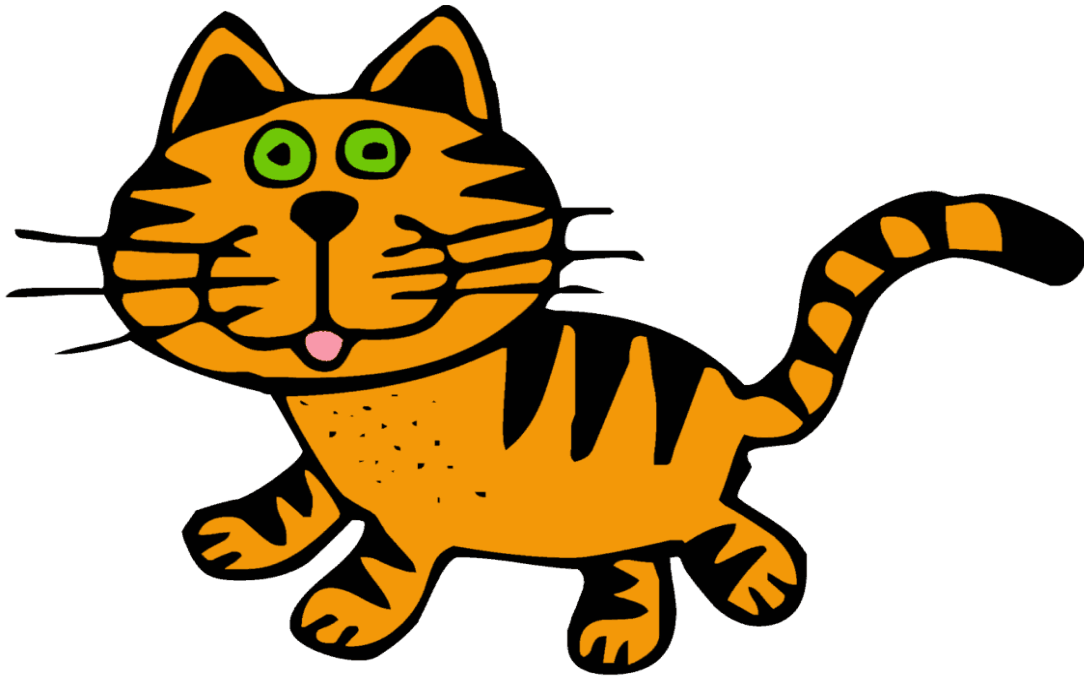


Tissue Tube Cats

An art lesson for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade (Week of May 4th).

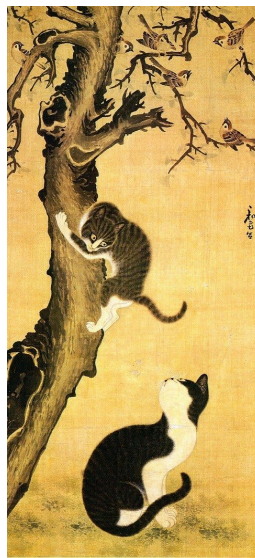


Cats are a very popular group of land mammals within the suborder **Feliformia**, which includes anything from lions to domestic cats. Cats are often furry, and always carnivorous, animals. They are found all over the world--with the larger species of the suborder found primarily in Africa, southern Asia, and south-east Asia. All cats, no matter the size or climate, are known for their retractable claws, speedy reflexes, and pointy teeth used to slice tough meat!

Cats are most commonly known for being kept as house pets. However, not all cats can be kept as house pets. Only those cats referred to as domestic cats are suitable. In other words, they are called domestic cats because they have been **domesticated**, which means they can live in

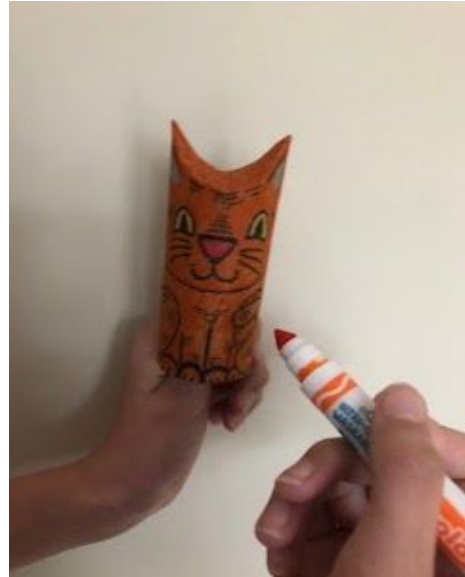
harmony with humans. They are great companions because of their cuddly nature and soft, calming purr.

Cats can often be used by artists as the subject matter of their artworks. Look at some of these art examples with cats in them:



For our artwork we will be inspired by the cat and use it as the subject matter.

The materials you will need for this activity include one cardboard toilet tissue roll, a pencil, one eraser, one black marker and a variety of colored markers.



Using the photos above, follow these steps:

1. Find one toilet tissue roll free of any paper.
2. To make the ears, use a finger and fold the top of the tube, front and back.
3. Draw details for your cat including eyes, nose, mouth, whiskers, ears, front and back legs and tail.
4. Add color using marker.

Things to think about:

- If you have trouble with folding the ears, ask an adult to help you.
- You may draw the details with pencil first, then trace over your lines with a black marker.
- Use light colors, stay away from using too many dark colors.
- Will your cat have stripes, spots or patches? How about a pattern?
- If you have more than one tube you could make a friend for your cat.



