

# Stuffed Animal Portraits

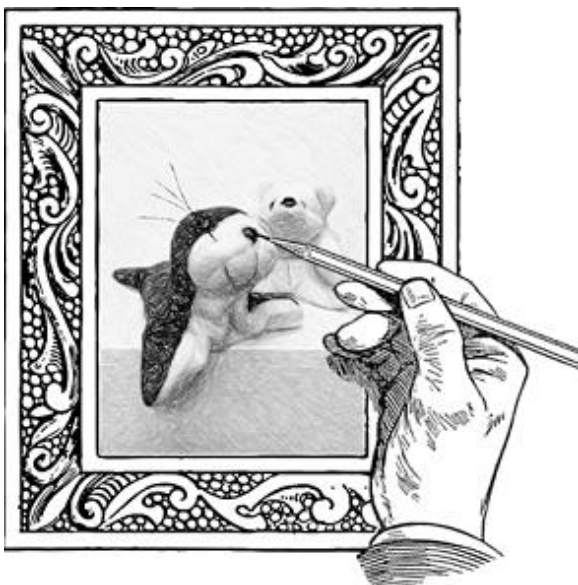
**Draw a portrait of a favorite furry friend!**

**Materials Needed:** Stuffed animals, pencil, paper. *Optional:* Frame Template printable, scissors.

**Instructions:** Choose a stuffed animal and draw a portrait of it!

**Try these drawing tips:**

- Help the stuffed animals strike a pose.
- Change your position and look at the stuffed animals from an interesting direction.
- Take a pencil and paper and start looking carefully at shapes and lines.
- Forget what you know about the animal you are drawing. Look at it with fresh eyes!
- Where are the darker parts? Where are the lighter parts?
- Use lines like an artist! Make different kinds of lines: long, short, thin, curvy, choppy, etc.
- Press lightly with your pencil. Sometimes you need to make several lines before you get the right one. Don't worry about mistakes, you can erase them when you are finished.
- Close one eye and squint. This helps you see a 3-dimensional object more like a 2-dimensional shape.
- Practice practice practice! The more you draw the more you will learn.

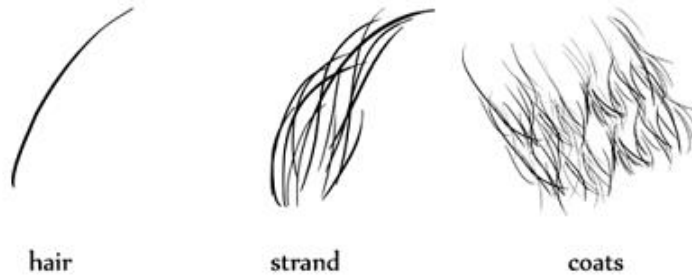


# Tips on Drawing Fur

Observe carefully.

Think about fur in 3D. Use many different kinds of lines.

You don't have to draw every hair! You can draw strands or tufts.

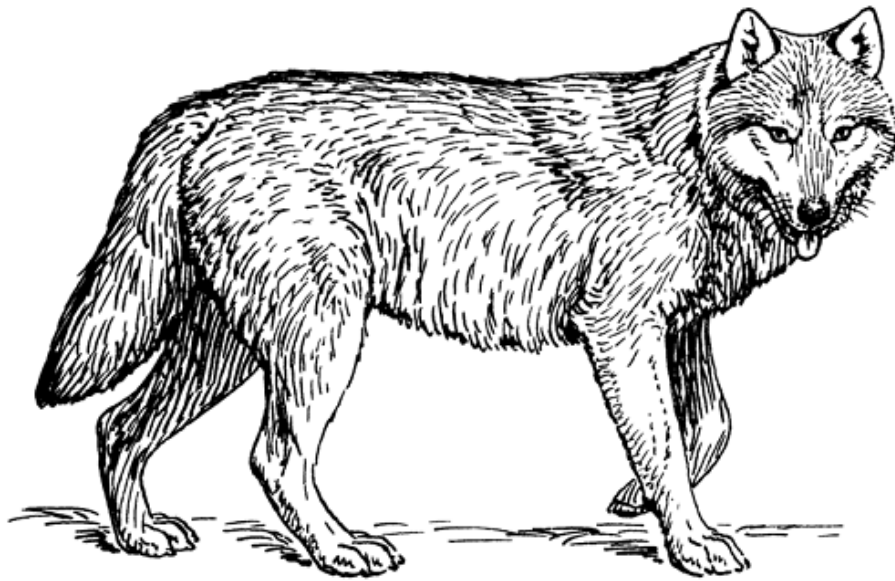


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Find parts of the fur coat that are darker, thicker, lighter, and thinner. Notice where the fur is straight, curvy, short, etc.

Look at how the fur coat follow the shapes of the animal's body. Find where hair points in different directions.

Remember that more lines make fur look darker.



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# Frame Template Printable

