

# Art lesson 4

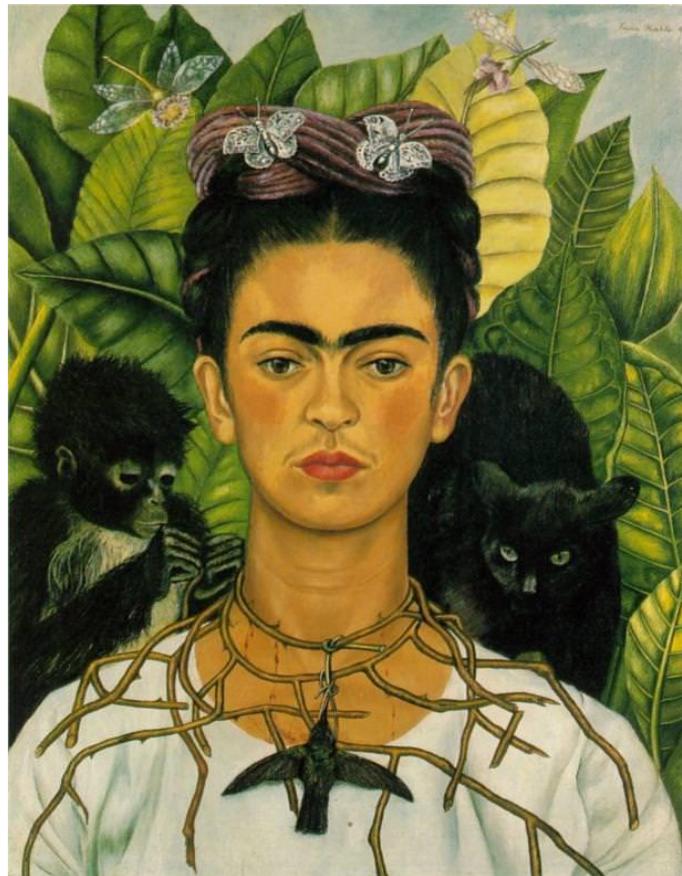
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**What might these animals represent? Why has Frida Kahlo chosen them in this painting?**



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What animals can see you see in this painting?

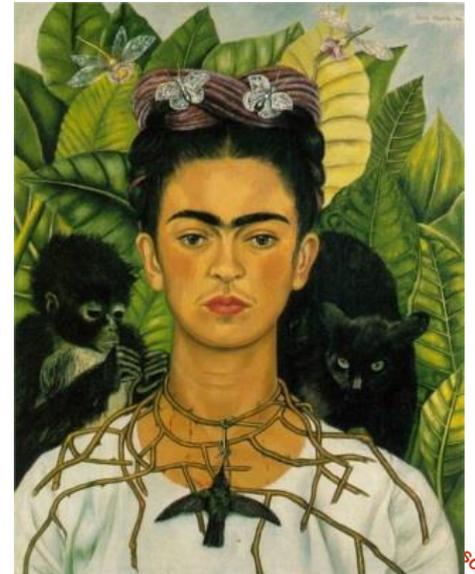
The monkey can be a **symbol** (a thing that represents or stands for something else) of evil.

Rivera (Frida's husband) gave Frida a spider monkey as a gift, thus suggesting that it could be a symbol of Rivera.

The black panther is symbolic of bad luck and death.

A bird usually **symbolizes** (use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities) freedom and life. Especially the hummingbird which is colourful and always hovering above flowers. But in this painting the humming bird is black and lifeless. This might be a symbol of Frida herself.

Her use of animals tells the viewer a lot about how the artist was feeling and how she saw herself.



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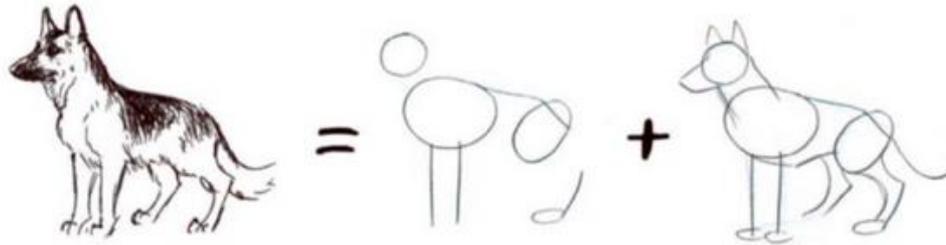
You are going to be drawing an animal that best describes your personality and then add tone. Below is a list of animals that have different symbolic meanings.

- Bear – is a symbol of strength, courage and determined
- Dog- is a symbol of loyalty (giving or showing firm and constant support), honest and being faithful
- Eagle- symbolises power, grace and creativity
- Elephant- is a symbol of power, dignity (the quality of being worthy of respect), intelligence and peace
- Lion- represents strength, bravery and fearlessness
- Monkey- symbolises fun, charm and energetic nature

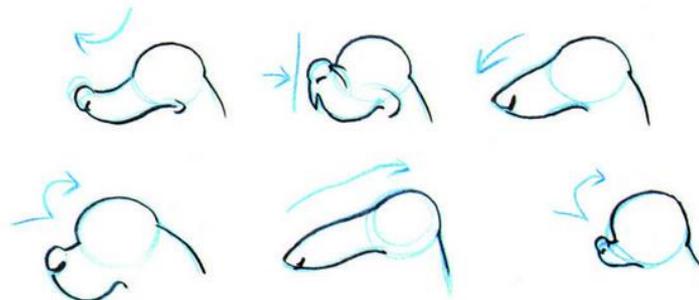
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## Steps and tips to drawing an animal

1) Firstly, simply observe the animal in order to identify the simple geometric shapes (such as circle, triangle, rectangle, rhombus and square) that make them up.

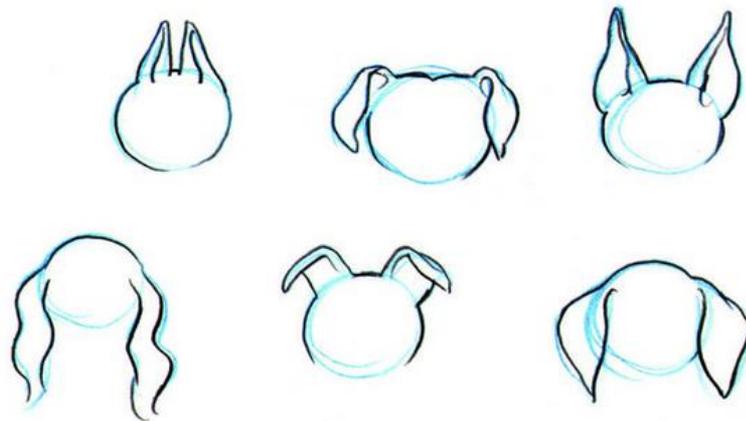


2) Carefully observe the form of the muzzle (sticking out part of the face): Is the line that links it to the skull soft? Is the muzzle flat, curves inwards, or curved? Long, fine or thick?



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3) It is equally important to look at the ears. Are they far apart or close? Then ask yourself, are they large, pointed, or shaggy? Are they situated on the top of the head or on the sides?

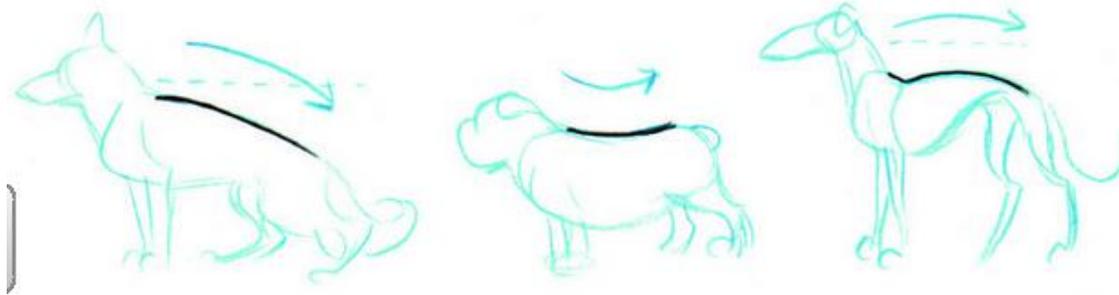


4) And the tail—what is it like? Is it short, long, shaggy, high, low or docked?

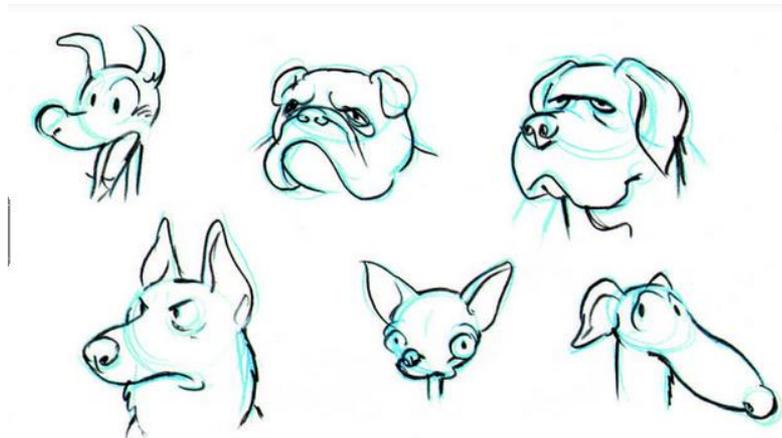


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5) Now observe the animal's back. Is it horizontal, sloped, concave or convex?



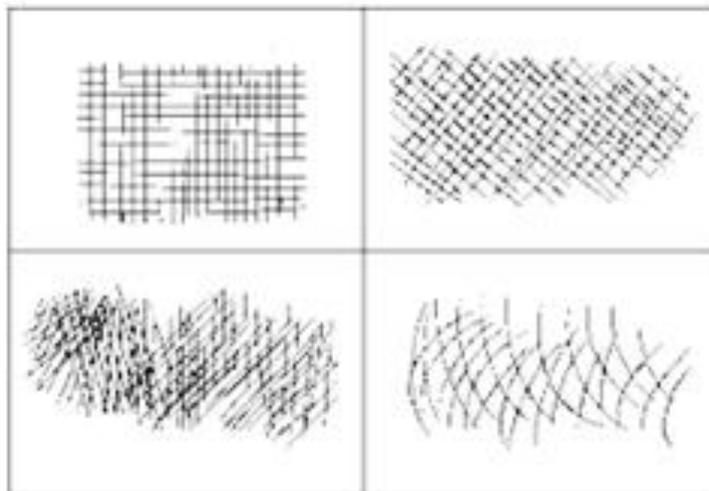
6) Learning how to draw animals is also about getting the animal's personality right. Practice drawing their expression. Examine it closely and compare it to that of a human. Is it sad? Is it angry? Does the dog seem intelligent or lazy?



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- Once you have drawn your animal, you are to add tone to it using the cross hatching technique from lesson 2.
- You may also use cross-hatching to achieve tone. Cross-hatching is when an artists uses layers of line to create highlights and shadows within a drawing.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J\\_gj-1L2ubs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_gj-1L2ubs)



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## Tips for hatching and cross hatching

It is best to map out the dark and light areas of your drawing through a mixture of hatching and cross-hatching.



# LI: I can draw animals focusing on cross hatching

## **Tips for hatching and cross hatching**

When doing hatching, try to make the lines go in the direction of the fur.

Sometimes, for darker areas, it is effective to cross-hatch in opposite directions than the fur.

Remember to change the amount of pressure you put on the pencil (more pressure = darker lines and light pressure = softer lines)



## L1: I can draw an animal that represents my personality

### **Activity:**

Choose an animal to draw that best symbolises your personality. If you do not have access to the internet to find an image of an animal, on the next few pages there are a selection of animals that you may want to choose from to draw. Then you are to use cross hatching to add tone to your drawing.

- Extension: For a second drawing, to draw a group of leaves (from last lesson) with your chosen animal in it.

### **Success criteria:**

- \*Use observational skills to help draw the lines
- \*Accurately proportioned animal with cross hatching



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# LI: I can draw an animal that represents my personality

Below is a step by step guide of how to draw a dog starting with just basic shapes:

