

Cat Characters

You'll need: some dilutable paints (or watercolour paints)
a small jar of clean water
paintbrushes
a black felt tip or ink pen (fine)
an assortment of coloured and plain papers to use as surfaces

Using a watery (diluted) paint, create an oval shape for the first cat's body. It doesn't need to be accurate or neatly done. Mix up a brighter shade and paint on a series of stripes down either side of your original oval. Paint these on while the paint is still wet and the colours will blend effectively. Once both lots of paint are dry, create an outline for the cat using the felt tip pen. Add lines for the legs, paws and claws. Draw in the face, long whiskers and a long, curly tail. The character of your cat will depend on the shape and proportions of the original oval. Create a whole series of funny cat characters using a variety of appropriate colours.

Once completed, these can be turned into cards or even be used to make wrapping paper, gift tags, postcards, or simply art to hang on the wall.

