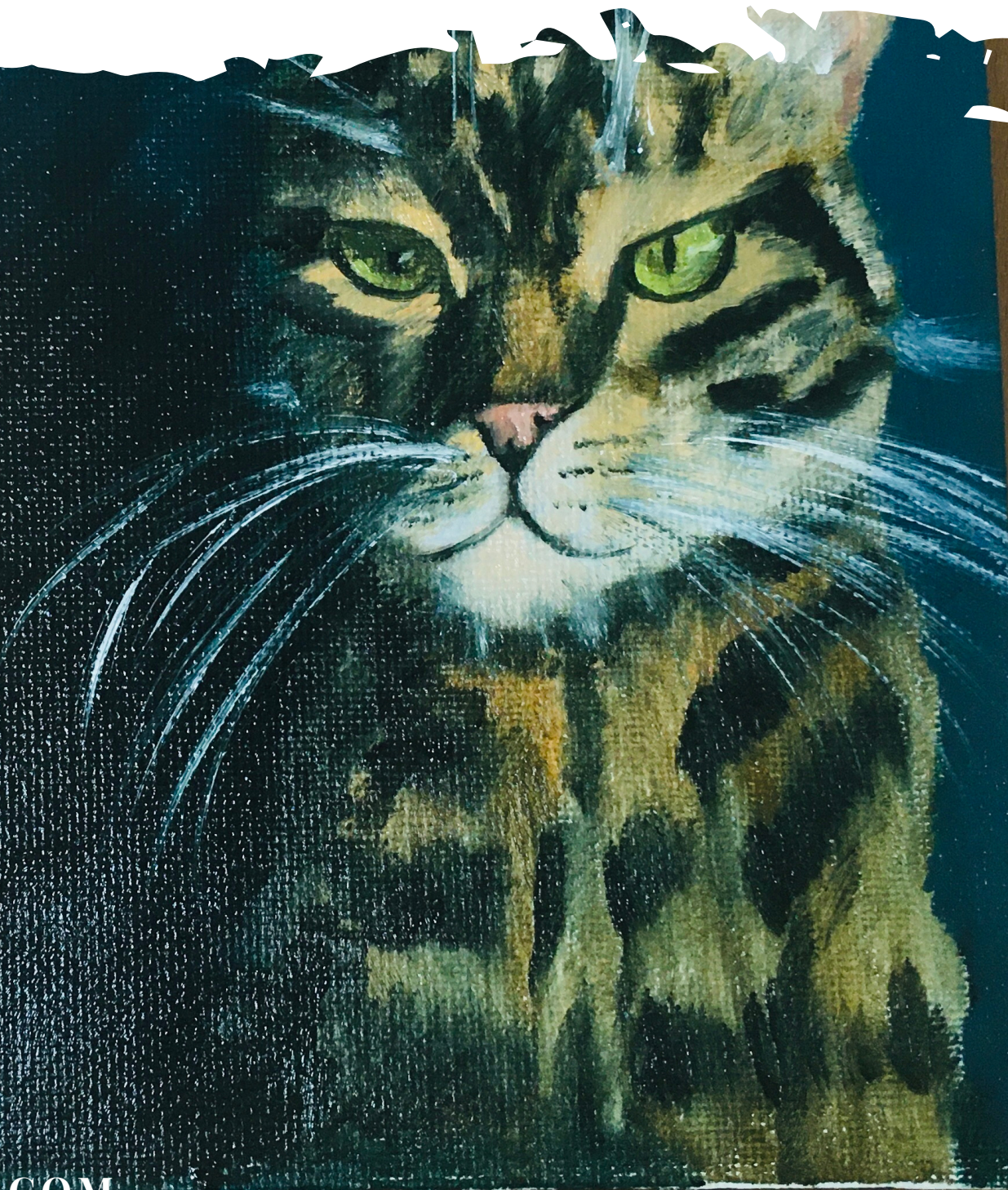


CAT PORTRAIT

Step-by-Step Guide



WELCOME!

My name is Jess, and that handsome fellow with me is my guy Jericho. We are dedicated to making cats happy and healthy through proper nutrition, enrichment, and playtime. [This is my promise to you.](#)

First, I would like to extend thanks and gratitude to you for taking action on getting creative to honor your cats.



I've been lucky to share my personal life with 12 cats and my professional life with over 400 cats.

Currently, I am training to be a Clinical Pet Nutritionist.

I've learned the hard way what overly-processed commercial pet foods can do to animal health.

It is my mission to change the horrible stats of overweight, obese, and sick cats.

I also enjoy being creative. This step-by-step painting tutorial will help you honor your cats in a creative way.

TOOLS AND TIPS

I've been following along with Bill Alexander and Bob Ross for landscape paintings.

I started practicing pet portraits in 2020.

Creativity takes time, and we are constantly growing.

The only secret here is practice.

Helpful resources:

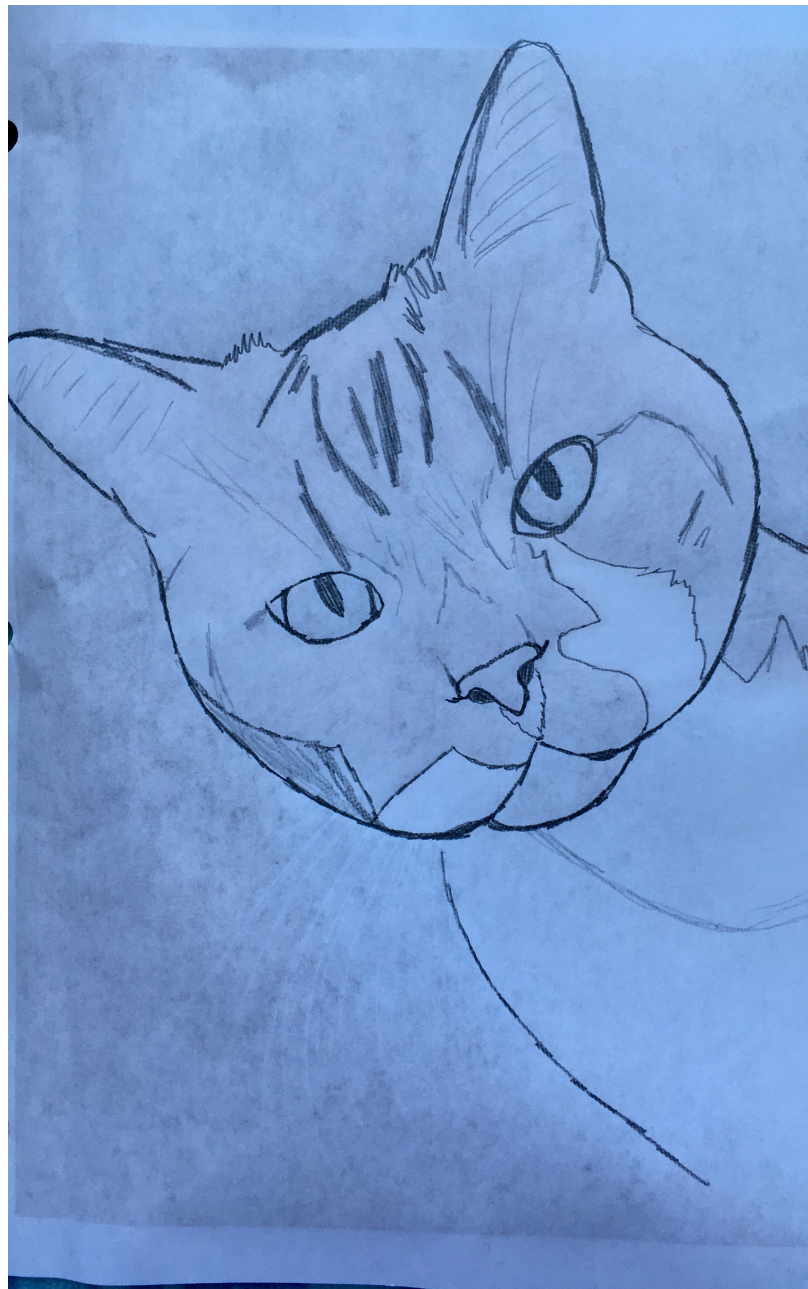
- [Art supplies and tips](#) - an entire page dedicated to my supplies, tips, and progress
- [Mewsletter](#) - sign up to receive my best cat care tips sent weekly
- [Pinterest](#) - follow me for cat ideas and inspiration

Enjoy!

STEP 1

Print a reference photo. Ideally with drastic lighting.

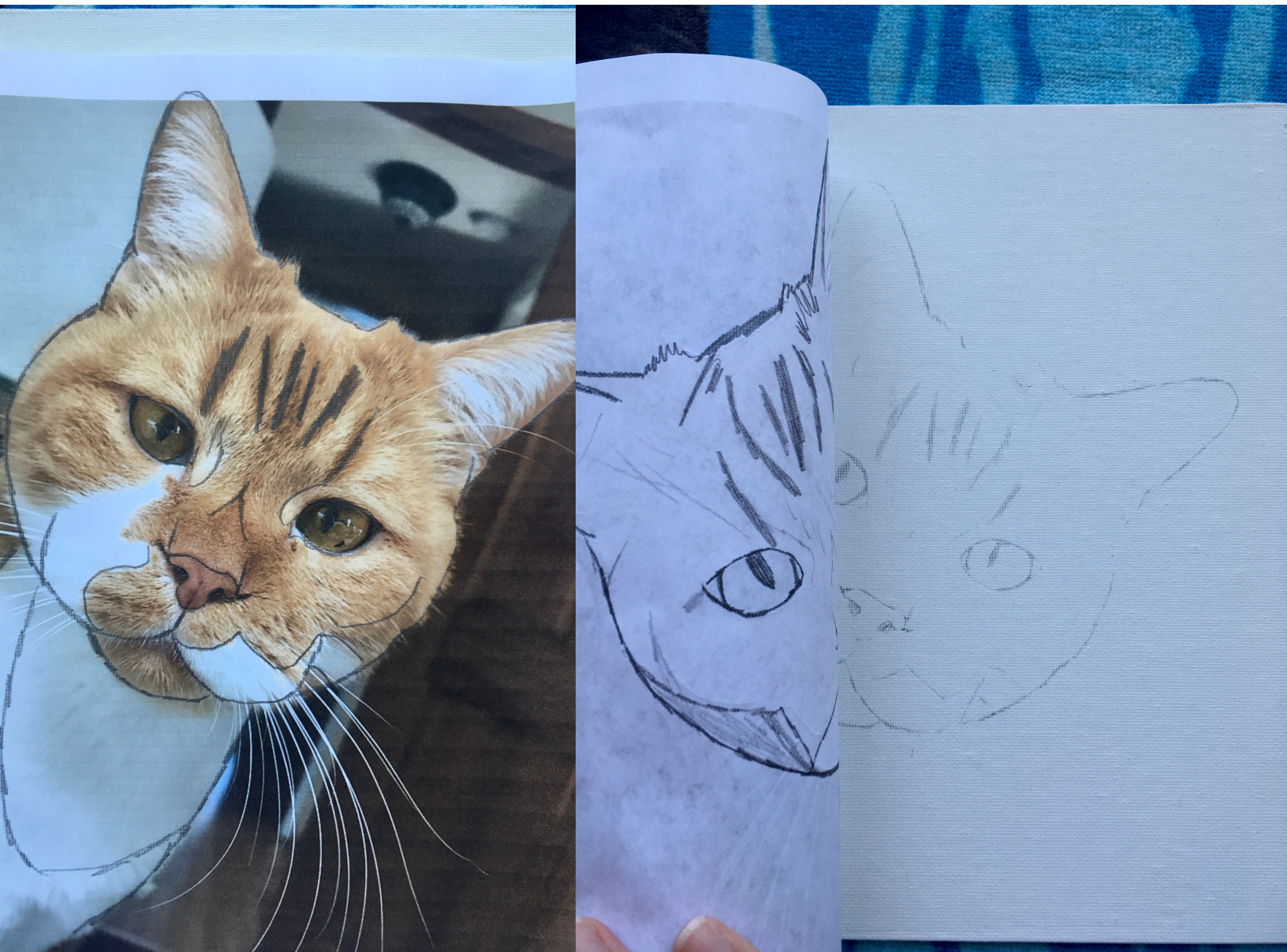
Trace the back with pencil.



STEP 2

Put the reference photo on canvas board. Trace the outside of the reference photo.

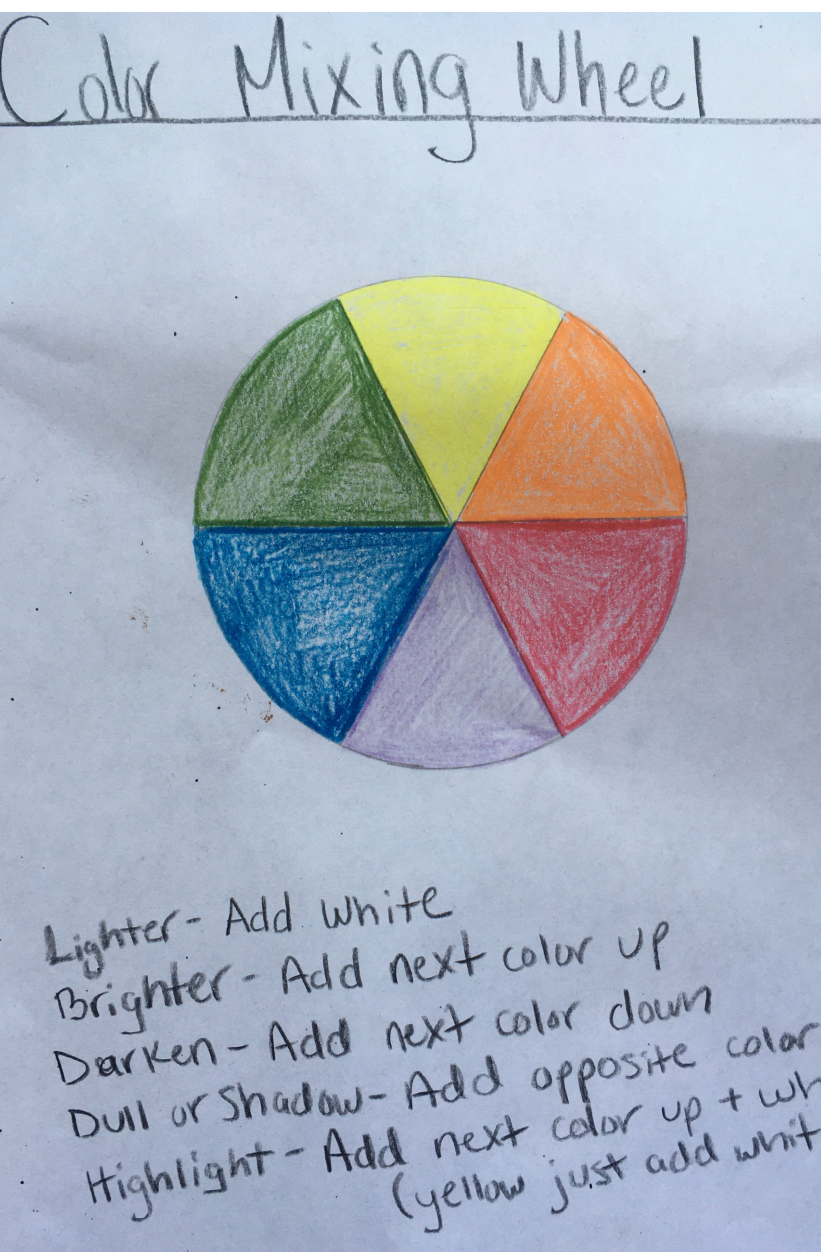
Make sure the pencil is transferring to the canvas board.



STEP 3

Use the color mixing wheel to mix colors.

Keep the palette simple. You need light tones, mid, dark, and shadows and highlights for each.



STEP 4

Start with the dark shadow colors and dark tones.

Then add mid tones, light tones, highlights, and the background.



STEP 5

Blend colors and fill in any missing spaces.

Outline the eyes and pupil. Add darks, then mid, then light, highlight, and glare to the eyes.



STEP 6

Blend colors and make sure there are no missing spots.

Add whiskers and ear hair and sign!

