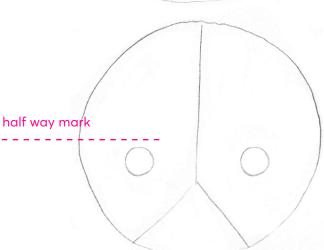




STEP 1

In the middle of your paper draw a circle and add faint lines a bit like a peace sign.

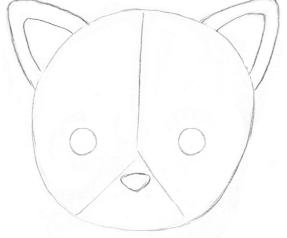




STEP 2

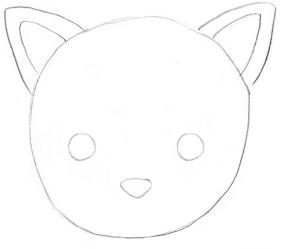
Add two circles for eyes just below where the horizontal half way mark would be.







Now add a small upside down triangle for the possum's nose and then add the pointy ears.





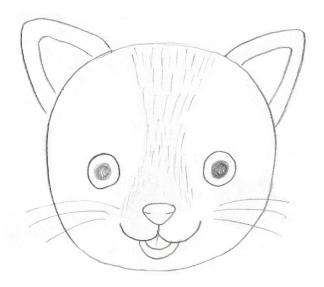
The next step is to erase the peace sign lines.





Now we can draw the possum's smiley mouth by adding 4 curvy lines to create the mouth.







Now add in the details - the pupils, the whiskers, the fur and the nostrils.



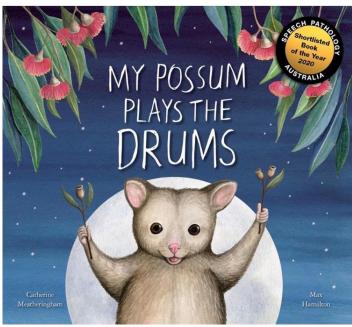


STEP 7

- We are now ready to add some colour!
- If you have a light brown and a dark brown pencil lightly shade the possum's face and ears first with the light brown.
- Next use your dark brown pencil to add the fur texture, whiskers and eye colour. If you only have one brown pencil don't worry, just press lightly to shade the possum in and then press harder to make the fur texture and details darker and stand out.
- Next add pink to the possum's ears, nose and tongue.
- Lastly use your black pencil to draw the pupils and a thin line around the eyes. Ta Da! Your cheeky, little possum drawing is complete!







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