

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



Drawing Animals and Their Habitats

For 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Students

With Teaching Artist Merideth Ferrell

Lesson 1: Red Fox – Walking on the Land

Introduction

- Hi, I am Merideth Ferrell, I am a teaching artist with the Lane Arts Council, funded by Rotary Club of Eugene, Eugene Education Foundation, and 4J School District
- We will be drawing and coloring our artwork in 4 steps:
 1. Draw the Fox – Walking on the Land
 2. Design the Habitat (where the Red Fox lives in the forests of Northern U.S. & Canada)
 3. Color the Fox
 4. Color the Habitat using Texture



Materials

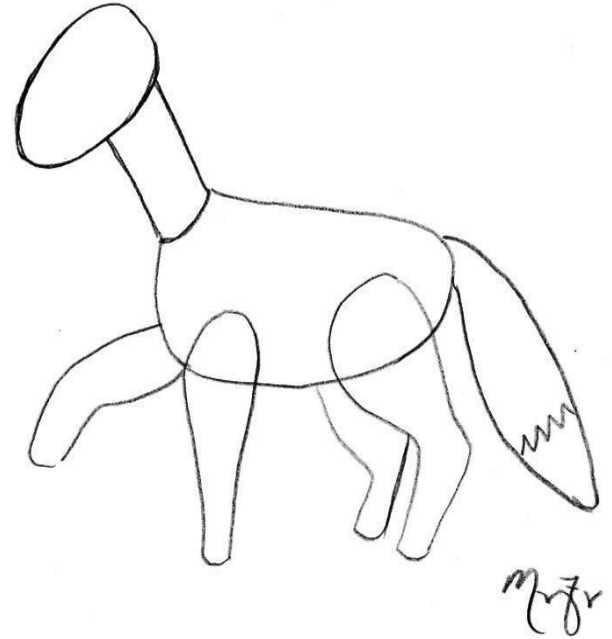
- White paper: 8 ½" copy paper, or bigger drawing paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, and black



Step 1: Draw the Fox

We will draw each of our Fox's body parts as they connect to each other. Think of the shape of each part.

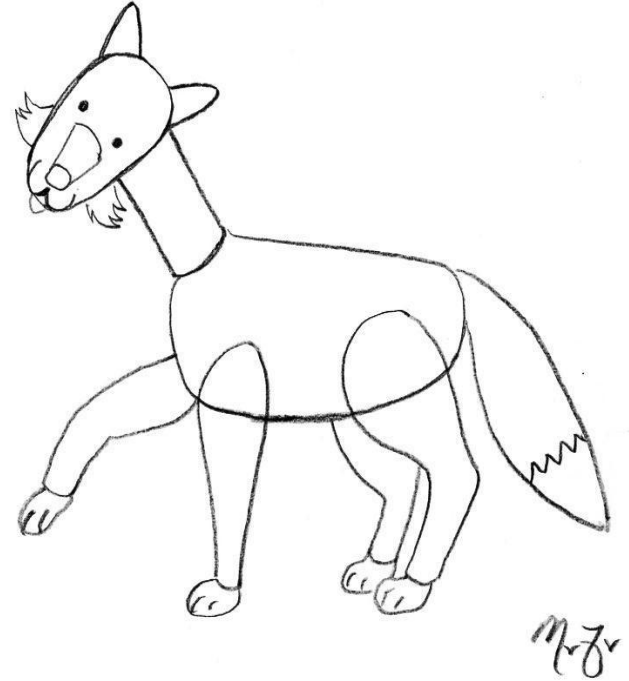
- First, draw the Fox's head, then its neck, as it connects to the head.
- Next, draw the body, connected to the neck.
- Then draw the 2 front legs, and two back legs, as they connect to the body. Front and back legs on one side, and front and back legs on the other side.
- Last, draw the tail, connected to the back of the body



Step 2: Add Details to the Fox

Now we add details

- Draw the 2 ears on top of the head.
- The eyes in the middle
- The long muzzle, going down the head
- The nose, on the end of the muzzle
- And the mouth, under the nose
- Add the fur on the sides of the head
- Last, draw one paw on each leg



Step 3: Design the Habitat

Habitat is where the Red Fox lives in the forests of Canada, and the Northern United States. They also live in Europe and Asia. To design your picture, you decide where to draw the things the Fox would see, as it is walking on the land.

- Draw pine and Douglas fir trees, to make the evergreen forest.
- Draw the grass and ground it would walk on.
- Think about where it might dig its den.
- Draw a stream, where the Fox goes to get a drink of water.



Step 4: Color the Fox

Use strokes of the colored pencils to color things the way they go and the way they grow!

- Color the fur as it grows up the Red Fox's head, and around the eyes, then down to the nose.
- Leave white fur on the sides of its head and under the chin
- Color down the neck. Then along the back.
- Next, color the legs, as they go down from the body. Orange fur on the top, dark brown or black fur on the bottom and the paws.
- Last, color the tail with long strokes, like the way the fur grows. Leave the tip white.



Step 5: Color the Habitat

We will use the colored pencils to show the Texture of all the different things in the Habitat, and how they feel.

- Use short strokes to show the bunchy grass.
- Use even strokes for the pine boughs & needles.
- Use patchy strokes, lighter and darker, to color the rough bark of the evergreen tree trunks.
- Now, use long, flowing strokes of color, to show how smooth the water in the stream feels.



Thank you!

Next, in Lesson 2 of Drawing Animals and Their Habitats: **Eclectus Parrot – Flying in the Sky**

Now, take a look at your drawing, and see what you would like to add. You can add a the fox's den in the ground, color the sky, add a mountain in the background, or add forest wildflowers growing in the grass. Happy drawing!