



Ladybug

Purr-fect Love

Intermediate Level

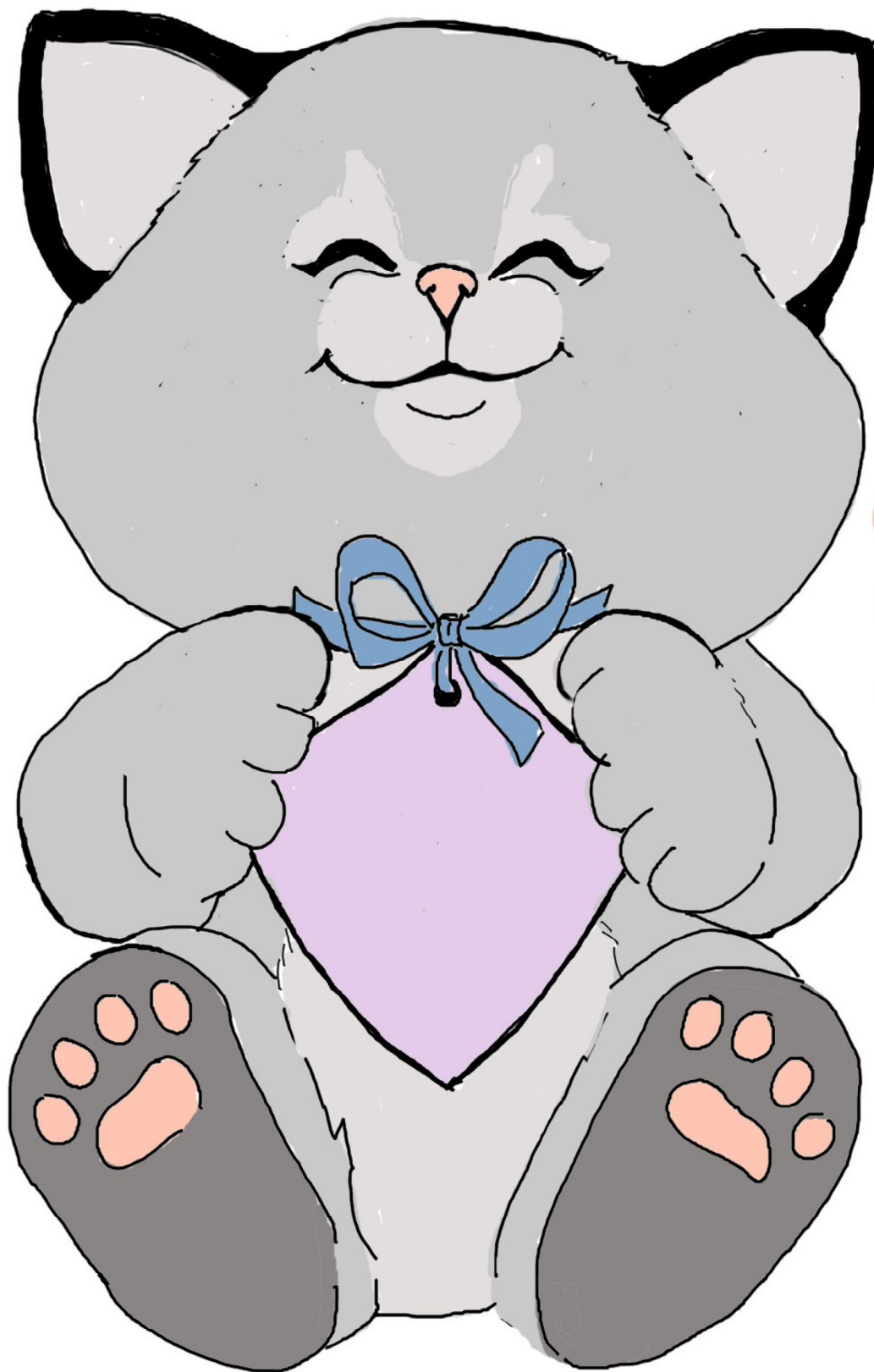
Some of the softest coats have been those of a grey tabby in my life. While the orange or yellow are better known...there is something to be said about the greys. They were always around the horse barns when I was growing up, they were the best mousers, good Mama cats and loved to rub up against your leg while you were grooming the horses or doing other chores.

There is a yellow tabby in another CD that is a mate along with a monkey, racoon, bunny and a few others in the original set I published years ago. I picked this set of four as they are idea to paint on box lids for the kids.



2-Basic Colors used:

Block in the design in a coloring book style, making sure everything is a solid application. When dry, transfer back in the detail lines you need to guide you in painting the design, such as those shown here.



-  light coral
-  lilac
-  sky blue
-  light grey
-  grey
-  medium grey
-  black

3-Contour Shape:

The colors given here have been floated into place to achieve a contour shape to the body. Keep some of the grey colors handy for the 4th step for hair lines, if you have mixed the colors.

If you have changed colors on anything select colors two shades darker in the same color family.



-  heather or lavender
-  deep blue
-  dark grey
-  coral
-  medium grey

4-Hair lines and fur colors:

In the last step you floated colors in to give the body shape. With a liner brush (or if you have a special fur brush) the colors below were added to give the fur lines on the kitten. Yes, it does require lots of strokes to give it a realistic look to the fur, and it is up to you as to how many you do or not.

The more colors you use, the more it adds to it...and as you can see I used quite a few colors on mine to achieve the look I wanted. I generally start with the darkest and work toward lighter ones, but this can be done either way.



See the page on how to create your own fur brush from a round sable brush found on page 4 in "Singing Along".

-  grey black
-  dark grey
-  light grey
-  warm grey
-  putty
-  white

5-Final Details:

I added a few white whiskers, some soft grey dots on the muzzle of the face (where the whiskers come out of), and a few wild white hairs in the ears and other parts of the body as shown here to complete the kitten.

If you didn't catch it on the last page, a few black eyelashes were added to the closed eyes.

I like to add a white shine to my designs, so I have placed some floated in highlights of white on the ribbon, tag, pads of the feet and nose.

On the last page you will notice I added a cast shadow of darker of red-violet to the left side. and shadow below.



● black

○ white

Again as I stated on one of the other designs that belongs to this set...how cute they would all be lined up across the bottom panel of a toy chest or across a headboard in a child's bedroom. So you see all the designs on this CD are not just for painting Treasure Boxes for sick kids.