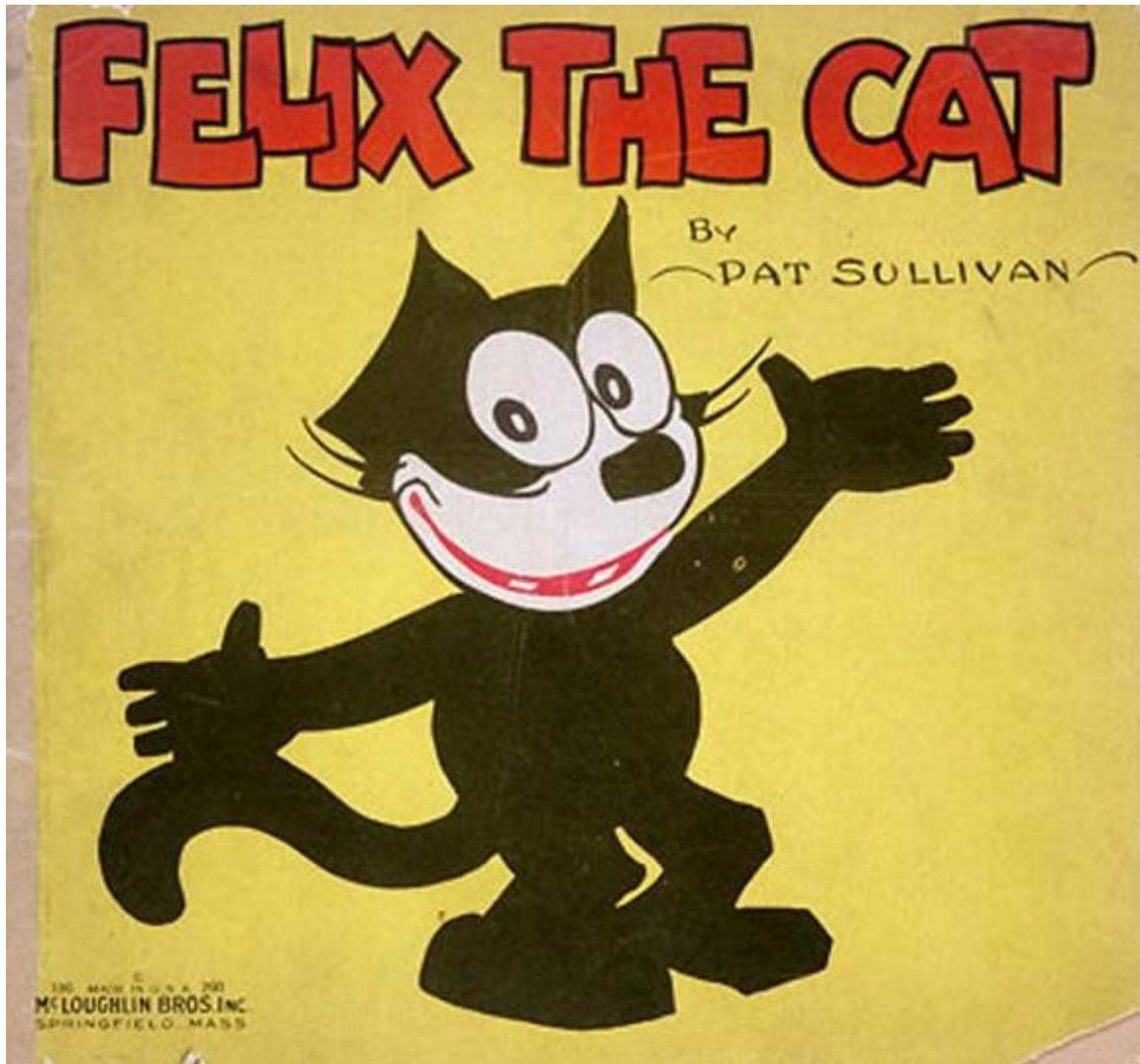


# FELIX the CAT

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The activities that are attached can be used with the Felix the Cat cartoon entitled '**Bold King Cole**' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isbfRh4za8>) which is available on YouTube. There are also silent Felix cartoons available as an app on iTunes. Check out the official web site for more information and fun activities. (<http://www.felixthecat.com/> Official site)

*Felix the Cat Spot the Difference* By TOHOKUSHINSHA FILM CORPORATION and the *Felix the Cat Cartoons* app.



## About Felix and his creator



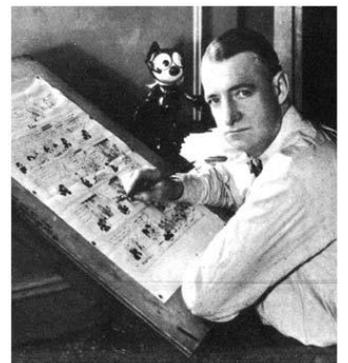
Felix the Cat is a cartoon character created in the silent film era. His black body, white eyes, and giant grin, coupled with strange situations in which his cartoons place him, combined to make Felix one of the most recognizable cartoon characters next to Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck or Woody Woodpecker. Felix was the first character from animation to be so popular that he drew an audience.



Felix's origins remain disputed. Australian cartoonist/film entrepreneur Pat Sullivan, owner of the Felix character, claimed during his lifetime to be its creator as well. American animator Otto Messmer, Sullivan's lead animator, has been assigned credit in recent decades. Some historians argue that Messmer ghosted for Sullivan. What is certain is that Felix emerged from Sullivan's studio, and cartoons featuring the character enjoyed success and popularity in the 1920s. (There are original sketches made by Sullivan of Felix long before Sullivan was employed and Lettering in cartoons throughout the creation process matches Pat Sullivan's handwriting even down to using the word 'mum' rather than 'mom' (Refer: <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/sullivan-patrick-peter-pat-13209> for more details.)

In the early 1920s Felix enjoyed enormous popularity in popular culture. He got his own comic strip (drawn by Messmer) beginning in 1923, and his image soon adorned all sorts of merchandise from ceramics to toys to postcards. There were several manufacturers who made stuffed Felix toys. Jazz bands such as Paul Whiteman's played songs about him (1923's "Felix Kept On Walking" and others).

Sullivan refused to convert his cartoons to sound in 1929 and Mickey Mouse became more popular. Felix was also technically the world's first television star, when, in 1928, a toy statue of the cat was chosen as the image to test RCA's experimental 60-line television transmitter. But it was not long before Felix adapted to the world of sound in a series of cartoons produced in Technicolor by Van Buren studios in 1936, and a cartoon series for TV in the early 1960s. In these cartoons, Felix was equipped with a magical bag of tricks like Mary Poppins' carpet bag. The bag seemed to hold the perfect item for every occasion, it was greedily coveted by the Professor, Felix's cunning, yet usually enemy. New cartoons have been made in the 1990s. There are dozens of excellent color cartoon of Felix on YouTube as well as examples of older cartoons. Dreamworks have bought the rights to the character in 2014



*Pat Sullivan and Felix the Cat*

Refer to <http://www.vixenmagazine.com/News.html> to find out more about the controversy over who 'created' Felix.

## **FELIX AND HIS CREATOR      *YES OR NO***

1. Felix is black and white .....
2. Felix is a cat .....
3. Felix is one of the most recognizable cartoon characters next to [Mickey Mouse](#), [Donald Duck](#), [Bugs Bunny](#), [Daffy Duck](#) or [Woody Woodpecker](#). .....
4. Pat Sullivan was, owner of the Felix character. ....
5. Walt Disney drew Felix the cat .....
6. Felix was on TV in the US in the 1920s .....
7. Felix was very popular in the 1960s .....
8. Felix was drawn as a comic in 1959 .....
9. A jazz song was written about Felix called "Felix Kept On Talking" .....
10. Sullivan made Felix cartoons in sound in 1929 .....
11. Felix cartoons made a comeback in color in 1936 ....
12. In the 1960s TV cartoons Felix has a magic bag .....
13. In the 1960s TV cartoons Felix has an enemy called the Professor. ....

# **FELIX CARTOON** **(Bold King Cole)**



What does the lightning do to the cloud?.....

What bird does Felix scare out of a tree?.....

What happens to Felix when he is hit by lightning?

.....

Who are in the paintings?

.....

What did the paintings think about Old King Cole?

.....

What does this machine do?

.....

What does Felix do to 'turn on his nose'?

.....

What do the 2 mice do?

.....

What does the King do for Felix in the end?

.....

Watch one of the Felix cartoons on YouTube (or on your iPad) and write 3 questions about one of the cartoons for someone to answer.

Right: *Screenshot of a Felix cartoon on YouTube. They are also available on DVD.*



# FELIX THE CAT      PUNCTUATION

*What words should have capital letters?*

felix    old king cole      lightning    storm

castle      ghosts                    brag      armour

*Add talking marks to these sentences (also some capital letters)*

1. With one thrust of my sword, I old king cole slew them all said Old King Cole
2. Me thinks my loyal subjects are not as brave as their brave king. said old king cole.
3. Help help let me in, help yelled Felix
4. I'm felix the cat. Who are you? said Felix.
5. lets say we take the wind out of the old windbag! said the ghost.
6. Now we'll give you a dose of your own medicine said the ghost

*Match up these compound words*

wind	board
storm	bulb
hide	way
a	out
light	cloud
cup	bag

# FELIX THE CAT SPELLING

Write your list words out and test yourself

.....

.....

.....



How many syllables have these words got?

brave..... brag..... storm..... castle .....

lesson..... teach..... loyal.....

Some of these words have been typed incorrectly (4 of them) Find them and correct them

casle.....leson..... brage.....loial.....

Put these words into the grid

4 letters	5 letters	6 letters

Color in the little words in your list words (ie castle)

brave danger lesson brag storm

What word has a silent 't' in it? .....

Write opposites from your list for these words

humble ..... coward ..... unsafe .....

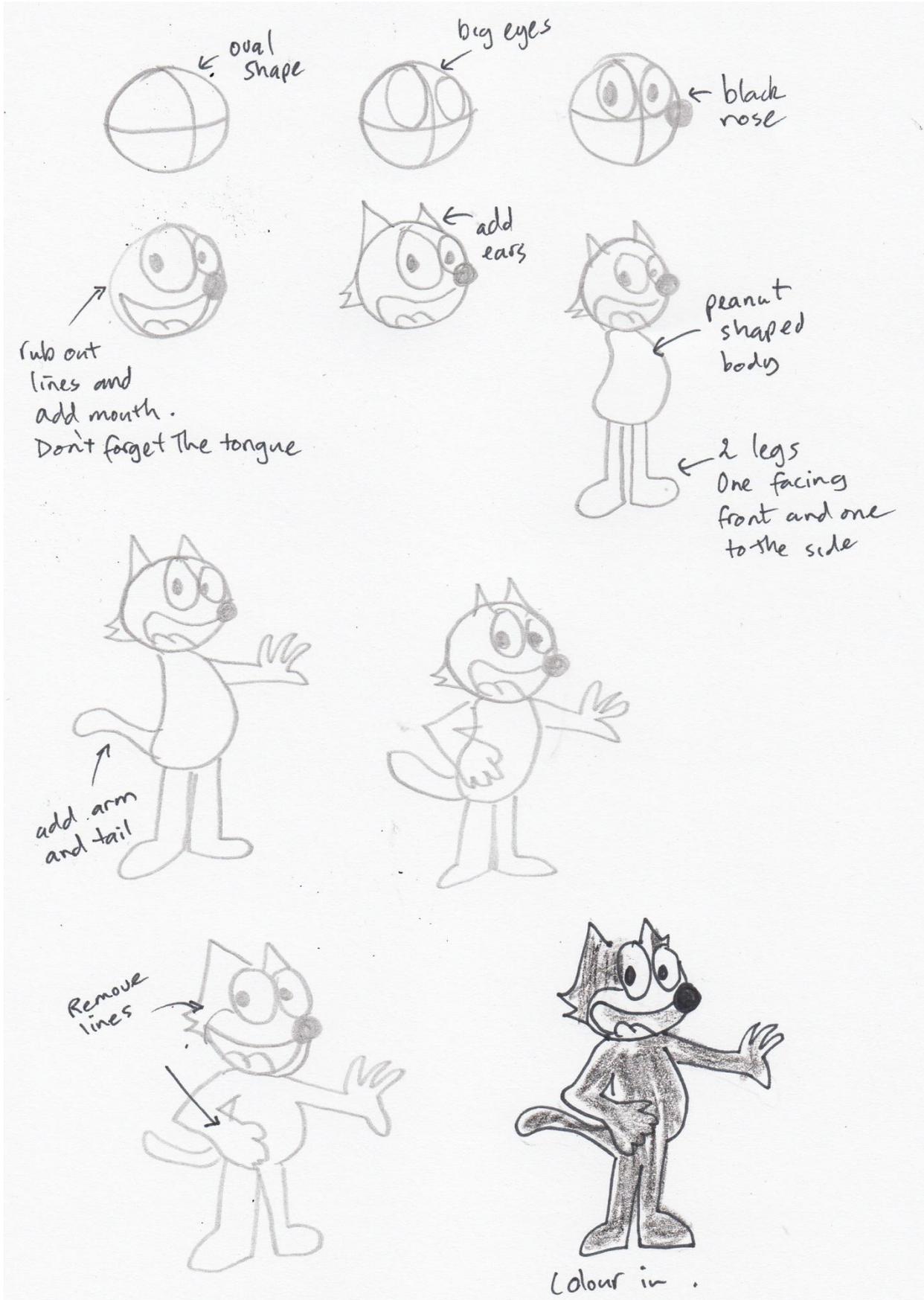
Test someone on your words .... /8 (How did they go?)

Have your own test .... /8

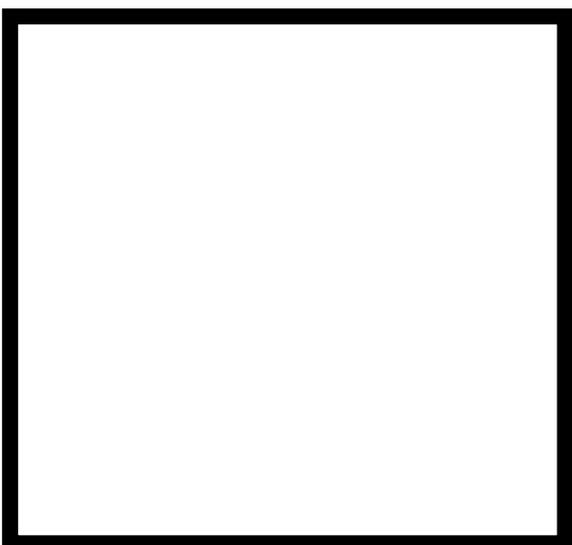
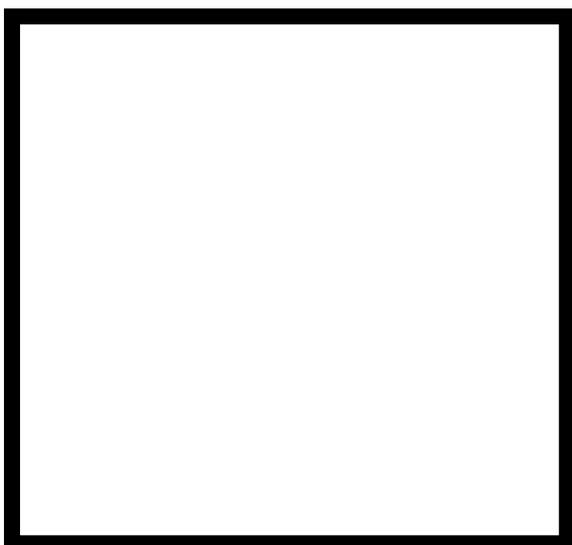
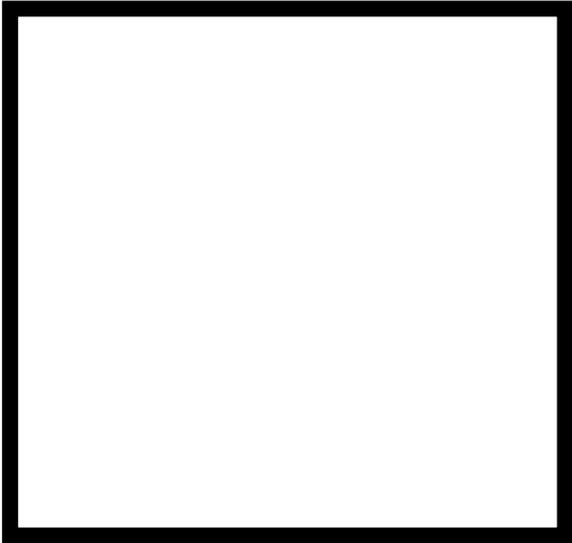
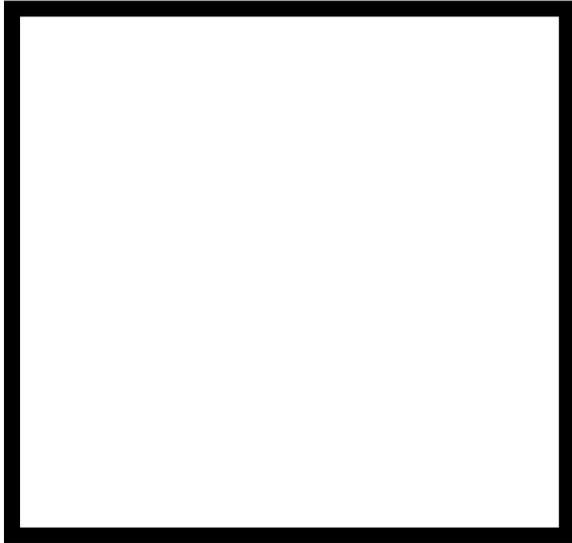
Watch some Felix cartoons and use a Venn diagram or T Chart to compare Felix to your favourite cartoon characters.

# FELIX THE CAT

## Drawing Felix



**FELIX COMIC**



# FELIX THE CAT

## 3D Picture

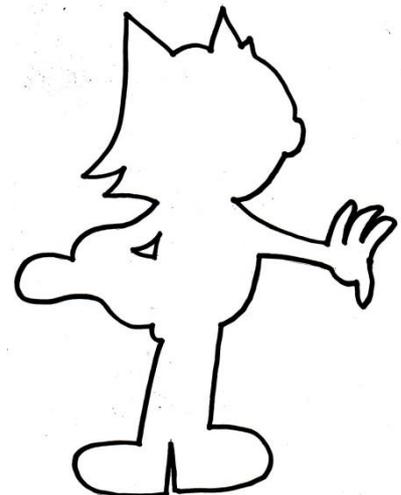


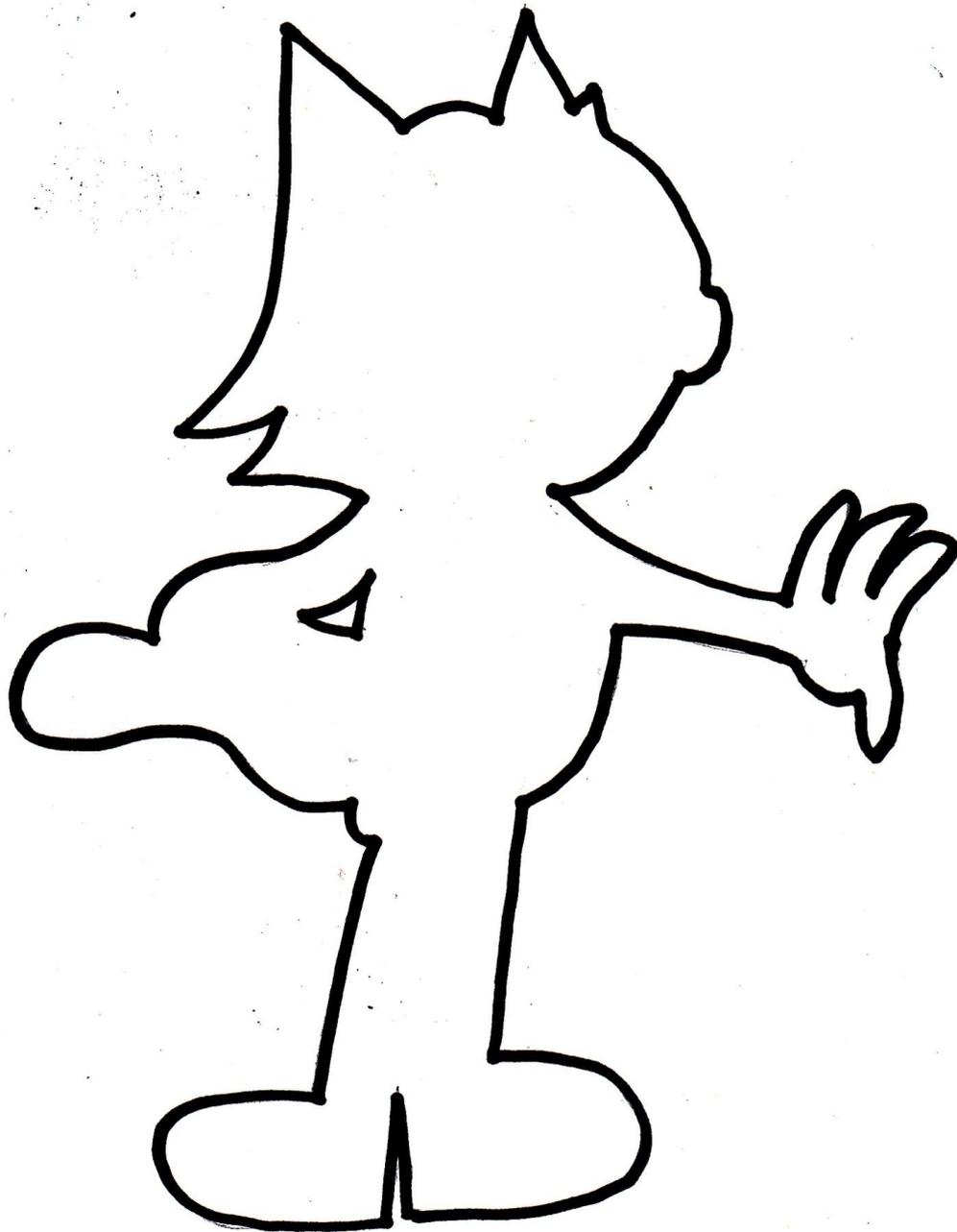
Paint the background and color in three images (one needs to be a shadow)

Use the Drawing Felix step by step instruction diagram to draw Felix and add a picture of his hand holding his bag of tricks. (It could be something else)

Cut out the images. The 'top image' needs to be whatever part of the image is out in front. (In this case, Felix's 'bag of tricks'.) Glue gun tabs of foam or sponge and glue down as layers with the shadow on

the bottom. (I have provided a shadow template and also a finished Felix and bag that you can use but I suggest making your own.)







# FELIX THE CAT Stencil



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