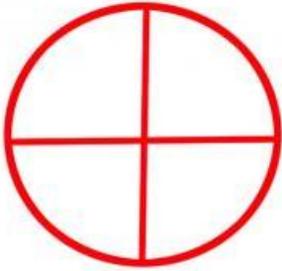




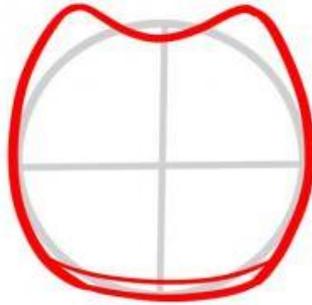
# How to Draw The Maneki Neko 招き猫

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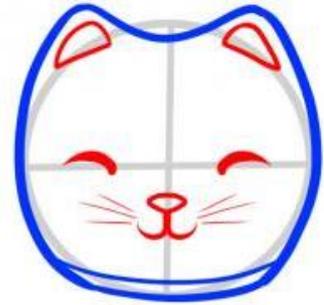
## STEP 1.

Start by making a circle for the head and then add the facial guides.



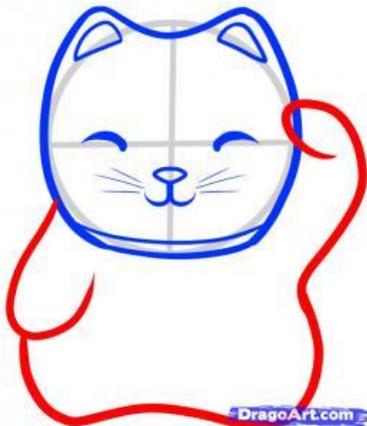
## STEP 2.

Using the shape you just drew, sketch out the actual shape of the cat's head like you see here. The small mounds are the ears and the separate line under the face is going to be the collar.



## STEP 3.

Draw in the ear detailing and then make thick closed eye lids that are in a very happy expression. Draw in the nose and mouth, and then add the whiskers.



## STEP 4.

Here all you have to do is draw out the rest of the cat's body and be sure to draw in the arm and paw that you cant to be up. The legs are just lumps so when this is done move to step five.



## STEP 5.

Lastly, draw in the tag attached to the collar, and then draw in the lines that form the legs. Sketch in the toes on all four paws like you see here. Erase the lines and shapes and then move to see how your finished drawing should look.



## STEP 6.

Here is how the adorable cat looks when you are all done. Color it in to resemble a traditional Japanese cat, or use a solid shade.

## Decoration ideas:



# Maneki Neko 招き猫 Symbols

## Bell and Collar



Maneki Nekos wear a red collar with bell, and some wear bibs.. Cats in the Edo period wore red collars and bells.

## Beckoning Paws

One paw is 'beckoning' (come here!). Traditionally:



**Left paw**  
Brings customers (used for a shop)

**Right Paw**  
Brings good luck, wealth and prosperity (used for money boxes and in your house)



## Coin (koban)

A koban is a coin from the Edo period. It represents wealth. Either the symbols for an amount of money is shown or a symbol for a particular blessing.



千万両

ten million ryō  
(a ryō is roughly one thousand dollars)

## Fish (Lucky Tai Fish)

This is the Lucky Tai Fish (sea brim), a symbol of abundance (of food, of resources) and hard work.



## Cherry Blossom (sakura)

The Sakura (cherry blossom) is a powerful symbol in Japanese culture – as well as being beautiful!



## Daruma



He's for making wishes. Traditionally you'll buy a Daruma with two blank eyes; you colour one eye when you make your wish and you colour the other when your wish comes true!



## Colours



Calico

White with black on brown spots  
lucky

Japanese bobcats are often calico. Male calico cats, however, are very rare, hence the meaning of lucky.



White

purity and creativity



Black

protect against evil, cure illness in children



Red

for exorcising evil spirits and combat illness



Gold

money!



Pink

love (but! traditionally pink cats were evil!)



Green

family and community



Blue

intelligence and academic success



Yellow

good health, stability and strong romantic relationships



Gray

safe travel, help from others



Purple

prosperity