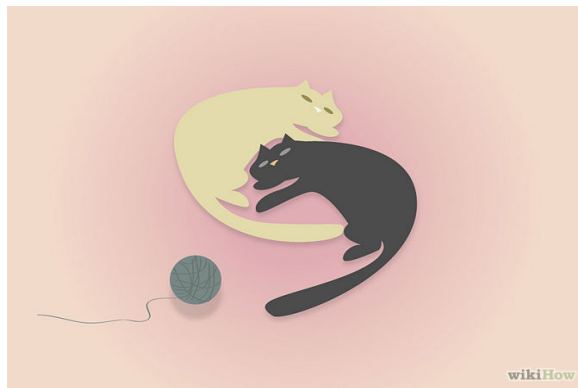


# Creating Your Own Comic Character



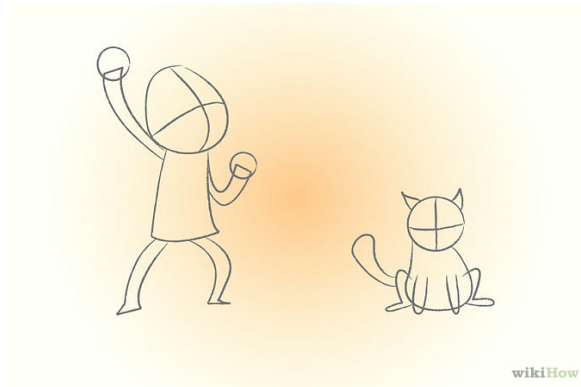
**1 Find a quiet place to work with loads of inspiration.** The kitchen, your room, your office, on the front porch... where you work is very important!



**2 Look around at your surroundings.** Do you have any ideas? What about the cow on the jar, or the kids playing outside, or even a bush? Can you add a face and a personality? I'm going to use my cats, Cosmo and Tiffany. He's cute and quirky and not bright. She's grouchy, and mean, and smart.



**3 Decide what your character is.** Is it a boy or a girl? A human or an animal, or maybe even a living object?



**4 Draw an outline of what your character's body parts are going to look like in shape.** Sketch an outline for the head, body, arms, and legs.



**5 Use your imagination and give your character unique looks.** Maybe a hair style that you have not seen, or maybe a funny nose. Maybe a character has dots for eyes. Try to make the character your own (not a copy of something that's already out there).



**6 Find quirks or actions for your character.** What does your character do? Or, if it's a pet, what funny things has he or she done? You can't have a good comic character without humor. **Cosmo** dresses up in a Superman costume, so I'd call him "Super Cosmo."



**7 Add a voice and tone.** Is your character a know-it-all, an idiot, a stumbling clutz? Make sure he/she/it sounds like their personality and that it shows through his/her/its actions.



**8 Express your character's feelings with expressions.** Happy, sad, confused, excited, hyper, dumbfounded, ecstatic, angry, furious, bawling, etc.



**9 Create a setting and a plot and voila! A success!**