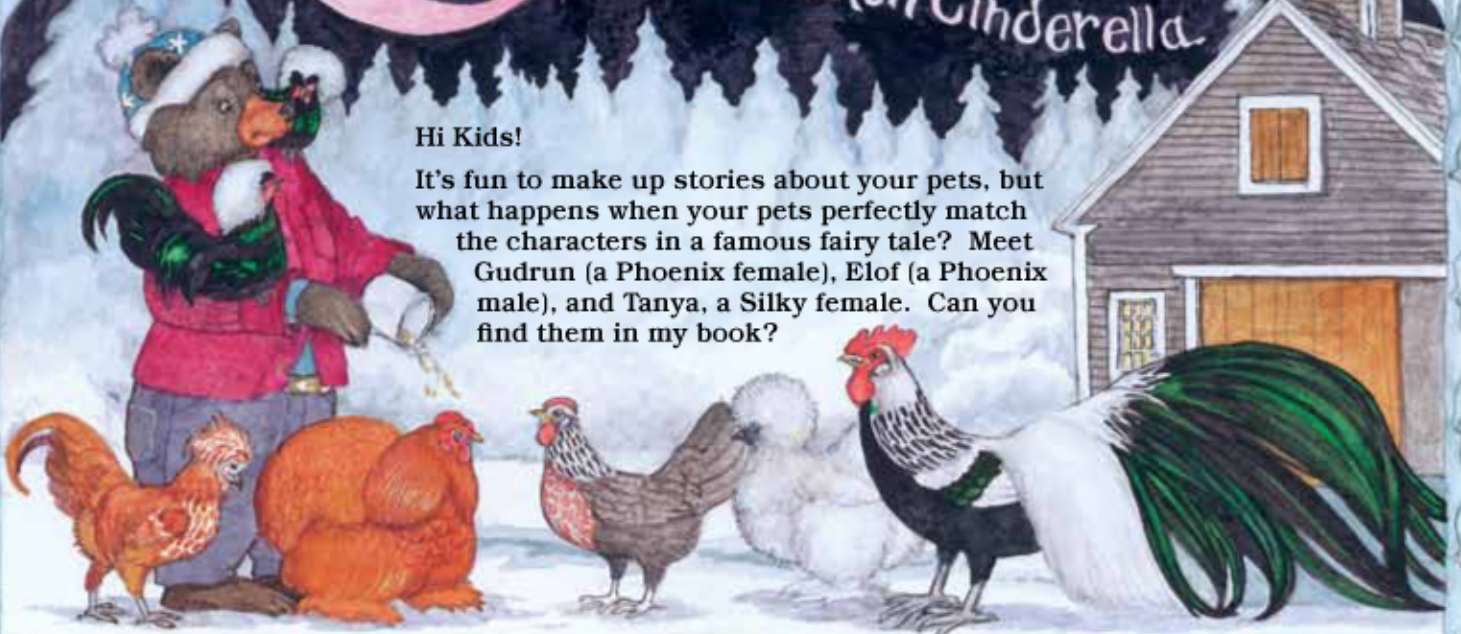


ALL ABOUT Cinders A Chicken Cinderella



Hi Kids!

It's fun to make up stories about your pets, but what happens when your pets perfectly match the characters in a famous fairy tale? Meet Gudrun (a Phoenix female), Elof (a Phoenix male), and Tanya, a Silky female. Can you find them in my book?



"Kokoshnik" headdress from Archangelsk District.



The man's coat is called a justa-corps. It looks like a pirate's coat!



The chickens in my book wear traditional Russian dresses called "Sarafan". The dress I painted here is made from silk and is from Vologda Province.

A Russian style of harness for three horses called a "troika".



I love snow, so I set my story in winter. That way, I could make the original story's castle an ice palace.

After looking at photos of ornate buildings in Russia, we went to St. Petersburg and Novgorod, Russia to see the onion domed buildings that fired my imagination.

Our guide Katya showed us around the countryside where we saw exquisite art, museums displaying traditional ball gowns, and theaters presenting ballet, folk dancing and balalaika music.

At night, we ate delicious Russian dishes and even took a "Banya"— hot steambath.

A fancifully painted sleigh from the Russian Museum of Ethnography served as a model for the "Pumpkin Sleight" in my book. The wooden arch to my left is part of a traditional horse harness. A typical Russian set-up is a three-horse hitch, called a troika. In *Cinders*, I have Swedish ducks pulling the sleigh.



Kokoshnik
(headdress)

A traditional Russian dress style is the sarafan. It has straps, and is worn over an embroidered blouse. The headdress can be very elaborate, and is fashioned into many different shapes according to the region in which it is worn.



Balalaika
A traditional
stringed
instrument

The timber style architecture of the "Izba" or log house we saw in Novgorod looked like it came from a fairy tale.

The horse-head carving on the gable I painted below was meant to give luck to the house.

Scan this code with your smart phone's QR reader and Jan Brett will show you how to draw *Cinders*.





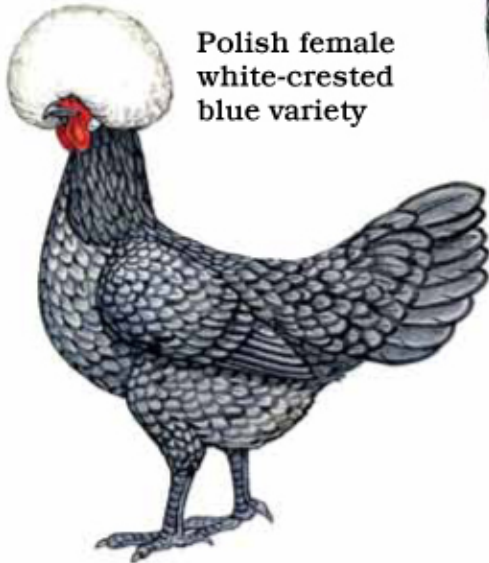
Modern Game male
Wheaten variety



Belgian Bearded d'Uccle female
mille fleur variety



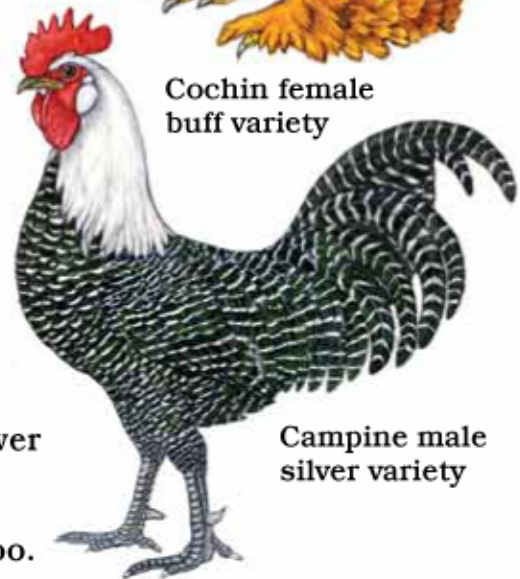
Japanese male
gray variety



Polish female
white-crested
blue variety



Cochin female
buff variety



Campine male
silver variety

Chickens come in all sorts of beautiful and curious breeds. Some have short legs, some have long legs. Tufts of feathers make up muffs, beards, and pom-pom like crests. Even their legs and feet can be feathered. Most breeds come in varied color patterns, including stripes and polka dots. The fairy godmother is a Silky, a breed that has a walnut comb, black skin, turquoise earlobes, five toes and fur like feathers.

In my book, all the hens in Tasha's chicken tower lay brown eggs, except for Cinders, a Phoenix, a breed that lays white eggs. Only a chicken enthusiast would know this, and now you do too.

