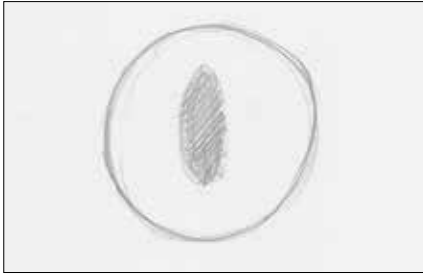
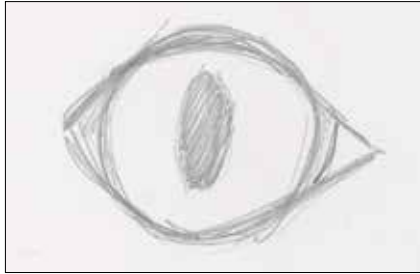


EYES

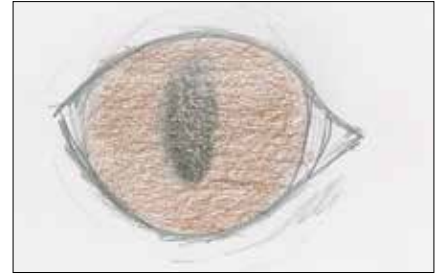
Although not always easy to spot, because of its dark brown eyes, the panda's pupils are vertical slits, like those of a domestic cat. It is likely that this might help with their night vision. However, generally, pandas are thought to be short-sighted. Now we will have a go at drawing the panda's eye, using coloured pencils.



1 Begin, as always, with a circle to represent the eyeball shape. Next add in the pupil, which in this case is more of a vertical slit than a round pupil.



2 Next, shape the eyes with upper and lower eyelids, before adding in the tearduct shape and a hint of the third eyelid in the corner.



3 Now we can add some colour to the eye using a burnt sienna coloured pencil.



4 If we assume that the natural light is coming from above the panda, then we need to add some shadow in the upper part of the eye with a black coloured pencil.



5 Again, as the light is coming from above, rub out a slightly curved reflection with a hard plastic eraser.

Vic's tip

If you are having difficulty drawing circles for eyes freehand, collect a variety of circular objects – lids or coins etc. – in different sizes. You can then simply draw round these as needed.

Finally, add some more depth of shading with the burnt sienna and black. Before sketching in the dark eye patch, put a hint of the dark Prussian blue on the paper first.

