

A CAT NAMED LUCKY (2016)

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The eyes of “Lucky” in this 9 x 12 work quickly capture your attention in an almost hypnotizing manner. The bright glaring stare reveals no sign as to what the cat is thinking. As if in the game of life, he is showing his poker face. Few people ever notice the markings of black and yellow in this calico cat. Let me reveal an almost hidden feature that is practically staring you in the face. If you’ll look closely at the face markings you’ll find that the patterns form the four suits of a deck of playing cards. It amazes me that nobody notices until I point it out to them. Look over the cat’s eye to your right, you’ll find a spade symbol turning downward toward the eye. Below that on the cat’s cheek you’ll find the diamond. Cleverly hidden on the left cheek you’ll find the club. And last, the heart is located over the left eye, turning downward over the eye in like manner of the spade on its opposing side.

On the table before the cat are different lucky charms. The ladybug is a symbol of luck for the farmers who need the tiny insects to eat the aphids off their crops, thereby increasing the crop yield. Stars are symbols of luck for sailors who use them for night navigation. As well as to those making wishes on them. A star is found on the coin. Next, four leaf clovers are a symbol of luck for anyone capable of finding one. Horseshoes are a symbol of luck for ranchers and farmers alike. However, you must hang it with the open end to the top. That way the luck doesn’t fall out. Anyway, that’s what I’ve been told. The one lucky charm that few will recognize is the Viking rune stone. Etched into the purple stone is an ancient symbol for luck to the one that possesses the stone.

Now, the final question is usually, “It that a portrait of a real cat?” For the answer you’ll need to recall that I believe that an artist must *“Paint what a photograph can not capture. Only then will you be more than a glorified camera.”*

