

Color Descriptions

**For all Breeds which do not have color descriptions in their individual Standards.
Any differing description in a Standard takes precedence.**

To use this chart, combine the base color with one or more patterns. For example: combine the description for the base color Blue with the descriptions for the Shaded pattern and the And White pattern to get the description for Blue Shaded and White. Or combine the descriptions for the base colors Black and Red with the description for Tortoiseshell and the description for Smoke to get the description for Smoke Tortie.

Base Colors

White: Pure clear white. May show small colored cap on head in kittens and immature adults. Eye color blue, green, hazel to copper, amber, aqua or odd eyed with equal color depth. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Blue: Even blue, lighter shades preferred, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads blue.

Black: Lustrous jet black, with sound color to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads black or charcoal.

Red: Deep, rich red, free from shadings, markings or ticking, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads brick red.

Cream: One level shade of cream, lighter shades preferred. Free from shading, markings or ticking, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Chocolate: Warm milk chocolate, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads cinnamon pink.

Lavender: Frosty gray with pinkish tone, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather lavender; paw pads lavender to coral pink.

Sable: Rich, warm sable brown, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather light brown; paw pads brown.

Champagne: Warm toned beige, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads pinkish tan.

Platinum: Warm pearly gray, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads lavender pink to lavender gray.

Cinnamon: Warm, reddish brown, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather salmon; paw pads salmon pink.

Fawn: Warm tan with peach tones, may have a slight blue cast, one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Apricot: The color of dark dried apricots. All Apricots have a metallic sheen which is not seen on any other color except Caramel and which gives them a bronze appearance. This metallic sheen is most obvious on the top of the head, the bottom of the feet and the elbows. The color should be one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Caramel: Shows both a brown/orange tone and a blue tone on the same cat. The blue-based Caramels look like very muddy blues. The fawn-based Caramels are nearly taupe colored. All Caramels have a metallic sheen not seen on any other color except Apricot. This metallic sheen is most obvious on the top of the head, the bottom of the feet and the elbows. The color should be one level tone without shading or markings from nose to tip of tail, and sound to the roots. Eyes any color except blue or aqua. Nose leather and paw pads brownish blue to pinkish gray.

Tortoiseshell Pattern (including Blue Cream)

Clearly defined patches of a black form base color (Black, Chocolate, Sable, Champagne, Cinnamon) with Red or (Blue, Lavender, Platinum, Fawn) with Cream. The Tortoiseshell form of Caramel has patches of Caramel and Apricot. Tabby markings allowed only in Red or Cream patches. No tabby markings is preferred. Patching preferred over brindling. Eye color, nose leather and paw pads to correspond with either or both of the two base colors.

Tabby Patterns

Classic Tabby Pattern: Markings dense, clearly defined and broad showing good contrast between the pale ground color and the deep, heavy markings. Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. At least one unbroken necklace on neck or upper chest. Frown marks on the forehead extending between the ears and down the neck to meet the “butterfly”, single or double, on the shoulders. An unbroken line runs back from the outer corner of the eye to the ear. Swirls on cheeks. Back markings consist of a vertical line down the spine from Butterfly to tail with a vertical stripe paralleling it on each side. The three stripes well separated by stripes of the ground color. The dark swirls on the sides of the body shall be centered by a dark blotch surrounded by the ground color. The underside of the body should have a double vertical row of buttons in the color of the dense markings.

McTabby Pattern: Markings dense, clearly defined and all narrow penciling, showing good contrast between the pale ground color and the dense markings. Legs evenly barred with bracelets coming up to meet the body markings. Tail evenly ringed. At least one unbroken necklace on neck or upper chest. Frown marks on the forehead extending between the ears and down the neck to meet the shoulders. An unbroken line runs back from the outer corner of the eye to the ear. There are three distinct spine lines but they are very narrow and often meld into what looks like one wide stripe without fault. Narrow penciling lines in the dense marking color run around the body in vertical fashion in the unbroken lines. The underside of the body should have a double row of vertical buttons in the color of the dense markings.

Spotted Tabby Pattern: Good, clear spotting is the first essential. The spots may be round, oblong or rosette shaped. Any of these markings are of equal merit but, the spots, however shaped or placed, should be distinct and not running into each other.

Ticked Tabby Pattern: Each hair has 3 or more bands of ground and base color beginning with the ground color at the skin and ending with the base color on the tip. Necklaces, leg barring and tail rings acceptable but not preferred. Necklace, if present, must be broken.

Tabby Base and Ground Color

Eye color agrees with Base Color except as noted

Blue Tabby: Markings Blue; Ground color pale bluish ivory. Warm fawn overtones overall. Nose leather and paw pads rose.

Brown Tabby: Markings Black; Ground color tawny brown. Nose leather brick red. Paw pads black or brown.

Silver(Black) Tabby: Markings Black; Ground color pale silver. Nose leather brick red. Paw pads black. Eye color green.

All other Silver Tabbies: Markings Base color; Ground color silver. Nose leather rose. Paw pads black, brown or pink.

Chocolate Tabby: Markings Chocolate; Ground color warm brown to beige. Nose leather and paw pads rose.

Cinnamon Tabby: Markings Cinnamon; Ground color pale warm honey. Nose leather and paw pads pinkish tan.

Sable Tabby: Markings Sable; Ground color ivory to tan. Nose leather rose. Paw pads brown.

Champagne Tabby: Markings Champagne; Ground color pale beige. Nose leather and paw pads rose.

Lavender Tabby: Markings Lavender; Ground color light lavender. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Platinum Tabby: Markings Platinum; Ground color very pale pearly gray. Nose leather pink. Paw pads lavender pink to lavender gray.

Fawn Tabby: Markings Fawn; Ground color pale ivory. Nose leather and paw pads dusty rose.

Apricot Tabby: Markings Apricot; Ground color light apricot. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Caramel Tabby: Markings Caramel; Ground color orange toned. Nose leather and paw pads rose.

Red Tabby: Markings Red; Ground color light red. Nose leather and paw pads brick red.

Cream Tabby: Markings Cream; Ground color pale cream. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Cameo Tabby: Markings Cream; Ground color pale ivory white. Nose leather and paw pads rose.

Cream Cameo Tabby: Markings cream; Ground color pale ivory white. Nose leather and paw pads pink.

Golden Tabby: Markings dark brown to black; Ground color warm cream with orange tones. Nose leather brick red. Paw pads dark brown or black. Eye color green.

All other Golden Tabbies: Markings base color; Ground color warm cream with orange tones. Nose leather brick red. Paw pads dark brown, rose or pink. Eye color green

Patched Tabby Pattern

Clearly defined patches of any black form base color Tabby and the appropriate red form base color Tabby as described in Tortoiseshell. (Example: black form Brown Tabby and red form Red Tabby to make Brown Patched Tabby). Patched Tabbies may have Ticked, Classic, Mackerel or Spotted pattern. A cat with tabby markings only in the Red or Cream patches and not the other colored patches is not a Patched Tabby.

Chinchilla/Shell Cameo Pattern

Base color on tip of guard hairs. Remainder of the hair shaft and undercoat pale silver or silvery white. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined in base color. Nose leather brick red or pink. Paw pads correspond with base color. Eye color green to gold.

Golden Chinchilla Pattern

Hairs tipped with any base color. Ground color shows a high degree of rufousing giving it apricot to golden tones. Nose leather brick red to pink. Paw pads correspond with base color. Eye color green.

Shaded/Shaded Cameo Pattern

Any base color on the end 1/3rd of the guard hairs giving the appearance of a mantle of color on the back and sides. Remainder of the hair shaft and undercoat pale silver or silvery white. Rims of eyes, lips and nose outlined in base color. Nose leather brick red or pink. Paw pads correspond with base color. Eye color green to gold.

Shaded Golden Pattern

Any base color on the end 1/3rd of the guard hairs giving the appearance of a mantle of color on the back and sides. Ground color shows a high degree of rufousing giving it apricot to golden tones. Nose leather brick red to pink. Paw pads correspond with base color. Eye color green.

Smoke/Smoke Cameo Pattern

Silver white undercoat tipped 2/3rd with base color. Cat in repose appears solid colored. Tabby marking may be evident in kittens but are a fault in mature adults. Nose leather and paw pads correspond to base color. Eye color green to copper.

Sepia

Any base color carrying the genes $c^b c^b$. Sepia colors will be paler and warmer than the non Sepia form. The coat darkens with age. Eye color hazel to gold. Nose leather and paw pads correspond with base color.

Pointed Pattern

Eye color must be blue.

Nose leather and paw pads correspond to Base Color.

Tabby Pattern is called Lynx. Tortoiseshell Pattern is called Tortie.

Points: Any base color on the face, ears, legs and tail. Points should be clearly defined and matching. Lighter colored hairs in the points is a fault. No barring except in Lynx Points. Allow for slow point development in kittens. Allow 2 years for full point development in Red Points and Cream Points.

Body Color: Ranging from pale beige to glacial white depending on base color. Shading, if any, to be even and the same tone as the points. Allow for darker bodies in older cats.

Two base colors are found only in Pointed.

Seal: Deep seal brown

Lilac: Frosty gray with a pinkish tone

Mink Pattern

Eye color: Aqua preferred, blue-green accepted.

Nose leather and paw pads correspond to base color.

Base colors are Natural, Blue, Champagne, Platinum, Red and Cream only. The Mink pattern consists of any of these 6 base colors on the face, ears, legs and tail and a lighter version of that same color on the body. There must be a visible contrast between the body and the points. No tabby markings.

The base color Natural is found only in Mink: Rich dark chocolate to sable brown

And White

Eye color corresponds to base color.

A random combination of any color or pattern and white with a preferred minimum of 1/3 white. Eyes, nose leather and paw pads to conform to indicative coat color.

NOTE: A cat having white expressed only in the form of a locket and/or belly spots and/or toes does not have enough white and should be disqualified.

Van

A cat comprised mostly of white with any base color or pattern allowable as follows:

#1: Confined to head and tail. This is a perfectly marked van, and therefore, the most desirable.

The following markings will rank behind the above in desirability on an equal level with each other. These are still acceptable markings and should not carry a color penalty.

#2: Confined to the head, tail, feet and legs.

#3: Trail extension onto the back from the base of the tail and/or where the color extends down the backside of the hind legs. Note: The extension onto the back may contain some white, but must not be completely broken with white.

#4: Shoulder extension where the color extends down the back and neck to the shoulder area.

#5: One or two small body patches anywhere on the body.

CORIN

Eye color corresponds to base color

Corin Gold

The base color (black, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac or fawn) is restricted to the hair tips resulting in large areas of bright phaeomelanin (red or cream). Tabby markings may appear in these areas except for Ticked Tabbies. There is a white or off-white area around the nose that may include the nose tip.

Patched Tabbies will show little difference between the hair tip and the rest of the hair shaft in their phaeomelanistic areas. Allow visible eumelanistic (black, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac or fawn) patterns in kittens that change as the kitten ages.

Nose leather is pink with no tabby nose liner. Paw Pads and Tail Tip correspond to the base color of the cat.

Corin Gold Brown Tabby	Corin Gold Brown Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Brown Mackerel Tabby	Corin Gold Brown Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Brown Ticked Tabby	Corin Gold Brown Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Brown Spotted Tabby	Corin Gold Brown Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Chocolate Tabby	Corin Gold Chocolate Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Chocolate Mackerel Tabby	Corin Gold Chocolate Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Chocolate Ticked Tabby	Corin Gold Chocolate Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Chocolate Spotted Tabby	Corin Gold Chocolate Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Cinnamon Tabby	Corin Gold Cinnamon Tabby
Corin Gold Cinnamon Mackerel Tabby	Corin Gold Cinnamon Mackerel Tabby
Corin Gold Cinnamon Ticked Tabby	Corin Gold Cinnamon Ticked Tabby
Corin Gold Cinnamon Spotted Tabby	Corin Gold Cinnamon Spotted Tabby
Corin Gold Blue Tabby	Corin Gold Blue Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Blue Mackerel Tabby	Corin Gold Blue Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Blue Ticked Tabby	Corin Gold Blue Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Blue Spotted Tabby	Corin Gold Blue Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Lilac Tabby	Corin Gold Lilac Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Lilac Mackerel Tabby	Corin Gold Lilac Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Lilac Ticked Tabby	Corin Gold Lilac Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Lilac Spotted Tabby	Corin Gold Lilac Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Fawn Tabby	Corin Gold Fawn Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Fawn Mackerel Tabby	Corin Gold Fawn Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Fawn Ticked Tabby	Corin Gold Fawn Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Gold Fawn Spotted Tabby	Corin Gold Fawn Spotted Patched Tabby

Corin Silver

The base color (black, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac or fawn) is restricted to the hair tips resulting in a mantle of color on the back of the cat. The Silver trait makes the lower part of the hair shaft white. CORIN interacts with the Silver trait allowing some level of bright phaeomelanin (red or cream) between the white band of silver and the colored hair tip. The gold band looks as though it is floating in the hair shaft and cats with this effect are sometimes referred to as bimetallic in color. Often the silver band and the gold band are equal in amount. Tabby marks are seen in these bands unless the pattern is ticked. Eumelanistic (black, chocolate, cinnamon, blue, lilac or fawn) color is apparent on the dorsal side of the cat and the tail, particularly the tail tip; phaeomelanistic color is strongest on the ventral side of the cat and on the legs where eumelanistic barring may be apparent. There is a white or off-white area around the nose that may include the nose tip. These colors are slow to develop. Allow for visible eumelanistic patterns in kittens that change as the kitten ages. Homozygous CORIN Silvers have a visible golden band between the colored hair tip and the white of the silver at the base of the hair. Heterozygote CORIN Silvers do not have this same clear banding and may have partial nose liner. Homozygous expression of the gold band floating between the silver white and the colored hair tip is preferred.

Nose leather is pink without the usual tabby nose liner. Paw pads and tail tips correspond to the base color of the cat.

Corin Silver Brown Tabby	Corin Silver Brown Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Brown Mackerel Tabby	Corin Silver Brown Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Brown Ticked Tabby	Corin Silver Brown Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Brown Spotted Tabby	Corin Silver Brown Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Chocolate Tabby	Corin Silver Chocolate Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Chocolate Mackerel Tabby	Corin Silver Chocolate Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Chocolate Ticked Tabby	Corin Silver Chocolate Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Chocolate Spotted Tabby	Corin Silver Chocolate Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Cinnamon Tabby	Corin Silver Cinnamon Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Cinnamon Mackerel Tabby	Corin Silver Cinnamon Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Cinnamon Ticked Tabby	Corin Silver Cinnamon Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Cinnamon Spotted Tabby	Corin Silver Cinnamon Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Blue Tabby	Corin Silver Blue Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Blue Mackerel Tabby	Corin Silver Blue Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Blue Ticked Tabby	Corin Silver Blue Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Blue Spotted Tabby	Corin Silver Blue Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Lilac Tabby	Corin Silver Lilac Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Lilac Mackerel Tabby	Corin Silver Lilac Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Lilac Ticked Tabby	Corin Silver Lilac Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Lilac Spotted Tabby	Corin Silver Lilac Spotted Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Fawn Tabby	Corin Silver Fawn Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Fawn Mackerel Tabby	Corin Silver Fawn Mackerel Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Fawn Ticked Tabby	Corin Silver Fawn Ticked Patched Tabby
Corin Silver Fawn Spotted Tabby` 11	Corin Gold Fawn Spotted Patched Tabby

Corin Lynx Point

The descriptions above for the Corin Gold Tabby and Corin Silver Tabby apply to the Corin Gold Lynx Points and the Corin Silver Lynx Points. The Corin Gold Lynx Points have a brighter appearance from gold coloration in the points. In Corin Silver Lynx Points the gold band between the colored hair tip and the white base may not be visible, particularly in shorthairs. Any shading on the body of Corin Gold Lynx Points or on Corin Silver Lynx Points may have a golden tone to it. When evaluating kittens, check the legs which should be lighter in color and check the backs of the ears where you will be able to see the golden coloration.

Corin Gold Seal Lynx Point	Corin Silver Seal Lynx Point
Corin Gold Chocolate Lynx Point	Corin Silver Chocolate Lynx Point
Corin Gold Cinnamon Lynx Point	Corin Silver Cinnamon Lynx Point
Corin Gold Blue Lynx Point	Corin Silver Blue Lynx Point
Corin Gold Lilac Lynx Point	Corin Silver Lilac Lynx Point
Corin Gold Fawn Lynx Point	Corin Silver Fawn Lynx Point
Corin Gold Seal Tortie Lynx Point	Corin Silver Seal Tortie Lynx Point
Corin Gold Chocolate Tortie Lynx Point	Corin Silver Chocolate Tortie Lynx Point
Corin Gold Cinnamon Tortie Lynx Point	Corin Silver Cinnamon Tortie Lynx Point
Corin Gold Blue Tortie Lynx Point	Corin Silver Blue Tortie Lynx Point
Corin Gold Lilac Tortie Lynx Point	Corin Silver Lilac Tortie Lynx Point
Corin Gold Fawn Tortie Lynx Point	Corin Silver Fawn Tortie Lynx Poin

All of the above Corin Gold and Corin Silver colors are accepted in And White

Description: Any pattern of White spotting including Van