Draw a Haunted House: Crooked Roof, Boarded Windows, Porch and Silhouette

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

On a 20 cm wide sheet, draw a body 8 cm wide and 6 cm tall. Mark a midline 3 cm up. Place one window 2 cm wide and 2 cm tall between baseline and midline. Add two boards at different angles. Describe where the window sits.

Answer: The window sits between the baseline and the 3 cm midline, centered on the body width, with two boards crossing at different angles and leaving a small gap.

Reason: The midline at 3 cm divides the 6 cm body into two equal rows. A 2 cm window fits within the 8 cm width with 3 cm margins on each side.

Check: Measure the window height: it should be 2 cm and end below the 3 cm midline. Check that boards overlap the frame but do not cover the whole opening.

Task 2

Draw a roof with a peak 2 cm above a 6 cm tall body. The left slope drops 4 cm horizontally and the right slope drops 5 cm horizontally. State the total roof width and check the peak height.

Answer: Total roof width is 9 cm. The peak is 2 cm above the body top.

Reason: The two horizontal drops add: 4 cm plus 5 cm equals 9 cm. The peak height is given as 2 cm above the body.

Check: Measure the horizontal distance from left eave to right eave; it should be 9 cm. Measure from body top to peak; it should be 2 cm.

Task 3

A porch deck is 1 cm below two windows that are 2.5 cm tall and start 1 cm above the baseline. How far above the baseline is the porch deck?

Answer: The porch deck is at the baseline, 0 cm above it.

Reason: The window bottom is 1 cm above the baseline. The porch deck is 1 cm below the window bottom, so 1 cm minus 1 cm equals 0 cm above the baseline. The deck therefore sits on the baseline.

Check: Mark the window bottom at 1 cm above baseline. Mark 1 cm below it; the deck line should coincide with the baseline. If it does not, adjust the window start height.

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Task 4

Draw a silhouette house with a crooked roof and two boarded windows. Add three bare branches behind the house. Describe one check that confirms the silhouette is readable.

Answer: The silhouette is readable if the roof peak, porch, and window gaps remain visible as separate lighter or darker areas when viewed from 2 meters away.

Reason: Silhouette readability depends on contrast between the dark house and lighter openings or sky. Branches should not merge with the roof outline.

Check: View the drawing from a distance and confirm you can point to the roof peak, each window gap, and the porch deck without tracing lines.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Crooked roofline is made of straight segments with deliberate angle changes.
- [ ] At least two windows have boards that overlap the frame but leave a gap.
- [ ] Porch has a deck line, vertical posts, and a small roof.
- [ ] Silhouette is dark but the roof, windows, and porch remain readable.
- [ ] Measurements are consistent and units are stated.
- [ ] Valid alternative styles are accepted if the brief is met.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?