Farmer Figure Drawing: Pose, Clothing, and Construction

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A farmer stands with weight on the right leg and the left knee bent. The head unit is 3 cm and the figure is six head units tall. What is the total height, and where should the balance line fall?

Answer: Total height is 6 × 3 cm = 18 cm. The balance line from the neck pit should fall over the right foot or between the feet closer to the right foot.

Reason: Multiply head unit by proportion: 6 × 3 = 18 cm. The supporting leg carries weight, so the vertical balance line falls over that foot.

Check: Measure the drawn figure height against 18 cm and drop a vertical line from the neck pit to confirm it lands over the right foot.

Task 2

Describe how to draw a hat brim that tilts with the head, and give one check to confirm it is not a flat line.

Answer: Draw the brim as an ellipse whose long axis tilts with the head angle; the near edge curves down and the far edge curves up. Check that the brim has visible curvature on both sides rather than a single straight line.

Reason: An ellipse shows the brim in perspective; tilting it matches the head angle. A flat line would ignore the head tilt and look stiff.

Check: Look at the brim from the side of the drawing: if both edges curve and the shape has width, it is an ellipse; if it is one straight stroke, redraw.

Task 3

A farmer wears overalls. List the three parts to draw and explain how to check that the straps connect correctly.

Answer: Draw the bib, the straps, and the waistband. Check that each strap starts at the top of the bib and goes over the shoulder to the back waistband without floating.

Reason: Overalls need a bib for the chest, straps for support, and a waistband for the lower body. Straps must connect bib to waistband to look functional.

Check: Trace each strap with a finger from bib to shoulder to waistband; if it breaks or floats, adjust the line.

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Task 4

A figure is seven head units tall with a 2.5 cm head unit. The drawn figure measures 16 cm. Is the proportion correct? Show the arithmetic and one adjustment.

Answer: Expected height is 7 × 2.5 cm = 17.5 cm. The drawn figure is 16 cm, so it is 1.5 cm short. Adjust by lengthening the legs or increasing the head unit to 16 ÷ 7 ≈ 2.29 cm, labeling this as a hypothetical example.

Reason: Multiply proportion by head unit to get expected height. Compare to actual height. The difference shows the proportion is off; adjust one variable.

Check: Re-measure the head unit and total height after adjustment; confirm the product matches the drawn height within your measurement unit.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Pose shows a clear weight shift with supporting leg and free leg distinguished.
- [ ] Balance check: vertical line from neck pit falls between feet or over supporting foot.
- [ ] Proportion uses a consistent head unit and a stated total height.
- [ ] Hat brim is an ellipse tilted with the head; crown is a dome.
- [ ] Overalls have a bib, straps connected to the bib, and a waistband.
- [ ] Boots have rounded toe, heel, and short shaft; soles are level with ground line.
- [ ] Clothing folds are few and placed at bending points.
- [ ] Construction lines are light and final clothing lines are darker.
- [ ] Labels are legible in print or cursive; either is accepted if consistent.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in pose, clothing details, and line style are accepted if the checks above are met.

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