Shrub Drawing: Branch-and-Leaf Construction

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a shrub skeleton with exactly three main stems and one fork per stem. Do not add foliage. Mark the root crown point.

Answer: A light drawing shows a ground line, a marked root crown point, three stems spreading outward, and one fork on each stem at different heights.

Reason: This isolates branch construction before foliage, making structure easy to check.

Check: Count three stems from the crown and one fork per stem; confirm fork heights differ.

Task 2

Add four foliage clusters to your three-stem skeleton. Use pointed leaves with two side veins. Leave one inner branch visible.

Answer: Four pointed-leaf clusters sit at branch tips or outer stems; one inner branch remains uncovered.

Reason: Cluster placement and leaf consistency are the focus; the visible inner branch proves structure is preserved.

Check: Count four clusters, confirm one leaf style, and trace at least one inner branch to the crown.

Task 3

Draw a shrub with five main stems. Place clusters so that the left and right halves of the page each have at least two stems reaching them. Note your leaf style.

Answer: Five stems spread from the crown; at least two reach each half. Clusters follow branch tips. A corner note states the leaf style.

Reason: This practices balance using simple counting rather than exact symmetry.

Check: Count stems per half; a difference of one or two is acceptable. Confirm the style note exists.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Create a final shrub drawing using your chosen convention. Include a root crown point, three to five stems, varied forks, and at least four clusters. Add a small key explaining your line convention and leaf style.

Answer: A complete shrub drawing with labeled convention key, readable branch structure, consistent leaf style, and visible inner branch.

Reason: The final task combines structure, foliage, and documentation so the drawing can be assessed fairly against valid alternatives.

Check: Use the rubric: count stems, check fork variety, count clusters, confirm inner branch visibility, and read the key for consistency.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Branch structure shows three to five main stems from a root crown point.
- [ ] Forks occur at varied heights and connect logically.
- [ ] Foliage is drawn as clusters, not scattered individual leaves.
- [ ] At least one inner branch remains visible through foliage.
- [ ] Leaf style is consistent and plausible for a shrub; alternatives are accepted if noted.
- [ ] Construction and final lines follow a stated convention.

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