Pumpkin Patch Drawing: Vine Rows and Varied Gourds

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a patch with two vine rows on a page where the horizon is at the midline and the baseline is 2 cm above the bottom edge. Place one round gourd and one tall gourd. Describe where each gourd sits relative to the rows.

Answer: The round gourd sits on the left row near the baseline; the tall gourd sits on the right row closer to the midline. Rows curve gently from baseline to midline and converge slightly.

Reason: Two rows satisfy the row requirement; placing gourds at different depths along the rows shows variation and uses the ground area between baseline and midline.

Check: Verify that the horizon is at the midline, the baseline is 2 cm above the bottom edge, two rows are present, and the two gourds differ in shape.

Task 2

A drawing shows three vine rows spaced 4 cm apart at the baseline on a 24 cm wide page. The rows are straight and parallel all the way to the midline. Name one improvement and explain how to check it.

Answer: Improvement: let the rows converge slightly toward the midline to suggest depth. Check by measuring baseline spacing (should be even) and comparing row spacing near the midline (should be slightly narrower).

Reason: Parallel straight rows read as a grid rather than a receding patch; slight convergence improves depth while keeping baseline spacing even.

Check: Measure baseline spacing at three points; confirm evenness. Measure spacing near the midline; confirm it is slightly less than baseline spacing.

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Task 3

Draw three gourds on one vine row: one round, one tall, and one tilted. Use short stems. Then add a vine line with three small leaves that do not cover any gourd outline. Describe your leaf placement.

Answer: Leaves are placed on the upper side of the vine line between gourds, not over the gourd outlines. The vine line follows the row curve.

Reason: Placing leaves between gourds keeps outlines visible and maintains row structure; upper-side placement follows the defined convention.

Check: Trace each gourd outline to confirm it is unobstructed; count three leaves; confirm vine line follows the row curve.

Task 4

On a 30 cm wide page, plan four vine rows with hypothetical baseline spacing of 5 cm. Place four gourds of different sizes and shapes, one per row. State one check for row readability and one check for gourd variation.

Answer: Rows are spaced 5 cm apart at the baseline and converge slightly toward the midline. Gourds vary in size and shape: small round, large round, tall narrow, and tilted oval. Row readability check: each row is traceable from baseline to midline without being hidden by leaves. Gourd variation check: no two gourds share the same size and shape combination.

Reason: Four rows and four gourds satisfy the patch structure; explicit checks make the plan verifiable without an image.

Check: Measure baseline spacing at three points (should be about 5 cm as a hypothetical example); trace each row; compare gourd outlines for size and shape differences.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Horizon is at the page midline and baseline is near the bottom edge.
- [ ] Three or four vine rows are drawn as gentle curves with even baseline spacing and slight convergence toward the midline.
- [ ] At least three gourds are placed along rows and vary in size, shape, and orientation.
- [ ] Each gourd has a short stem and a closed outline.
- [ ] Vine lines follow row curves and leaves are small and do not obscure gourd outlines.
- [ ] Ground contour marks are sparse and support the patch structure.
- [ ] Labels or notes, if used, are legible under any consistent handwriting style.

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