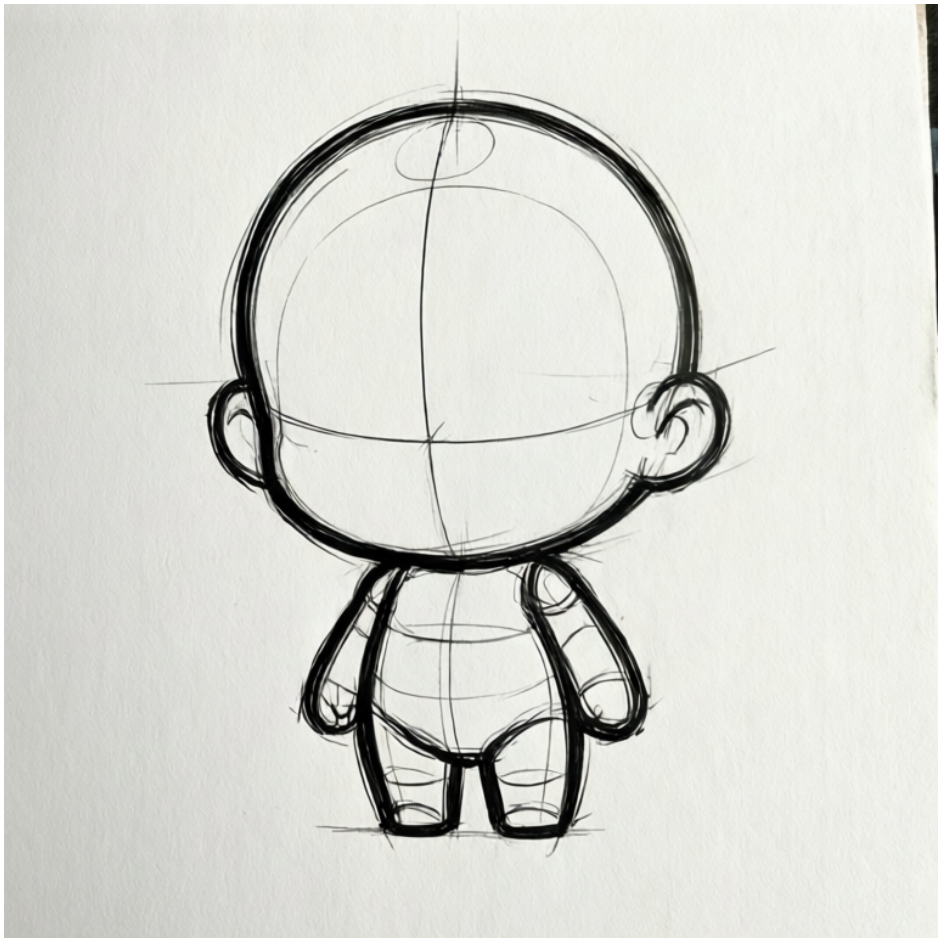
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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

Draw a standing chibi figure using a head height of 3 cm and a body height of 3.6 cm from neck to feet. The head width is 2.7 cm. Place the eyes on a line 1.5 cm below the top of the head. Describe the construction and check the proportions.

Answer: Total figure height is 3 cm head plus 3.6 cm body, or 6.6 cm. The head-to-body ratio is 3:3.6, which simplifies to 1:1.2. The head width-to-height ratio is 2.7:3, or 0.9:1. Draw a vertical axis 6.6 cm tall. Mark the top of the head at 0 cm, the chin at 3 cm, the neck at 3 cm, the waist at about 4.8 cm, and the feet at 6.6 cm. Draw the skull oval 3 cm tall and 2.7 cm wide, then add a short jaw. The eye line is 1.5 cm below the top, which is the vertical midpoint of the head. Place two eyes on that line with one eye-width between them. Draw a short neck, a rounded torso from 3 cm to 4.8 cm, and legs from 4.8 cm to 6.6 cm. Mark shoulder, elbow, hip, and knee joints before drawing limb tubes. Check: head height 3 cm, body height 3.6 cm, ratio 1:1.2 as chosen; eye line at 1.5 cm, which is half of 3 cm; head width 2.7 cm, ratio 0.9:1 as chosen. All measurements are consistent.