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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

Using a head length of 2 cm, draw a caribou with body length 3.5 HL, shoulder height 2.5 HL, antler spread 1.5 HL, and hoof height 0.2 HL. Describe the construction order and the final check.

Answer: Mark 2 cm as one HL. Draw a ground line and place shoulder and rump marks 7 cm apart (3.5 HL). Set shoulder height at 5 cm (2.5 HL). Sketch the back arc, chest, belly, and hindquarters. Draw the neck about 2 cm long and the head with a 1.2 cm muzzle. Draw the main antler beam, then add branches so the tip-to-tip spread is about 3 cm (1.5 HL). Draw four legs about 3 cm long (1.5 HL) and hoof blocks 0.4 cm tall (0.2 HL) with a center split. Final check: body 7 cm, shoulder 5 cm, antler spread 3 cm, hoof 0.4 cm, all hooves on the ground line.