Draw a Yorkie: Head, Ears, and Body Proportions

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A head oval is 5 cm tall. Using the hypothetical 1 to 1.6 ratio, what body length should you mark?

Answer: 8 cm.

Reason: One x-height is 5 cm. Multiply by 1.6 to get 8 cm for the body length guide.

Check: Measure the body oval with a ruler and confirm it is about 8 cm, or record your chosen variation.

Task 2

Your ear height is 3 cm and your x-height is 5 cm. Is the ear close to the hypothetical half-x-height guide?

Answer: No, 3 cm is more than half of 5 cm. Half an x-height would be 2.5 cm.

Reason: The guide suggests ear height near half an x-height. Half of 5 cm is 2.5 cm, so 3 cm is 0.5 cm too tall.

Check: Compare the ear height to half the head height and adjust if the ear looks too large.

Task 3

A learner’s body oval is 9 cm and the head oval is 4 cm. What is the actual head-to-body ratio, and how does it compare to 1 to 1.6?

Answer: The ratio is 1 to 2.25, which is longer than the hypothetical 1 to 1.6 guide.

Reason: Divide body length by head length: 9 divided by 4 equals 2.25. The guide would give 6.4 cm for the body, so 9 cm is much longer.

Check: Re-measure both ovals and shorten the body if you want to match the guide.

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Task 4

You have drawn a head oval and two ear triangles, but the ears sit on the lower half of the head. What should you change, and what will you check afterward?

Answer: Move the ear bases to the top half of the head oval, then check that each ear is small, upright, and about half an x-height tall.

Reason: Yorkie ears should sit high on the head. Moving the bases upward restores the breed-specific silhouette.

Check: Measure ear height against half the head height and confirm the bases are above the head oval’s midline.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head oval measures approximately one x-height from baseline to midline.
- [ ] Body oval length is close to the chosen head-to-body ratio, with any deviation noted.
- [ ] Ears are small, upright, and based on the top half of the head oval.
- [ ] Blank outline leaves face and lower legs open for independent drawing.
- [ ] Proportion guides remain visible until measurements are checked.
- [ ] Valid alternatives such as rounded ear tips are accepted if the breed silhouette remains clear.

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