Draw a Cacao Tree: Trunk Pods and Broad Leaves

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a cacao tree with a trunk, two main branches, and two pods attached to the trunk. Use broad leaves at branch ends. Keep the canopy open.

Answer: A drawing with a tapered vertical trunk, two ascending branches, two oval pods on short stalks attached to the trunk at different heights, and broad pointed leaves at branch ends. Branch junctions are visible.

Reason: Two branches and two pods meet the minimum structure. Attaching pods to the trunk follows the cacao growth pattern. Open canopy keeps junctions visible.

Check: Verify each pod has a short stalk to the trunk, leaves are broad and pointed, and branch junctions are not hidden.

Task 2

Draw three pods at different angles on a single trunk section: one downward, one outward, one horizontal. Add ridge lines. No leaves required.

Answer: A trunk section with three oval pods on short stalks: one hanging down, one angled outward, one nearly horizontal. Each pod has two to four lengthwise ridge lines.

Reason: Varying angle shows natural growth. Ridge lines identify the fruit. Short stalks connect pods to the trunk.

Check: Check that each pod connects to the trunk, angles differ, and ridge lines run lengthwise.

Task 3

Draw a cacao tree with four main branches and five pods. Place at least two pods on branches and three on the trunk. Add leaf clusters at branch ends.

Answer: A tree with a tapered trunk, four ascending branches, five oval pods on short stalks (three on trunk, two on branches), and broad pointed leaves clustered at branch ends. Canopy is open.

Reason: Mixing pod placement on trunk and branches shows the full pattern. Four branches provide enough support points. Leaf clusters complete the canopy.

Check: Count pods and confirm attachment points. Verify leaves are broad and pointed, and branch junctions remain visible.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

Draw a cacao tree using only outlines and no shading. Include a trunk, three branches, four pods, and broad leaves. Label nothing. Use light construction lines that are erased or faint.

Answer: An outline drawing with a tapered trunk, three branches, four oval pods on short stalks at varied angles, and broad pointed leaves. Construction lines are faint or erased; no labels or shading.

Reason: Outline-only drawing tests clarity of form. Four pods and three branches meet the structure. Faint construction lines show process without clutter.

Check: Confirm no shading or labels, pods attach to trunk or branches, leaves are broad and pointed, and construction lines are faint or erased.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Trunk is vertical and tapers slightly upward.
- [ ] Three to five main branches ascend at clear angles.
- [ ] Pods attach to trunk or older branches with short stalks.
- [ ] Pods vary in angle and have optional ridge lines.
- [ ] Leaves are broad, oval, and pointed with a central vein.
- [ ] Canopy is open enough to see branch junctions.
- [ ] Construction lines are light or erased; final outlines are dark.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in branch count, pod angle, and leaf arrangement are accepted if the tree form and attachment logic remain clear.

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