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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

On a 20 cm wide drawing area, place the bow at 2 cm and the stern at 18 cm. Draw a shallow hull curve, a dragon prow, and 8 evenly spaced oars along the hull side.

Answer: The hull spans 16 cm. With 8 oars, mark intervals every 2 cm along the hull side below the gunwale. Draw the neck from the bow point, add a wedge head with snout and crest, then draw each oar at the same downward angle with a small blade. Add shields at the same 2 cm spacing along the gunwale. Check that the lowest hull point stays about one finger width above the baseline and that oar gaps are equal.