Draw an Epic Knight: Armor Layers and Stance

Original tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a knight with feet 6 cm apart on your paper (hypothetical example; measure your own paper). The head is 3 cm above the hips. Check balance with a center line.

Answer: A figure with feet 6 cm apart and head 3 cm above hips, with the center line landing between the feet.

Reason: The wide base and centered head-to-ground line create a stable stance. The measurements are examples; the check is the line landing between the feet.

Check: Draw the center line from head through hips to the ground. Confirm it lands between the feet.

Task 2

Draw a knight holding a spear. The spear should not cross the helm. Use the layer order helm, pauldron, cuirass, greaves.

Answer: A knight with the four armor layers in order and a spear held to the side, not crossing the helm.

Reason: Keeping the weapon away from the face preserves readability. The layer order keeps overlaps clear.

Check: Look at the figure: the helm is visible, the spear is separate, and the armor layers are distinct.

Task 3

Draw a knight with one foot forward and knees slightly bent. Check that the hips are near the center line.

Answer: A knight with a forward foot, bent knees, and hips near the center line.

Reason: A forward foot and bent knees show readiness. Hips near the center line keep the figure balanced.

Check: Draw the head-to-ground line and confirm it lands between the feet and near the hips.

Task 4

Draw a knight with a sword. Lighten any body lines covered by armor. Check that the cuirass overlaps the top of the greaves.

Answer: A knight with a sword, lightened covered lines, and a cuirass overlapping the greaves.

Reason: Lightening covered lines reduces clutter. The overlap shows the layer order clearly.

Check: Confirm the cuirass edge is visible over the greaves and that covered body lines are faint.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Body frame is drawn before armor.
- [ ] Armor layers appear in the order helm, pauldron, cuirass, greaves.
- [ ] Stance has feet apart and a head-to-ground line between the feet.
- [ ] One weapon is present and does not cover the helm.
- [ ] Figure is readable from a distance with distinct armor shapes.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in proportion and letter style are accepted if checks pass.

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