Realistic Rabbit Drawing: Fur Direction and Body Proportion

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

Task 1

A rabbit sketch has a 4 cm head, a 10 cm body, and 4 cm ears. Are the proportions correct using the 2.5-body and 1-ear guide? Show the arithmetic.

Answer: Yes. Body should be 2.5 × 4 = 10 cm, and ears should be 1 × 4 = 4 cm. Both match.

Reason: Multiply head length by 2.5 for body and by 1 for ears, then compare to the sketch.

Check: Recompute 2.5 × 4 and 1 × 4, and confirm the sketch measurements match.

Task 2

A learner draws back fur from tail to head and side fur upward. Describe the correction using the fur-direction convention.

Answer: Reverse back fur to run head to tail. Redraw side fur to flow downward and outward from the spine.

Reason: The convention is head-to-tail on the back and downward on the sides. Upward or reversed strokes break the flow.

Check: Scan the drawing and confirm every back stroke points toward the tail and every side stroke points downward.

Task 3

A rabbit has a 5 cm head. Using the hypothetical guide, what body and ear lengths should you expect? Show the arithmetic.

Answer: Body: 2.5 × 5 = 12.5 cm. Ears: 1 × 5 = 5 cm.

Reason: Apply the same multipliers to the new head length.

Check: Multiply 2.5 by 5 and 1 by 5, and compare to your sketch.

Task 4

A sketch shows hind legs the same size as front legs and the belly line high off the ground. Name two fixes.

Answer: Enlarge the hind legs and fold them; lower the belly line closer to the ground.

Reason: Realistic rabbits have larger folded hind legs and a belly close to the ground.

Check: Compare leg sizes and measure the gap between belly and ground line; adjust until hind legs are larger and the gap is small.

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- [ ] Head, body, and ear lengths match the chosen proportion guide within a small margin.
- [ ] Back fur flows from head toward tail.
- [ ] Side fur flows downward and outward from the spine.
- [ ] Ear fur runs from base to tip on the outer edge.
- [ ] Hind legs are larger than front legs.
- [ ] Belly line is close to the ground.
- [ ] Strokes are tapered and overlap like shingles.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted if flow and proportions read correctly.

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