Draw a Seated Buddha Statue: Pose, Drapery, and Proportion Guide

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A seated statue drawing has total height 20 cm and base width 12 cm. The head oval is 4 cm wide and centered. State whether the base is wider than the head and whether the head center falls within the base width.

Answer: Base width 12 cm is greater than head width 4 cm. The centered head center is at the midpoint of the base width, so it falls within the base. Both checks pass.

Reason: Compare the two widths in the same unit, then locate the head center relative to the base width.

Check: Measure the base and head widths on the drawing and confirm the centered head center lies between the base edges.

Task 2

A drawing divides a 24 cm total height into four equal bands from seat base to crown. List the heights of the three internal landmark lines measured from the seat base.

Answer: The bands are 6 cm each, so the internal landmark lines are at 6 cm, 12 cm, and 18 cm from the seat base.

Reason: Divide 24 by 4 to get 6 cm per band, then add one band at a time from the base.

Check: Measure each landmark from the seat base and confirm the values are 6, 12, and 18 cm.

Task 3

A drapery fold is planned from a knee contact point to the base edge. The knee is 8 cm above the base and the fold ends 2 cm to the side of the knee. Describe the fold direction and state one check that confirms it follows gravity.

Answer: The fold runs downward from the knee to the base edge and shifts 2 cm sideways. The check is that the fold ends at a lower edge than its start and begins at a marked contact point.

Reason: Gravity requires a downward end, and body contact requires a contact-point start.

Check: Trace the fold and confirm the end is lower than the start and the start is at the knee contact point.

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Task 4

A statue drawing has shoulder width 9 cm and head width 3 cm. The head is centered. State the ratio of shoulder width to head width and one proportion check using the base width if the base is 11 cm.

Answer: The ratio is 9 to 3, or 3 to 1. The base width 11 cm is greater than the head width 3 cm, so the base is wider than the head.

Reason: Divide shoulder width by head width for the ratio, then compare base and head widths in the same unit.

Check: Measure shoulder, head, and base widths on the drawing and confirm the ratio and the base-versus-head comparison.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] The seated pose is readable from crossed legs, lap line, and centered torso.
- [ ] Proportion landmarks are marked and measured in one consistent unit.
- [ ] The base is wider than the head, and the head center falls within the base width.
- [ ] Drapery folds start at contact points and end at lower edges.
- [ ] Fold spacing varies by a small measured amount rather than repeating mechanically.
- [ ] The drawing convention is stated, and valid alternative letter styles are accepted.
- [ ] Checks are recorded beside the drawing for repeatability.

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