Draw a Cheetah: Spot Pattern, Slender Body, and Pose

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a standing cheetah side view. Use head length 1 unit, body 4.5 units, leg height 2 units. Add three spot rows and two tear lines per eye.

Answer: A side-view cheetah with small head, deep chest, narrow waist, vertical legs, long tail, separate spots in three rows, and tear lines.

Reason: The proportions keep the body long and slender; three rows organize spot size; tear lines are cheetah-specific.

Check: Measure body length against head length (about 4.5) and leg height (about 2). Confirm no spots touch and each eye has two tear lines.

Task 2

Draw a running cheetah with front legs stretched forward and back legs backward. Show the spine curve and tail extended back. Add spots only on the upper body and sparse leg spots.

Answer: A running cheetah with long low spine line, extended legs, tail back, and separate spots concentrated on the back and sides.

Reason: Running pose uses stretched legs and a low spine line; spot placement follows denser back and sparser legs.

Check: Draw a line from nose through spine to tail tip; it should be long and low. Check that leg spots are fewer than back spots and none touch.

Task 3

Draw a cheetah face in front view. Include small head, two tear lines from each inner eye to the mouth corner, and small separate spots on the forehead and cheeks.

Answer: A front-view cheetah face with small round spots and two tear lines per eye.

Reason: Front view tests tear-line placement and small face spots without body proportions.

Check: Count two tear lines per eye. Confirm face spots are separate and round or oval, not connected.

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Task 4

Draw a walking cheetah with one front leg forward and one back leg forward. Use three spot rows with large top spots and small bottom spots. Label your head-length unit.

Answer: A walking cheetah with alternating leg positions, three spot rows with size variation, and a labeled unit.

Reason: Walking pose tests leg alternation and spot row organization; labeling the unit makes proportion checkable.

Check: Check that opposite legs are forward. Measure top-row spots larger than bottom-row spots. Confirm the labeled unit matches your head length.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Proportions: body about 4.5 head lengths and legs about 2 head lengths (hypothetical targets), slender waist visible.
- [ ] Spots: solid round or oval marks, separate with clear gaps, three rows with size variation; no rosettes or stripes.
- [ ] Pose: chosen pose is clear, spine curve matches pose, tail balances head direction.
- [ ] Face: small head, two tear lines per eye, small face spots.
- [ ] Craft: clean outline, guide lines erased, one written improvement.

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