Puma Drawing Easy: Head, Paw and Body Proportion Guide

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A head circle is 5 cm across. The body length should be twice the head height. What body length should you draw?

Answer: 10 cm.

Reason: Twice the head height means 5 cm multiplied by 2, which equals 10 cm. Use the same unit for both measurements.

Check: Measure the head circle and the torso box with a ruler. Confirm the torso is 10 cm long.

Task 2

The muzzle width is 1.5 cm. The paw width should equal the muzzle width. The main pad should be one third of the paw width. What main pad width should you draw?

Answer: 0.5 cm.

Reason: One third of 1.5 cm is 0.5 cm. Keep the paw width at 1.5 cm and place the main pad in the lower centre.

Check: Measure the paw width and the main pad width. Confirm the main pad is about 0.5 cm and does not overlap the toe pads.

Task 3

A standing puma drawing has a head height of 4 cm and a body length of 6 cm. Is the body proportion correct according to the guide? If not, what should the body length be?

Answer: No. The body length should be 8 cm.

Reason: The guide says body length is about twice the head height. Twice 4 cm is 8 cm, so 6 cm is too short.

Check: Multiply head height by 2 and compare with the measured body length. Adjust the torso box if needed.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

A paw is drawn 2 cm wide with four toe pads and a main pad. The toe pads are placed in a straight line and one toe pad overlaps the main pad. Name one mistake and one fix.

Answer: Mistake: toe pads are in a straight line and one overlaps the main pad. Fix: arrange the four toe pads in a shallow arc and move them so none overlaps the main pad.

Reason: The paw convention requires an arc of four toe pads and a separate main pad. Overlap and a straight line break the structure.

Check: Check that the toe pads form an arc and that there is a visible gap between every toe pad and the main pad.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head: cranium and muzzle are distinct, eye line is roughly halfway between top and chin, ears are above the eye line.
- [ ] Paw: four toe pads and one main pad are visible, toe pads form an arc, no toe pad overlaps the main pad.
- [ ] Body: body length is about twice the head height in a standing pose, leg length is consistent with body length.
- [ ] Proportion check: muzzle width and paw width are compared using the same unit.
- [ ] Labels: any labels are legible; x-height convention is baseline to midline, and letter styles may vary.
- [ ] Alternatives: valid alternative head or paw shapes are accepted if the proportion checks are met.

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