Easy Drawings to Do When Bored: A Prompt-Sheet Doodle Practice

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Doodle a mug in a small box. Use a rectangle block for the body and a loop block for the handle. Add one rim line as the only detail. Score it with the rubric.

Answer: A rectangle body with a loop handle attached to one side, one horizontal rim line near the top, and a contour drawn over both blocks. Rubric example: recognizability 2, block-to-contour match 2, detail economy 2, line confidence 2, total 8.

Reason: The mug's main mass is a rectangle; the handle is a separate loop block. One rim line identifies the object without extra detail. The contour follows both blocks.

Check: Ask another person to name the object without seeing the prompt. Confirm the contour stays within one pencil width of the blocks and count details (must be one).

Task 2

Doodle a leaf in a small box. Use a pointed oval block for the blade and a short line block for the stem. Add one vein as the only detail. Score it with the rubric.

Answer: A pointed oval blade with a short stem line at one end and one central vein line. Rubric example: recognizability 2, block-to-contour match 2, detail economy 2, line confidence 1, total 7.

Reason: The pointed oval captures the blade mass; the stem is a separate short block. One vein is enough to read as a leaf. A serrated or smooth edge is a valid alternative.

Check: Verify the blade block is pointed at both ends or one end, the stem attaches at a narrow end, and only one vein is present. Count strokes on the contour.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

Doodle a key in a small box. Use a long narrow rectangle block for the shaft and a small circle block for the bow. Add two short teeth as the only details. Score it with the rubric.

Answer: A narrow rectangle shaft with a small circle at one end and two short perpendicular teeth at the other end. Rubric example: recognizability 2, block-to-contour match 1 (one tooth extends past the shaft block), detail economy 2, line confidence 2, total 7.

Reason: The shaft and bow are separate masses, so two blocks are used. Two teeth are the maximum allowed details. The contour should follow the shaft block closely.

Check: Check that the circle attaches to one end of the rectangle, count teeth (must be two), and confirm the contour does not stray more than one pencil width from the shaft block.

Task 4

Doodle a cloud in a small box. Use one wide oval block and two smaller overlapping oval blocks along the top. Add one internal curved line as the only detail. Score it with the rubric.

Answer: A wide oval with two smaller ovals overlapping its top edge, a continuous wavy contour around the combined shape, and one internal curved line. Rubric example: recognizability 2, block-to-contour match 2, detail economy 2, line confidence 2, total 8.

Reason: Overlapping ovals create the cloud's lumpy top while the wide oval keeps the bottom flat. One internal line suggests volume without extra detail.

Check: Confirm three oval blocks are visible as faint guides, the contour is continuous, and exactly one internal line is present. Ask a second person to name the object.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Recognizability: another person can name the object without the prompt label (0-2).
- [ ] Block-to-contour match: the contour follows the main shape block without large unexplained gaps (0-2).
- [ ] Detail economy: no more than two added details beyond the contour (0-2).
- [ ] Line confidence: contours drawn in few strokes rather than many short scratches (0-2).
- [ ] Total of 6 or more out of 8 meets the convention; valid stylistic alternatives are accepted.

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