Cartoon Hairstyles: Bangs, Curls, and Ponytail Variations

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a head with straight fringe bangs. The head is a 6 cm by 4.5 cm oval, the eye line is at the midpoint, and the hairline is 1 cm above the eye line. The fringe is a horizontal band with two soft points, and the eyes must remain visible.

Answer: A head oval with center and eye lines. The hairline curves 1 cm above the eye line. The hair mass outlines the top and sides. The fringe runs from temple to temple along the hairline, with two soft points at the bottom edge. The eyes are below the fringe and fully visible.

Reason: Straight fringe is a horizontal band attached to the hairline. Keeping the bottom edge at or above the eye line preserves the face area.

Check: Verify the fringe touches the hairline at both temples, has two points, and does not cross the eye line.

Task 2

Draw a head with a low ponytail and no bangs. Use the same head size and hairline. The tie is at the nape, and the tail falls straight down about 4 cm, tapering from 2 cm wide at the tie to a rounded point.

Answer: A head oval with hairline. The hair mass covers the top and sides but leaves the forehead open. A small tie sits at the nape on the hair mass. The tail falls straight, 2 cm wide at the tie, tapering to a rounded point about 4 cm below.

Reason: A low ponytail attaches at the nape and flows downward. No bangs means the hairline is the front edge of the hair mass.

Check: Confirm the tie is on the hair mass at the nape, the tail tapers consistently, and the forehead is open.

Task 3

Draw a head with parted bangs and two curl clusters at the sides. The parted bangs form two rounded lobes meeting at the center line. Each curl cluster is two C-shapes about 1.5 cm wide, placed beside the ears.

Answer: A head oval with hairline. Parted bangs create two rounded lobes meeting at the center line, leaving the eyes clear. Two curl clusters, each made of two C-shapes, sit beside the ears outside the face area.

Reason: Parted bangs use two lobes at the center line. Curl clusters are large C-shapes placed at the sides.

Check: Check that the lobes meet at the center line, each cluster has two C-shapes, and no curl enters the face area.

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Task 4

Draw a head with side-swept bangs and a side ponytail. The tie is behind the right ear, and the tail sweeps to the left, tapering from 2 cm at the tie to a point. The bangs sweep from the left temple to the right temple.

Answer: A head oval with hairline. Side-swept bangs form a diagonal wedge from the left temple to a point near the right temple. A tie sits behind the right ear on the hair mass. The tail sweeps left, tapering from 2 cm to a rounded point, with one interior curve.

Reason: Side-swept bangs are a diagonal wedge. A side ponytail attaches behind one ear and flows to the opposite side.

Check: Verify the bangs taper to a point near the right temple, the tie is behind the right ear, and the tail sweeps left with a consistent taper.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head outline is a clear oval with a marked hairline.
- [ ] Hair mass is one connected outline around the head.
- [ ] Bangs use one of the three defined shapes and leave the eyes unobstructed.
- [ ] Curls, if used, are clusters of two or three large C-shapes.
- [ ] Ponytail tie sits on the hair mass and the tail tapers consistently.
- [ ] Face area below the hairline remains open.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted if the convention is followed: different bang shapes, curl placements, or ponytail heights are allowed.

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