Draw a Person Looking Down: Head Tilt and Neck Construction

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

Draw a head tilted 30 degrees forward from vertical with a neck that supports it. Use a hypothetical head length of 8 units and neck length of 4 units. Describe the steps and the final check.

Answer: Draw a vertical guide. Draw the head midline at 30 degrees from vertical, marking top of head and chin 8 units apart. Place eye line at 4 units from top, nose base at about 5.3 units, mouth at 6 units along the midline. Draw feature lines perpendicular to the midline. Mark the base of the skull at the back and the chin at the front. Draw the front neck line from under the chin down 4 units to the shoulder line, tilted about 10 degrees forward from vertical. Draw the back neck line from the back of the skull down to the upper back, sloping backward. Set shoulder line horizontal. Check that feature lines are perpendicular to the midline and that neck length is half the head length. The final drawing shows a consistent downward gaze with a supporting neck.