Face Gesture Drawing: Quick Sketches of Expression and Head Tilt

Original tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 1

Sketch a face with an upright tilt and a happy expression. Use a raised brow cue and an upward mouth curve.

Answer: A vertical axis, horizontal eye midline, both brows raised as arcs, and a single upward mouth curve.

Reason: Upright tilt uses a vertical axis; raised brows plus an upward curve read as happy.

Check: Confirm the axis is vertical and the mouth curve turns up at both ends.

Task 2

Sketch a face with a slight left tilt and an angry expression. Use lowered brows and a downward mouth curve.

Answer: A slanted axis leaning left, eye midline perpendicular to it, brows angled down toward the center, and a mouth curve turning down.

Reason: Left tilt comes from the slanted axis; lowered brows and a downward curve read as angry.

Check: Check that the axis leans left and the brow inner ends are lower than the outer ends.

Task 3

Sketch a face with a slight right tilt and a sad expression. Use one brow raised and a mouth curve turning down.

Answer: A slanted axis leaning right, eye midline perpendicular, one brow raised higher than the other, and a mouth curve turning down.

Reason: Right tilt comes from the axis; a raised brow with a downward mouth reads as sad or worried.

Check: Confirm the axis leans right and the mouth ends point downward.

Task 4

Sketch a face with an upright tilt and a neutral expression. Use level brows and a straight mouth line.

Answer: A vertical axis, horizontal eye midline, brows drawn as short level lines, and a straight horizontal mouth line.

Reason: Upright tilt uses a vertical axis; level brows and a straight mouth read as neutral.

Check: Check that the brows and mouth are level and the axis is vertical.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head axis clearly shows the intended tilt direction.
- [ ] Eye midline is perpendicular to the head axis.
- [ ] One brow cue and one mouth cue are present and readable.
- [ ] Expression can be named in one word by a viewer.
- [ ] Sketch stays within the 30-second limit and omits detailed rendering.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted: any brow or mouth shape that reads clearly.

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