Halloween Doodle Basics: Pumpkin, Ghost, and Candy Shapes

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a pumpkin 5 cm wide with three ribs and a stem. Check that the outline pinches at each rib.

Answer: A squashed circle with one center rib and one rib on each side, pinching the outline at three points, plus a short stem.

Reason: Three ribs create two bulges on each side of the center, which reads as a pumpkin when the outline pinches at the ribs.

Check: Measure the widest point near the middle and confirm no ribs cross; the outline should pinch at each rib.

Task 2

Draw a ghost 4 cm wide at the bottom and 3 cm tall, with three bottom waves and a face in the upper half.

Answer: A dome top, sides falling down, three shallow waves along the bottom, two dot eyes, and a small oval mouth placed high.

Reason: The dome and shallow waves create the drape curve, and a high face keeps the ghost reading as floating.

Check: Confirm the bottom is wider than the top and the three waves are similar in size; the face should sit above the midline.

Task 3

Draw a candy 4 cm long with a 2 cm body and two twists, each about 0.8 cm long, pointing opposite ways.

Answer: A rounded rectangle body with two short diagonal twists at each end meeting at points, plus two fold lines inside each twist.

Reason: Twists shorter than the body keep the candy readable, and opposite directions balance the shape.

Check: Measure each twist against the body; each should be shorter, and the two twists should point in opposite directions.

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Task 4

On a 3 by 3 grid of 3 cm squares, place one pumpkin, one ghost, and one candy without overlap, leaving at least one square between shapes.

Answer: Three doodles placed in separate squares with at least one empty square between each pair, each passing its own shape check.

Reason: Spacing preserves readability, and each motif keeps its construction rules even when arranged together.

Check: Check that no outlines touch or cross and that each doodle still meets its motif check.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Pumpkin outline bulges between ribs and pinches at each rib.
- [ ] Ghost has a rounded dome, sides falling down, and three or four shallow bottom waves.
- [ ] Candy has a central body and two twists shorter than the body, pointing opposite ways.
- [ ] Doodles on the grid do not overlap and each passes its own shape check.
- [ ] Lines are committed after light construction; guides are erased or faint.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted if the shape relationships hold, even when proportions differ.

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