# Chibi Cat Base Drawing: Oversized Head, Small Body, Clear Proportions

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A chibi cat base has a head height of 1 HU and a body height of 0.6 HU. The body base line is 0.6 HU below the chin line. If the chin line is at 4.0 cm from the top of the paper, where is the body base line?

Answer: The body base line is at 4.0 + 0.6 = 4.6 cm from the top of the paper.

Reason: The body zone starts at the chin line and extends downward by the body height. Adding 0.6 HU to the chin line position gives the body base line position.

Check: Re-measure the distance between the chin line and body base line; it should equal 0.6 HU. Confirm the body base line is below the chin line.

Task 2

An eye line is placed at 0.55 HU from the top of a 1 HU head. If the head is drawn 6 cm tall, how far from the top of the head is the eye line?

Answer: The eye line is at 0.55 × 6 = 3.3 cm from the top of the head.

Reason: The eye line position is a fraction of the head height. Multiply the fraction by the drawn head height to get the distance.

Check: Measure from the top of the head to the eye line; it should be about 3.3 cm. The eye line should sit slightly below the head's middle.

Task 3

A standing base uses shoulder joints 0.1 HU below the chin line and hip joints 0.1 HU above the body base line. If the body zone is 0.6 HU tall, what is the vertical distance between the shoulder joints and hip joints?

Answer: The distance is 0.6 − 0.1 − 0.1 = 0.4 HU.

Reason: The shoulder joints are 0.1 HU into the body zone from the top, and the hip joints are 0.1 HU up from the bottom. Subtract both offsets from the body height.

Check: Measure the body zone and the two offsets; the remaining middle distance should be 0.4 HU. Confirm the shoulder joints are above the hip joints.

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Task 4

A tail is drawn 0.5 HU long from the lower back. If the head is 5 cm tall, what is the tail length in centimeters?

Answer: The tail length is 0.5 × 5 = 2.5 cm.

Reason: The tail length is given in head units. Multiply by the drawn head height to convert to centimeters.

Check: Measure the tail from its attachment point to its tip; it should be about 2.5 cm. Confirm the tail attaches near the body base line at the lower back.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head height is clearly larger than body height, with body height near the chosen ratio.
- [ ] Body is narrower than the head and centered under it.
- [ ] Facial landmarks are readable: eye line, one-eye-width gap, nose and mouth on the midline.
- [ ] Ears attach at the top and overlap the head outline slightly.
- [ ] Shoulder and hip joints are placed near the body edges, and limbs sit outside the body outline.
- [ ] Tail attaches at the lower back near the body base line.
- [ ] In a standing pose, both feet touch the ground line.
- [ ] Construction lines are light and final lines are darker and continuous.
- [ ] Valid stylistic alternatives are accepted if the landmarks and proportions remain readable.

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