Chibi Couple Drawing: Proportions, Poses, and Interaction Cues

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw two chibi figures side by side with linked hands. Use a total height of 8 cm per figure, a head of 3 cm, and a body of 5 cm. Mark the contact point at the hands.

Answer: Two figures with 3 cm heads and 5 cm bodies stand on the same ground line. Their inner arms curve to a marked contact point at hip height, where the hands overlap. Both faces have curved eyes and small smiles.

Reason: The head-to-body ratio is 3:5 for both figures, so proportions match. The contact point is marked before drawing the arms, which makes the overlap clear. The ground line keeps both figures level.

Check: Measure both head circles and body lengths with the same unit. Confirm the hands overlap at the marked point and that both figures stand on the same ground line.

Task 2

Draw a chibi couple where one figure leans toward the other. Use a total height of 9 cm for the standing figure and 8 cm for the leaning figure. Add one cue: a hand on the shoulder.

Answer: The standing figure has a 4 cm head and 5 cm body. The leaning figure has a 3.5 cm head and 4.5 cm body, tilted toward the standing figure. One hand rests on the standing figure's shoulder at a marked contact point. Both faces turn slightly toward each other.

Reason: The leaning figure is slightly smaller, which is an intentional height difference. The tilt is shown by angling the body guide while keeping the feet near the ground line. The hand on the shoulder creates a clear contact point.

Check: Check that the leaning figure's feet are near the ground line and that the hand overlaps the shoulder. Confirm the head-to-body ratios are consistent within each figure.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

Draw a chibi couple back-to-back with heads turned toward each other. Use a total height of 10 cm per figure, a head of 4 cm, and a body of 6 cm. Add a shared scarf as the interaction cue.

Answer: Two figures stand back-to-back on the same ground line, each with a 4 cm head and 6 cm body. Their heads turn toward each other so the faces are visible. A scarf loops from one neck to the other, crossing between them at shoulder height.

Reason: Back-to-back poses need turned heads to show faces. The scarf creates a visible connection between the figures. The shared ground line keeps the pose stable.

Check: Confirm both figures use the same head-to-body ratio and stand on the same ground line. Check that the scarf is visible between the figures and does not cover either face.

Task 4

Draw a chibi couple with a shared accessory: matching hair clips. Use a total height of 7 cm per figure, a head of 3 cm, and a body of 4 cm. Add linked hands as a second cue.

Answer: Two figures with 3 cm heads and 4 cm bodies stand side by side. Each has a small hair clip on the outer side of the head. Their inner hands overlap at a marked contact point at hip height. Both faces have small smiles.

Reason: Matching hair clips are a simple cue that reads clearly at small scale. Linked hands add a second connection. The small total height tests whether the cues remain visible at chibi scale.

Check: Measure both figures with the same unit and confirm the hair clips are visible on both heads. Check that the hands overlap at the marked point and that the clips do not hide facial features.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Proportion consistency: both figures use the same head-to-body ratio, or a height difference is clearly intentional (1-3).
- [ ] Pose connection: the figures overlap or touch at a clear contact point (1-3).
- [ ] Cue clarity: the interaction cue is visible and readable from a short distance (1-3).
- [ ] Expression: both faces have simple, readable chibi expressions (1-3).
- [ ] Line quality: guide lines are erased and final outlines are clean (1-3).

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