Mardi Gras Easy Drawing: Mask, Beads, and Float Shapes

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a mask half-outline with one eye opening and a lower edge. Mirror three key points across a center line and describe where you placed two feather zones.

Answer: A valid answer shows a center line, three mirrored points at equal distances, and two feather zones placed symmetrically, for example one at 3 cm left and one at 3 cm right of the center line.

Reason: Symmetry is checked by matching distances from the center line, not by identical decoration.

Check: Fold along the center line or measure each mirrored point and feather zone distance with a ruler.

Task 2

Plan a bead strand using hypothetical 1 cm beads and 0.5 cm gaps. Mark spacing marks for six bead units along a curved path and state the total length of the marked segment.

Answer: Six bead-plus-gap units at 1.5 cm each give a marked segment of 9 cm. The answer should show six spacing marks and a stated total of 9 cm.

Reason: Each unit is bead diameter plus gap, so 1 cm plus 0.5 cm equals 1.5 cm; six units equal 9 cm.

Check: Count the spacing marks and multiply by 1.5 cm, then compare with the measured segment length.

Task 3

Block in a float with a base rectangle 12 cm wide and a middle platform 8 cm wide. Add a top shape that fits within the platform and place three decoration boxes at equal intervals. State whether the silhouette is stable.

Answer: The silhouette is stable because the base is wider than the platform and the top fits within the platform. Three decoration boxes should be spaced equally, for example at 2 cm, 4 cm, and 6 cm across the platform.

Reason: Stability is checked by comparing widths; equal intervals are checked by measuring gaps between boxes.

Check: Measure base and platform widths and confirm base is wider; measure gaps between decoration boxes to confirm they are equal.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

A mask has sequin boxes at 2 cm and 4 cm on the left but at 2 cm and 5 cm on the right. Identify the symmetry error and give a corrected placement.

Answer: The right side is not symmetric because 5 cm does not match 4 cm. A corrected placement is 2 cm and 4 cm on the right, matching the left side.

Reason: Symmetry requires matching distances from the center line for corresponding details.

Check: Measure each sequin box distance from the center line and compare left and right values.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Mask has a visible center line and at least five mirrored key points.
- [ ] Mask detail zones appear at matching distances on both sides.
- [ ] Baseline and midline are marked where lettering or small marks are used; letter styles may vary.
- [ ] Bead strand has equal spacing marks and a repeated bead pattern.
- [ ] Float silhouette has a wider base than top and a recognizable outer outline.
- [ ] Measurements used for checks are recorded and labeled as measured or hypothetical.

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