Draw Sarmale: Rolled Cabbage Cylinders in a Pot

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a single sarmale roll 4 units long and 2 units wide, with the right end tapered to 1.5 units. Add one leaf-wrap line across the middle. Describe where the line crosses.

Answer: A rounded cylinder 4 units long and 2 units wide, right end narrowed to 1.5 units. One curved leaf-wrap line crosses the body near the middle, from the top edge to the bottom edge, slanting slightly toward the tapered end.

Reason: The taper is created by narrowing one end. The leaf-wrap line crosses the body to suggest a folded leaf edge. Slanting toward the taper follows the wrap direction.

Check: Measure the length and width against your hypothetical units. Confirm the right end is narrower than the left. Check that the leaf line touches both the top and bottom edges.

Task 2

Draw a pot rim ellipse 6 units wide and 3 units tall. Place two rolls inside: one at the back and one at the front. The front roll should overlap the back roll. State the approximate position of each roll.

Answer: A horizontal ellipse 6 units wide and 3 units tall. The back roll sits near the upper inner edge of the ellipse, slightly smaller. The front roll sits lower and overlaps the back roll's lower edge. Both rolls are inside the ellipse boundary.

Reason: The ellipse defines the pot opening. Placing the back roll higher and smaller suggests depth. Overlapping the front roll hides part of the back roll, reinforcing depth.

Check: Verify the ellipse width is about twice its height. Confirm both rolls are fully inside the ellipse. Check that the front roll covers part of the back roll.

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Task 3

Draw three rolls in a pot with light from the upper left. Shade each roll darker on its lower right side and shade the inner pot wall on the right. Explain why the right side is darker.

Answer: Three overlapping rolls inside a pot ellipse. Each roll has short curved shading strokes on its lower right side. The inner pot wall on the right is shaded darker than the left. The right side is darker because the light comes from the upper left, so the lower right of each roll and the inner right wall face away from the light.

Reason: Shading opposite the light source creates a consistent sense of form. The pot interior shadow follows the same logic as the rolls.

Check: Trace an imaginary line from the upper left to each shaded area. Confirm the shaded areas are on the side away from that line. Check that no roll is shaded darker on its upper left.

Task 4

Draw four rolls in a pot. Make the two back rolls smaller than the two front rolls. Add leaf-wrap lines to each roll. Describe one valid alternative arrangement that still shows depth.

Answer: Four rolls inside a pot ellipse. The two back rolls are about two-thirds the size of the front rolls and sit higher. Each roll has two curved leaf-wrap lines. A valid alternative: place three rolls in a triangle with one back roll and two front rolls, keeping the back roll smaller and higher.

Reason: Size and height differences suggest depth. Leaf-wrap lines identify each roll as a wrapped parcel. The alternative keeps the same depth cues with a different count and placement.

Check: Compare the back rolls to the front rolls: back rolls should be smaller and higher. Confirm every roll has at least one leaf-wrap line. For the alternative, check that the back roll is still smaller and higher than the front rolls.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] The roll shape is a rounded cylinder with a visible taper at one end.
- [ ] At least two leaf-wrap lines cross the roll body.
- [ ] The pot rim is drawn as a horizontal ellipse, not a circle.
- [ ] Rolls overlap and vary in size or height to suggest depth.
- [ ] Shading follows a consistent light direction on rolls and pot interior.
- [ ] Leaf texture uses short curved strokes rather than flat fill.
- [ ] Valid alternatives: a roll may taper at either end; leaf lines may wave or curve differently; the number of rolls may be three to five.

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