Sauropod Drawing: Neck, Legs, and Tail Construction

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

Using a hypothetical unit where the torso is 6 units long and 3 units tall, place a head 5 units above the baseline, draw a neck 5 units long, and a tail 7 units long. Describe the steps to construct the body outline.

Answer: Draw the baseline and torso oval (6 by 3 units). Mark the head circle 5 units above the baseline at the left. Sketch the neck as two narrowing curves from the shoulders to the head, keeping the length about 5 units. Sketch the tail from the hips to a point 7 units to the right, tapering gradually. Place four columnar legs under the torso, with feet on a common ground line. Connect the neck, torso, and tail with smooth transitions, then erase guides and darken the outline.