Easy Asparagus Drawing: Tip Scales and Stalk Taper

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a spear 8 cm long with base width 1.6 cm and tip width 0.5 cm. Add three scale rows. State the widths you used at base, middle, and below the scales.

Answer: A valid answer shows a tapered stalk with base half-width 0.8 cm, tip half-width 0.25 cm, and three upward-overlapping scales inside the stalk. Example middle half-width: 0.5 cm.

Reason: The taper is checked by comparing widths: base 1.6 cm, middle about 1.0 cm, below scales about 0.7 cm, tip 0.5 cm. Each higher width is smaller.

Check: Measure the drawn widths at the three heights. Confirm each higher width is smaller and scales stay inside the outline.

Task 2

Draw a spear 12 cm long with base width 2.4 cm and tip width 0.6 cm. Use four scale rows. Describe how each scale overlaps the one above.

Answer: A valid answer shows four upward-pointing scales, each lower scale slightly wider and overlapping the scale above, all inside the stalk. Base half-width 1.2 cm; tip half-width 0.3 cm.

Reason: The overlap direction is consistent from tip downward. Scale widths increase slightly: for example 0.4 cm, 0.5 cm, 0.6 cm, 0.7 cm, all less than the local stalk width.

Check: Trace each scale edge. Confirm it points upward and covers part of the scale above without crossing the stalk outline.

Task 3

Draw a spear 9 cm long with base width 1.8 cm and tip width 0.45 cm. Add five scale rows. Check taper at 1 cm, 4.5 cm, and 8 cm from the base.

Answer: A valid answer shows a smooth taper with five upward-overlapping scales. Hypothetical widths: at 1 cm about 1.7 cm; at 4.5 cm about 1.1 cm; at 8 cm about 0.7 cm; tip 0.45 cm.

Reason: The three measured widths decrease with height. The scales remain inside the stalk and increase slightly in size downward.

Check: Measure the three widths with a ruler. Confirm the sequence decreases and no scale crosses the stalk edge.

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Task 4

Draw two spear variants: one with sharper scale points and one with rounder scale points. Both must be 10 cm long with base width 2 cm and tip width 0.5 cm, and both must use four scale rows.

Answer: A valid answer shows two spears with the same taper and four upward-overlapping scales, differing only in scale point style. Both keep scales inside the stalk.

Reason: The convention allows valid alternatives in scale shape. The taper and overlap direction remain consistent, so both drawings meet the rubric.

Check: Compare both spears: confirm equal length and base/tip widths, four scale rows each, upward overlap, and scales inside the outline.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Spear has a visible center-line-based symmetry within reasonable hand-drawing variation.
- [ ] Stalk tapers smoothly from base to tip; widths decrease at higher points.
- [ ] Tip scales point upward and overlap the scale above in a consistent convention.
- [ ] Scales remain inside the stalk outline.
- [ ] Scale size increases slightly from tip downward.
- [ ] Base cut is present and simple.
- [ ] No shading or background elements are required for this task.

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