Isometric Stapler Drawing: Hinge and Base Construction

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A stapler has a hypothetical base 80 mm long, 24 mm wide, and 16 mm high. The hinge pivot is at 28 mm height on the shared axis. Describe how to place the pivot and the first base edges.

Answer: Draw the three axes from one origin. Mark 80 mm along the up-right axis and 24 mm along the up-left axis. Add verticals to 16 mm for the base. Draw the hinge axis line along the length at 28 mm height and center the pivot circle on it.

Reason: The base uses length and width axes with vertical height. The pivot must lie on the shared axis line at the stated height so the arm can connect squarely.

Check: Verify that the base edges are parallel to the 30-degree axes, verticals are vertical, and the pivot center lies on the hinge axis line at 28 mm.

Task 2

A drawing shows a staple channel 30 mm wide on a base 24 mm wide. State the error and give a corrected width that is hypothetical and consistent.

Answer: The channel is wider than the base, which is incorrect. A corrected hypothetical channel width is 12 mm, centered on the base.

Reason: The staple channel should sit within the base width and be centered along the length. A narrower width keeps the construction valid.

Check: Compare channel and base widths on the same axis; the channel must be smaller and centered.

Task 3

Describe how to check that an upper arm is isometric when its side profile is drawn first. Include one numerical check using hypothetical values.

Answer: After drawing the side profile on the vertical and length axes, project the width along the up-left axis. Check that the arm width edges are at 30 degrees and parallel. For example, if the arm width is 18 mm, the projected width on the up-left axis should measure 18 mm along that axis direction.

Reason: Isometric projection keeps true lengths along the axes. Projecting the width along the correct axis preserves the isometric convention.

Check: Measure the projected width along the up-left axis and confirm it matches the stated width; confirm all verticals remain vertical.

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Task 4

A hinge pivot is drawn 5 mm to the right of the shared axis line. Explain why this is a problem and describe the fix using a hypothetical pivot height of 30 mm.

Answer: The pivot is off the shared axis, so the upper arm will not meet the base squarely. Move the pivot center back onto the axis line at 30 mm height and redraw the arm edges to converge on it.

Reason: The hinge pivot defines the rotation point between arm and base. Placing it on the shared axis keeps the joint aligned in isometric projection.

Check: Check that the pivot center lies on the hinge axis line at the stated height and that arm edges converge toward it without crossing.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Three isometric axes are present and correctly oriented: vertical, 30 degrees up-right, 30 degrees up-left.
- [ ] Base plate is drawn as a parallelogram with parallel opposite edges and vertical sides.
- [ ] Staple channel is centered and narrower than the base.
- [ ] Hinge pivot is a clear mark on the shared axis line where the arm meets the base.
- [ ] Upper arm connects to the pivot without crossing edges and respects axis directions.
- [ ] Line convention is consistent: construction lines light, visible edges medium, pivot marked.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in proportion, detail level, and optional shading are accepted if axis and hinge rules are met.

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