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Prompt: Draw a female figure from a high angle with the head tilted to the viewer's left. Use a vertical axis with these hypothetical gaps: head-to-shoulder 4 units, shoulder-to-hip 3 units, hip-to-knee 2 units, knee-to-ankle 1 unit. Describe the head tilt check.

Answer: Draw the vertical axis and mark the gaps in order: 4, 3, 2, 1 from top to bottom. Sketch the head oval at the top, then the shoulder curve wider than the hip curve. Place the ribcage oval below the shoulders and the pelvis oval below that, overlapping. Draw short thighs, shorter calves, and tiny feet. Tilt the head oval to the viewer's left, move the left ear up and the right ear down, and place the eyes on the midline shifted toward the chin. Check that the chin-to-eye distance is shorter than the eye-to-top distance. The decreasing gaps and overlaps confirm the high angle.