How to Draw a Practice Swimsuit: Straps, Seams, and Body-Fit

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a front-view swimsuit with halter straps. Use a torso rectangle 10 cm wide and 16 cm tall, with the baseline at the bottom edge and the midline 8 cm above the baseline. Place front strap points 2 cm from centerline at midline height, and back strap points 3 cm from centerline 1 cm above midline. Show each strap as two parallel lines with a 0.4 cm gap. Add two side seams.

Answer: A drawing with a torso rectangle, centerline, and midline. Halter straps attach at the marked front and back points, each drawn as two parallel lines with a 0.4 cm gap. Two side seams follow gentle body-fit curves. Seam breaks appear where straps cross.

Reason: The midline anchors strap height, and the parallel lines show strap width. Side seams follow the body-fit contour, and breaks keep seam logic clear.

Check: Count four strap attachment points, confirm each strap has two parallel lines, and check that side seams break at strap crossings.

Task 2

Draw a front-view swimsuit with crossed back straps. Use a torso rectangle 11 cm wide and 17 cm tall, with the baseline at the bottom edge and the midline 8.5 cm above the baseline. Place front strap points 2.5 cm from centerline at midline height. The straps cross at the centerline 2 cm above the midline (10.5 cm above the baseline). Show each strap as two parallel lines with a 0.5 cm gap. Add one front princess seam as a dashed line.

Answer: A drawing with a torso rectangle, centerline, and midline. Front strap points are marked, and straps cross at the centerline 2 cm above midline. Each strap is two parallel lines with a 0.5 cm gap. A dashed front princess seam runs vertically, with a break where straps cross.

Reason: Crossed straps still use the midline for height reference. The crossing point is marked, and the dashed seam shows a hidden seam with a break at the strap.

Check: Verify the crossing point is on the centerline 2 cm above midline, each strap has two parallel lines, and the dashed seam breaks at the crossing.

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Task 3

Draw a front-view swimsuit with straight straps and a front princess seam. Use a torso rectangle 12 cm wide and 18 cm tall, with the baseline at the bottom edge and the midline 9 cm above the baseline. Place front strap points 3 cm from centerline at midline height, and back strap points 4 cm from centerline 1 cm above midline. Show each strap as two parallel lines with a 0.5 cm gap. Add two side seams and two short tension cues per side.

Answer: A drawing with a torso rectangle, centerline, and midline. Four strap points are marked, and each strap is two parallel lines with a 0.5 cm gap. Two side seams follow body-fit curves, and two short tension cues appear near each underarm and hip. A front princess seam runs vertically and breaks at strap crossings.

Reason: The midline sets strap height, parallel lines show width, and side seams plus tension cues communicate body-fit. The princess seam is optional but must follow seam-break logic.

Check: Count four strap points, confirm two parallel lines per strap, check two side seams, verify two tension cues per side, and confirm the front princess seam breaks at strap crossings.

Task 4

Draw a front-view swimsuit with a single shoulder strap and only one side seam (omit the second side seam), marking the omitted seam with a dashed guide. Use a torso rectangle 9 cm wide and 15 cm tall, with the baseline at the bottom edge and the midline 7.5 cm above the baseline. Place the single strap front point 2 cm from centerline at midline height, and the back point 3 cm from centerline 1 cm above the midline. Show the strap as two parallel lines with a 0.4 cm gap. Draw one solid side seam on one side and mark where the omitted seam would be with a dashed guide.

Answer: A drawing with a torso rectangle, centerline, and midline. One strap is drawn as two parallel lines with a 0.4 cm gap at the marked points. One side seam follows the body-fit curve on one side, and a dashed guide marks the omitted seam on the other side. A note explains the alternative choice.

Reason: Valid alternatives are allowed if the construction logic is clear. The dashed guide shows the omitted seam without claiming it is absent by mistake.

Check: Confirm the single strap has two parallel lines, one solid side seam exists, and a dashed guide marks the omitted seam with a short note.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Strap attachment points are marked and consistent with the midline x-height reference.
- [ ] Each strap is drawn as two parallel lines with a consistent gap.
- [ ] At least two side seams follow the body-fit contour.
- [ ] Seam lines break where straps cover them.
- [ ] Body-fit contour uses gentle curves, not straight lines.
- [ ] Both sides mirror within 0.5 cm in the drawing.
- [ ] Valid alternative strap styles are accepted if construction logic is clear.

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