

Forthright Species: Drawing Gnomes

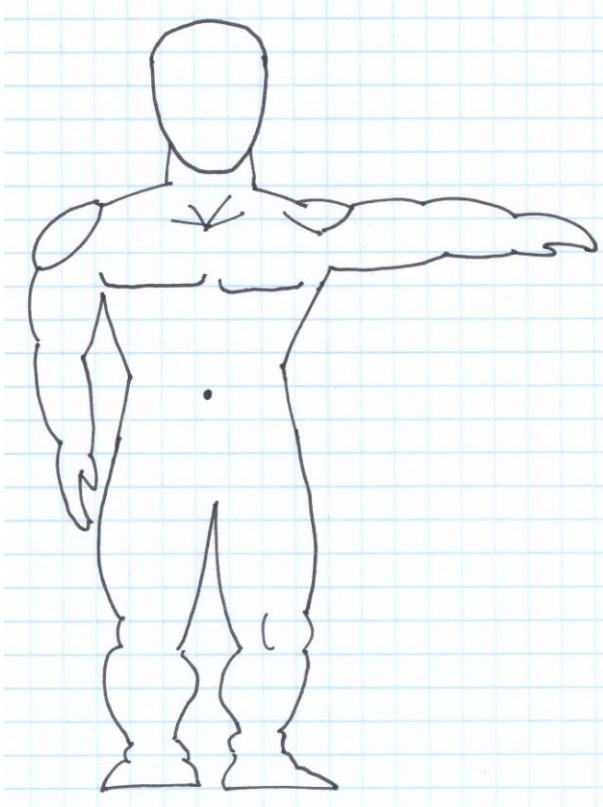
Major Points:

- Height: 2.5 to 3.5 feet
- Weight: 40 to 60 pounds
- Body Hair: Males have prominent hair on arms, legs and chest, with hair growing much longer and thicker from the jawline and scalp. They generally try to sculpt their hair into elaborate moustaches and beards to demonstrate their artistic side.
Females have a light, downy hair on arms and legs, but their prominent hair grows only from their scalp. They wear their hair in as wide a variety of styles as humans.
- Hair on scalp: Plentiful, humanlike. Baldness is also common among males. Hair texture tends to be thick and frequently curly or wavy, with shorter gnome hair often in disarray; this leads especially gnome women to grow their hair longer and braid it
- Hair Color: A broad range from black to white, with blondes, browns, grays and especially reds common in-between.
- Eye Color: Amber, gray, blue or green
- Skull shape: Human shape.
- Ear Structure: Human ears with a *slight* point being common
- Skin tone: Ranges in natural earth tones from a creamy white to a darker, cocoa-like tone and various shades in-between.
- Body Structure: Healthy human, but with proportionately larger hands/feet/head and proportionately shorter arms and legs.

Gnome Facial Proportions:

- Gnome features are essentially identical to human features, but tend to be more round and jovial-seeming, with bulbous noses and prominent cheeks
 - Male gnomes have very prominent noses
- Gnome ears are essentially identical to human ears, but instead of having a rounded upper edge, it is slightly pointed toward the crown of the head
 - This does not shape the rest of the ear; it is in addition to an otherwise-normal ear
- Female gnome features tend to be softer and more classically feminine than male gnome features
 - Female gnomes generally have less prominent noses
- Aging gnome faces
 - The aging of a gnome face is essentially identical to the aging of a human face
 - The exaggerated features of a gnome face (nose, ears) readily droop as gnomes age

Gnome Body Proportions



- The Gnome Male
 - Gnomes have the same genitalia and secondary sex characteristics as humans
 - Gnome muscles generally have the same definition as a typical human
 - Gnome males have a healthy percentage of body fat, and are not usually "cut"
 - Gnome Proportions
 - Gnome proportions are largely similar to humans, but have been compressed in the vertical dimension without a corresponding increase in the horizontal
 - This gives them cobby bodies that aren't as stable as dwarves but are generally more agile
 - The slightly disproportionately large hands and feet of gnomes allow them to match human flexibility in various environments, but still provide minute dexterity
- The Gnome Female
 - Gnome females have less muscle and slightly more fat, giving them a softer appearance
- Aging / Deteriorating Gnome Bodies
 - Older gnomes tend to lose muscle mass and definition, becoming thinner
 - Gnome aging greatly resembles human aging (Hair begins to gray, joints begin to stiffen)

Gnome Facial Examples (Art by Juan Carlos Ochoa):



A male gnome



A female gnome

Gnome Body Examples (Art by Juan Carlos Ochoa):



A male gnome



A female gnome



An older male gnome vagabond



Two gnomes dancing