Here’s a **Step-by-Step Fashion Sketch Tutorial** to go along with the fashion illustration guide and croquis templates. This will help you confidently sketch your first outfit!

**✍️ Step-by-Step Fashion Sketch Tutorial**

**🧍 Step 1: Start with Your Croquis**

Use the printable **female or male croquis template** as your base.

* **Print** the template on A4 paper.
* **Lightly trace** the croquis onto clean paper using a lightbox or window.

✏️ Tip: Use a pencil so you can erase easily as you refine your design.

**👗 Step 2: Outline the Garment**

Decide on your clothing design. For beginners, start with a **simple dress, top and trousers, or a bodysuit**.

* Sketch **light lines** around the body to show where the garment begins and ends.
* Pay attention to:
  + Neckline
  + Sleeves
  + Waistline
  + Hem

🧵 Keep lines clean and simple. Don’t worry about details yet.

**🧷 Step 3: Add Clothing Details**

Now define the structure and details of the garment.

* Add:
  + **Seams and darts**
  + **Collars and cuffs**
  + **Buttons, belts, zips**
  + **Pleats or gathers**

🔍 Make sure the clothing follows the shape and movement of the body underneath.

**✂️ Step 4: Indicate Fabric Flow and Folds**

Show how the fabric behaves:

* Use **curved lines** for soft fabrics like silk or jersey.
* Use **sharper, angular folds** for stiffer fabrics like denim or taffeta.
* Show **creases** at elbows, waist, knees, and where fabric bunches or stretches.

🎨 Don't overcrowd—only a few folds are enough for effect.

**🎨 Step 5: Add Colour and Texture**

Bring your illustration to life:

* Use **coloured pencils**, markers, or watercolours.
* Add shading to show volume and light.
* Use **cross-hatching** for textured fabrics (e.g., wool, knit).
* Show **shine** on silk or leather with white highlights.

🌈 Tip: Match your colours to your theme or season (e.g., pastels for spring, darks for autumn).

**👠 Step 6: Style Your Model**

Complete the look:

* Add **shoes** and **accessories** (bags, hats, scarves, jewellery).
* Draw **hair** in a style that suits your design (long, short, updo).
* Keep the **face simple** unless you’re doing a beauty sketch.

**🪞 Step 7: Final Touches**

* Go over final lines with a **black fine liner**.
* Erase all pencil marks.
* Add **a title**, **fabric labels**, or **collection name**.
* Optional: include a **fashion flat** (technical sketch) beside the figure.

**✨ Practice Project Ideas**

* 📸 Observe real clothing and fashion magazines.
* 📕 Keep a style diary or sketchbook.
* 🔁 Practice different body shapes, genders, and fashion eras.
* 🧍 Use free croquis templates to save time.
* 👘 Design a **day-to-night outfit**.
* 🌧 Create a **rainy day streetwear look**.
* 🌸 Sketch a **spring collection** of 3 coordinated outfits.
* 🖼 Recreate a famous look from a movie or runway.