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Worksheet convention box

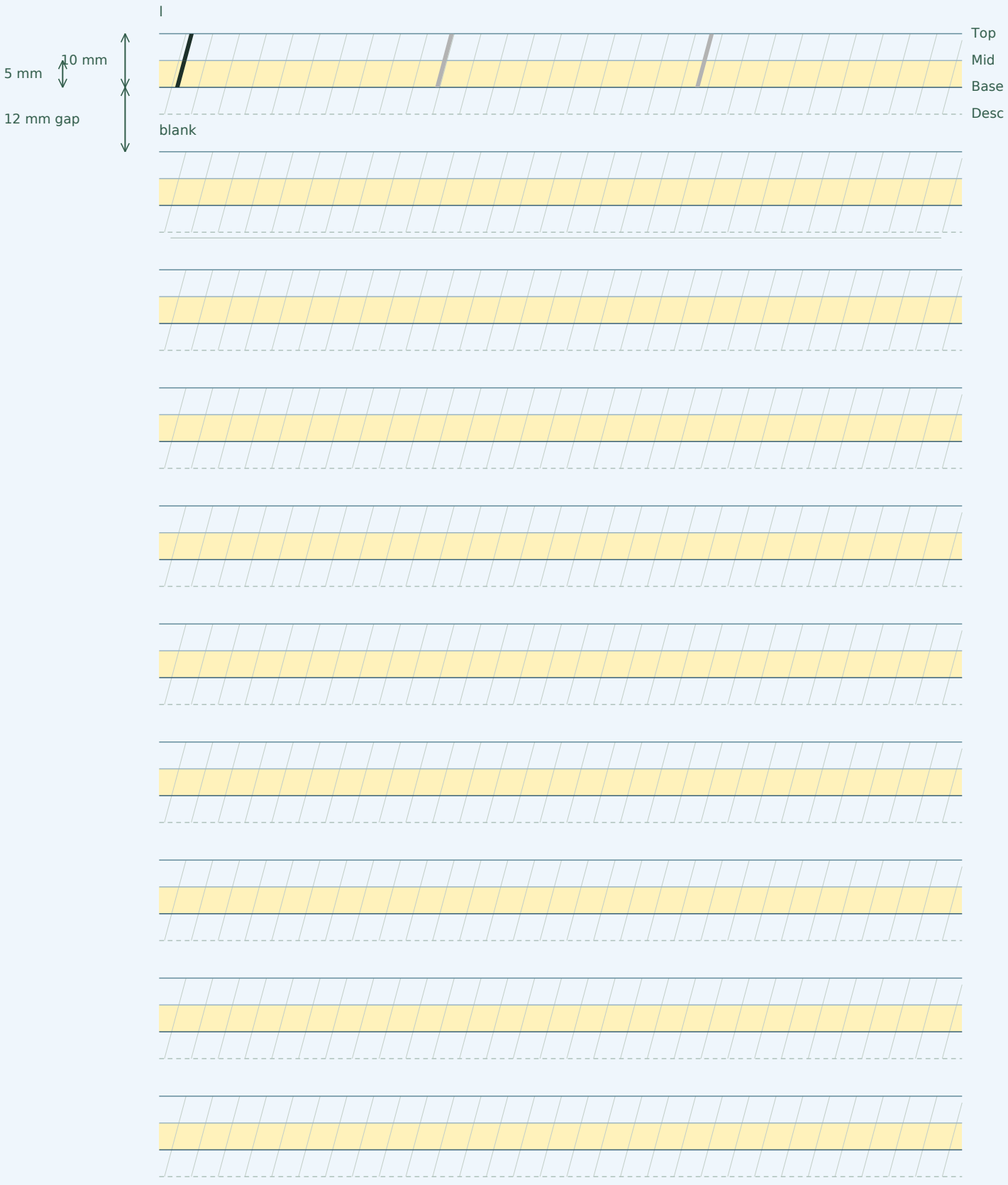
Convention box states hypothetical 15-degree slant and 5 mm x-height.

Convention box: slant 15 degrees from vertical (75 degrees from horizontal); x-height 5 mm. These are hypothetical planning values, not a universal standard.

Self-check: (1) Does the main downstroke follow the slant guide? (2) Does the letter body sit between baseline and midline? (3) Are letters separate with roughly even gaps?

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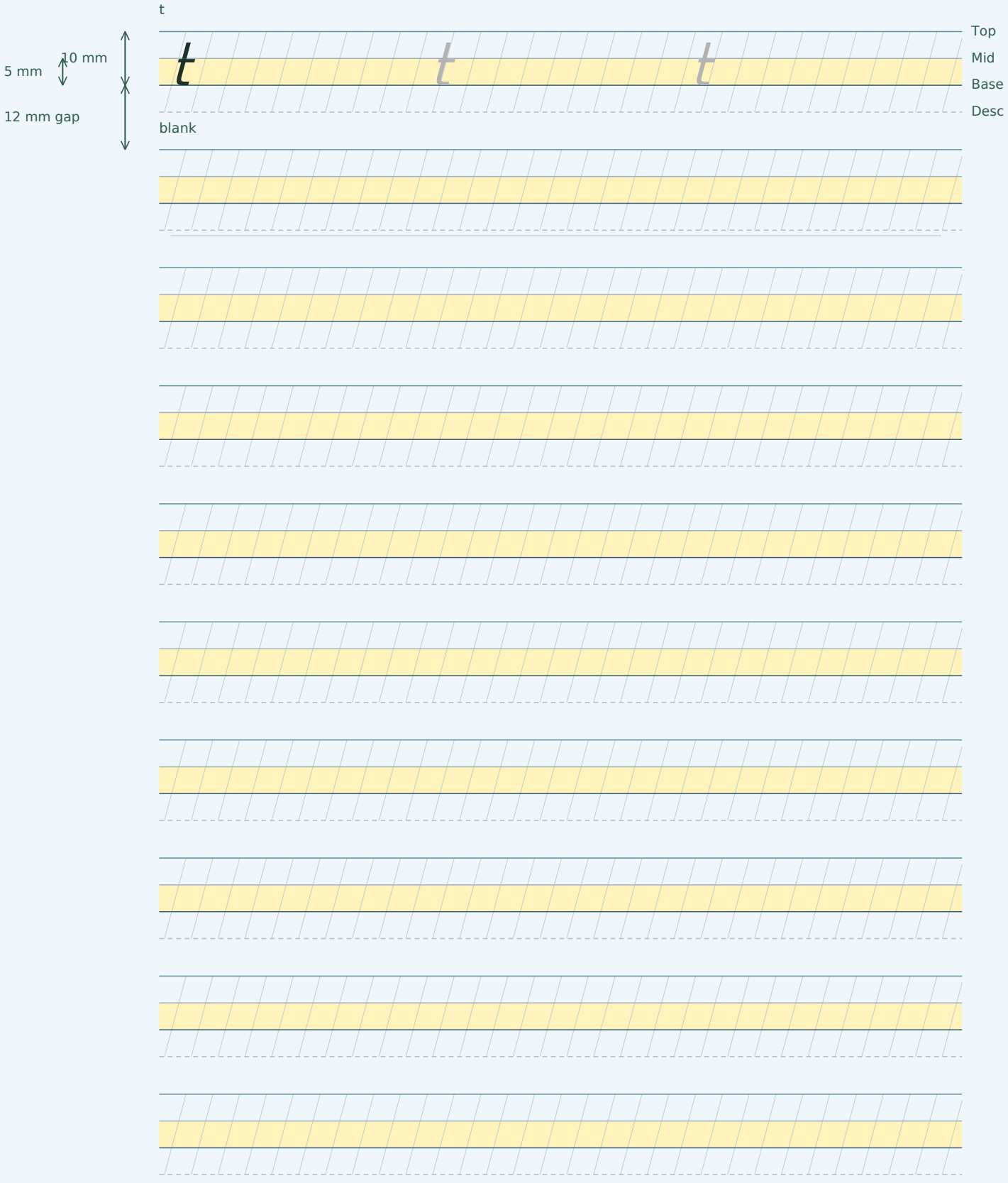
Tracing row 1: letter l



Tracing row 1: model l, two faded tracing copies, then blank space. Hypothetical 5 mm x-height and 15-degree slant from vertical.

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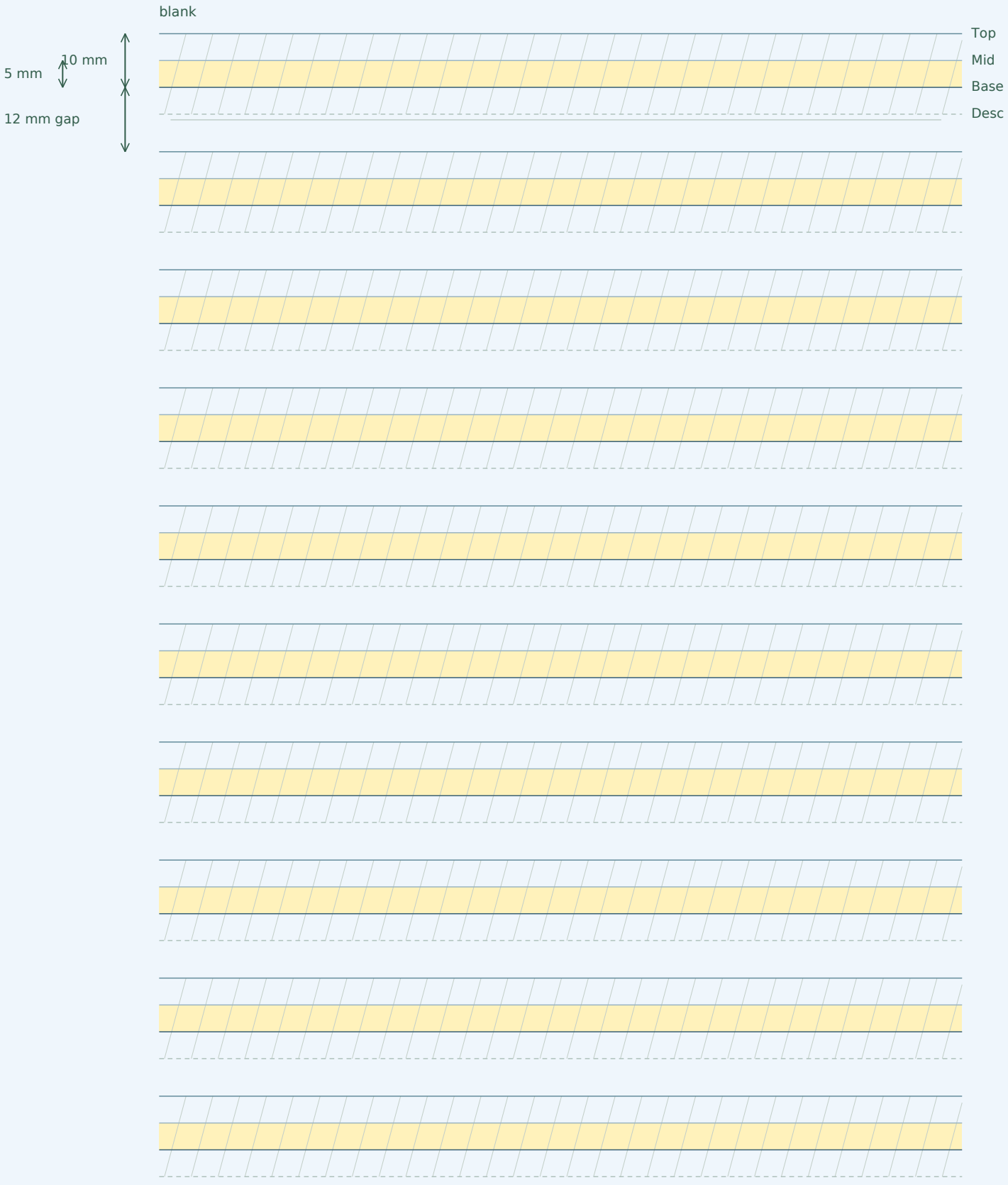
Tracing row 2: letter t



Tracing row 2: model t, two faded tracing copies, then blank space. Hypothetical 5 mm x-height and 15-degree slant from vertical.

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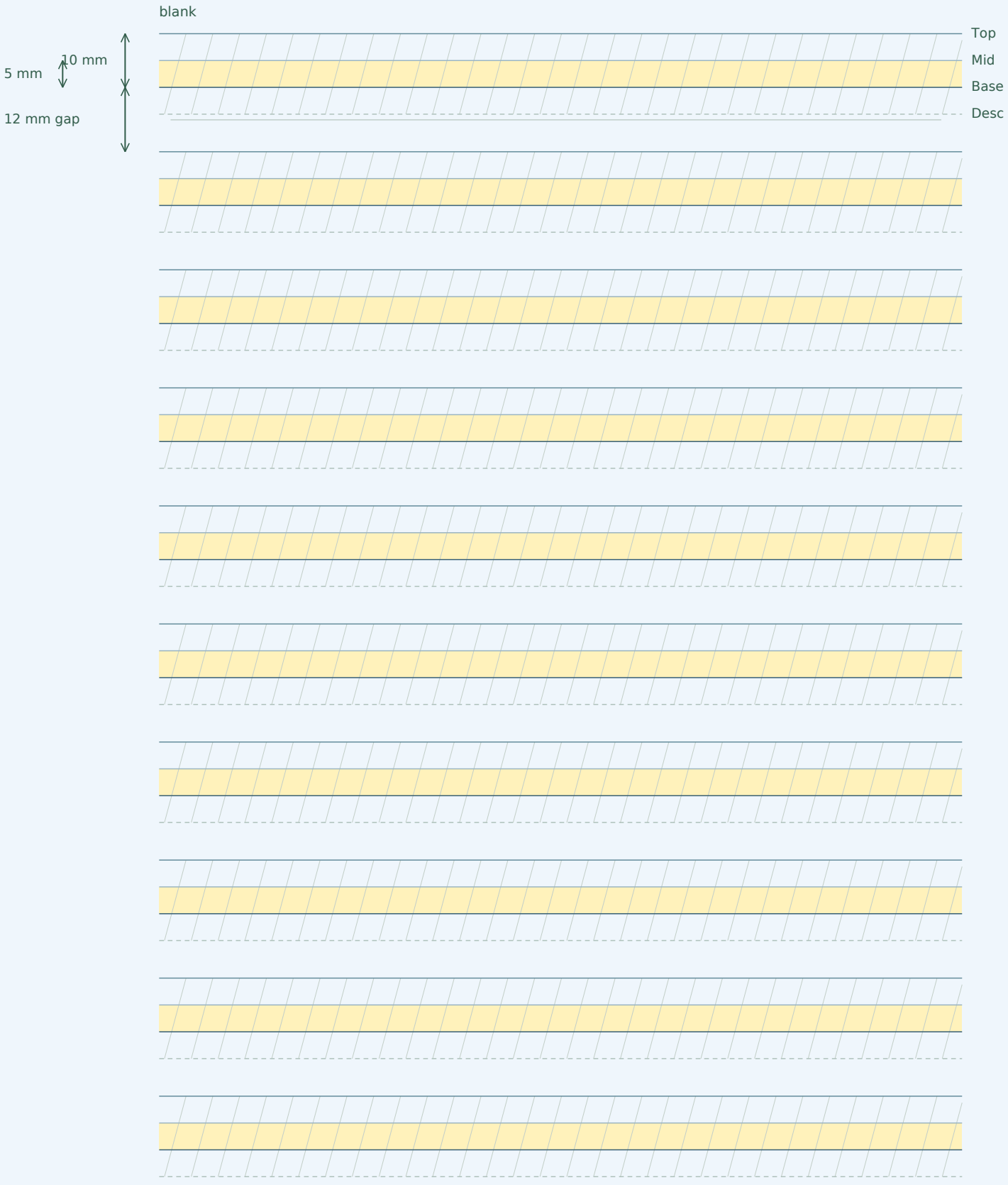
Blank practice row 1



Blank practice row 1. Hypothetical 5 mm x-height and 15-degree slant from vertical.

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Blank practice row 2



Blank practice row 2. Hypothetical 5 mm x-height and 15-degree slant from vertical.

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Worksheet self-check

Three yes-or-no questions.

Does the main downstroke follow the slant guide?	

Does the letter body sit between baseline and midline?	

Are letters separate with roughly even gaps?	

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Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / blank responses

Task 1

A planned row is 24 mm tall. The x-height is 6 mm. How many full x-height bands fit vertically in the row if each band is 6 mm? Show the arithmetic.

Task 2

A page is 180 mm tall with 15 mm margins at top and bottom. Each practice row is 20 mm. How many rows fit? Show the arithmetic.

Task 3

A tracing row has one model letter and three faded copies. The row is 100 mm wide and each letter space is 20 mm. How many blank letter spaces remain after the model and copies? Show the arithmetic.

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Original tasks 4 / blank responses

Task 4

A learner writes five letters in a blank row. Four letters sit between baseline and midline; one letter rises 2 mm above the midline. Using the rubric, describe a fair check and a next step.