Pencil Sunset Landscape: Gradient Sky and Horizon

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

On a 20 cm by 25 cm page, place the horizon 7 cm from the bottom. The sky is 18 cm tall. Divide the sky into three equal bands of 6 cm each. Shade the lowest band with 2H, the middle with HB, and the top with 2B. Blend vertically. Add a simple hill silhouette 4 cm tall below the horizon using 4B.

Answer: The horizon sits at 7 cm from the bottom, leaving an 18 cm sky. Each band is 6 cm tall. The lowest band is lightest, the middle is medium, and the top is darkest. After blending, no sharp lines remain between bands. The hill silhouette is 4 cm tall, dark and even, and contrasts with the pale sky at the horizon.