Realistic Flower Drawing: Petal Overlap, Proportion, and Tonal Shading

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

A flower head is planned with a diameter of 8 units and a stem length of 12 units. The outer ring has 8 petals, the middle ring has 6, and the center has 5. Describe the overlap order and one shading check.

Answer: Draw the 8 outer petals first, then the 6 middle petals crossing over them, then the 5 center petals crossing the middle ring. Shade back petals with medium-light values, add cast shadows under each overlap edge, and darken the center. Check by squinting: the flower should read as one layered shape with a consistent light source.