Signature Drawing: Stroke Construction Practice

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

Construct a signature for the name 'Mira' on a 60 mm wide line with an 8 mm x-height. Use a flow line, list the stroke order, and check spacing. Assume three letter gaps and a tallest ascender of 16 mm.

Answer: Flow line: start at the left edge of M, curve through the first peak, dip to the baseline, rise to the second peak, connect to i, then to r, then to a, and finish at the right edge. Stroke order: 1) M left stem, 2) M first peak, 3) M middle valley, 4) M second peak, 5) M right stem, 6) connect to i, 7) i stem, 8) place i dot after main flow, 9) connect to r, 10) r stem and arm, 11) connect to a, 12) a bowl and tail. Spacing: 60 mm divided by three gaps gives 20 mm average gap. Proportion: ascender 16 mm is twice the 8 mm x-height. Check: draw three times and confirm start and end points stay within 2 mm of targets.