Realistic Elephant Drawing: Skin Texture, Shading and Mass

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

On scrap paper, draw a five-step tonal strip and label each step. Then draw three forehead wrinkle arcs that follow the stated long axis and assign each a tone from your strip.

Task 2

Draw an ear fan and a trunk with two converging guide lines. Shade the ear edge from tone 2 to tone 4 and the trunk shadow at tone 3. Check that the ear and trunk do not merge.

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Task 3

Block a body oval behind a head. Add five wide wrinkles on the body and ten tight ring wrinkles on the trunk. Add a ground shadow at tone 3. Check that the body reads heavier than the trunk.

Task 4

Draw a complete elephant head, ear, trunk and body using the conventions. Then write a three-line self-check: one line for wrinkle direction, one for ear and trunk shading separation, one for body mass.