Pencil Animal Drawing: Tonal Layering and Fur Stroke Direction

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

On scrap paper, make a five-step value scale in a 5 cm by 1 cm rectangle using white paper, 2H, HB, 2B, and 4B. Label each patch. Then draw a 6 cm by 8 cm generic animal head oval and mark a light arrow from the upper right.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

Draw a 4 cm by 3 cm muzzle oval under a head oval. Apply HB base, then 2B midtone on the lower half, then 4B dark under the muzzle. Add ten fur strokes from root to tip flowing downward.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Draw two ear shapes on a generic head. Mark base-to-tip arrows. Apply HB light strokes, then 2B strokes in the inner ear shadow, then 4B at the ear base. Leave the outer ear edge unshaded.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

On a 15 cm by 20 cm sheet, draw a generic animal head with a neck line. Use the three-pass method: HB base, 2B midtone, 4B dark accent. Add fur strokes on face, ears, and neck. Then compare your darkest patch to 4B and your lightest to white paper.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.