Cookies and Milk Still Life: A Guided Drawing Lesson

Original tasks 1, 2, 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 1

A plate ellipse is 10 cm wide and 5 cm tall. A cookie is drawn as a 3 cm wide oval centered inside the plate well. How much plate width remains on each side if the cookie is centered?

Answer: 3.5 cm on each side.

Reason: Plate width 10 cm minus cookie width 3 cm equals 7 cm total margin; half is 3.5 cm per side.

Check: Add 3.5 plus 3 plus 3.5 to confirm 10 cm.

Task 2

A glass rim ellipse is 5 cm wide and 2 cm tall. The milk line is drawn 1 cm below the rim. If the milk-line ellipse is 4 cm wide, is it narrower than the rim, and by how much?

Answer: Yes, 1 cm narrower.

Reason: Rim width 5 cm minus milk-line width 4 cm equals 1 cm.

Check: Compare widths directly and confirm the milk line sits below the rim.

Task 3

You draw four cookies with widths 3 cm, 4 cm, 3 cm, and 5 cm. Two overlap by 1 cm each. What is the total visible width if they are placed in a row without other overlaps?

Answer: 13 cm.

Reason: Sum widths is 15 cm; subtract two 1 cm overlaps to get 13 cm visible width.

Check: Add 3 plus 4 plus 3 plus 5 equals 15, then subtract 2.

Task 4

A frame is 20 cm wide. The plate group is 12 cm wide and centered. How much margin remains on each side?

Answer: 4 cm on each side.

Reason: 20 minus 12 equals 8 cm total margin; half is 4 cm per side.

Check: Add 4 plus 12 plus 4 to confirm 20 cm.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Plate drawn as an ellipse with a visible inner well.
- [ ] Three to five cookies with at least one clear overlap and hidden lines erased.
- [ ] Glass rim drawn as an ellipse narrower than the plate, with a parallel milk line.
- [ ] One stated light direction with shading on opposite sides.
- [ ] Composition sits inside the frame with margin on all sides.
- [ ] Any labels use consistent x-height from baseline to midline; alternative letter styles accepted if legible.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?