Realistic Hair Drawing: Strand Flow and Shine Studies

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 practice box is 10 cm wide. You place five guide curves including the edges, spaced evenly. You then add one intermediate strand between each pair of guides. How many strands are in the box, and what is the new average spacing?

Answer: Five guides create four gaps, so the original guide spacing is 10 cm divided by four gaps, which equals 2.5 cm. Adding one intermediate strand per gap adds four strands, for a total of nine strands. Nine strands create eight gaps, so the new average spacing is 10 cm divided by eight gaps, which equals 1.25 cm.