Colored Mushroom Drawing: Layered Cap, Gill, and Stem Shading

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 learner draws a cap dome 8 cm wide and a stem 4 cm wide. They apply base tone to the whole cap, mid tone along the lower edge, and a small highlight at the top. They shade the gills with mid tone and put stem mid tone on the left side with a highlight on the right. Check the shadow direction and layer order.

Answer: The layer order is correct: base, then mid, then highlight. The cap shadow is at the lower edge and the stem shadow is on the left, so both shadows point the same way. The stem highlight on the right is opposite the stem shadow, which is correct. The only check is whether the gills are darker than the cap edge; if not, add a thin mid tone between the gill lines.