Pencil Love Composition: Heart and Lettering

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

On a 12 cm wide composition box, plan the word LOVE with 4 letters. Allow equal spacing. Describe the heart placement and letter guide lines.

Answer: Divide 12 cm by 4 letters to allow about 3 cm per letter including spacing. Draw a baseline 2 cm from the bottom and a midline 1 cm above it for x-height. Place the heart centered above the lettering, with its widest points about 6 cm apart. Lightly mark letter start positions at 0, 3, 6, and 9 cm from the left edge; the fourth letter occupies 9–12 cm, using the full 12 cm width. Check that letters fit within the box and do not overlap the heart.