Realistic Alligator Drawing: Snout, Scutes, and Body Proportions

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 baseline of 16 cm, mark eight equal units. Place the snout tip at 0 cm, the eye at 4 cm, the shoulder at 6 cm, the hip at 12 cm, and the tail tip at 16 cm. Draw a low oval from shoulder to hip with height 3 cm. Add a broad snout from 0 to 4 cm, a straight mouth line, and dorsal scutes from 6 to 16 cm: a fully visible near-side row plus only the raised tops of the far-side row peeking above the back line.

Answer: The drawing shows a low body 3 cm tall at the shoulder, a broad snout 4 cm long, a straight mouth line, and a near-side scute row with far-side scute tops peeking above the back line. The tail tapers from 12 to 16 cm. Check: snout width about 2 cm at tip, eye 2 cm above jaw line, near-side scutes about 1 cm wide and spaced about 1 cm apart (half a unit).