Draw a Snowy Landscape: Drifts, Bare Trees, and Horizon Layers

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 page 20 cm tall, place a horizon line at 13 cm from the bottom. Draw two overlapping foreground drifts in the lower 7 cm, a midground tree cluster between 7 cm and 13 cm, and a light horizon tree line at 13 cm. Describe the tone of each layer.

Answer: Horizon line sits at 13 cm. Foreground drifts occupy 0 to 7 cm with soft curves and light gray shadow on lower sides. Midground trees sit between 7 cm and 13 cm, darker than the horizon line, with tapered branches. The horizon tree line at 13 cm is the lightest element, drawn with short vertical strokes. Foreground drifts overlap tree bases, so tree lines inside drifts are erased.