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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 napkin measures 18 cm by 18 cm and has one vertical crease 9 cm from the left edge. You want a 2 cm margin and a simple leaf shape 10 cm tall. Plan the frame, the crease break, and the tool choice.

Answer: Framed area: 18 minus 2 minus 2 equals 14 cm wide and 14 cm tall. The leaf at 10 cm tall fits inside 14 cm. Place the leaf centered so the vertical crease at 9 cm crosses near its middle. Plan one break at the crease: draw the left half of the leaf, stop at the crease, resume on the right within two pencil-widths of the intended path. Test pen and pencil on a spare corner; if pen skips at the crease, use pencil for guides and pen for the outer contour, breaking at the crease. Check that the leaf stays inside the 14 cm frame and that the break resumes within the allowed tolerance.