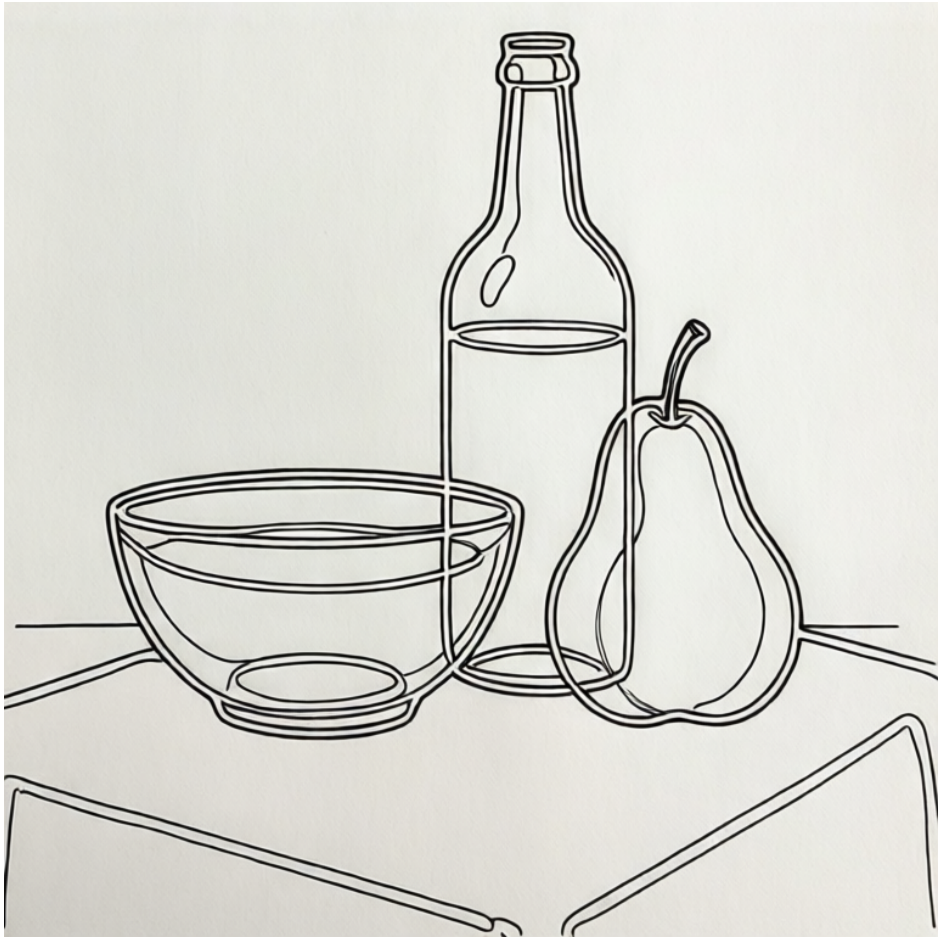
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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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 mug and a small box overlap on a table. The measured distance between the leftmost edge of the mug and the rightmost edge of the box is 14 cm. The measured distance between the top of the mug and the bottom of the box is 10 cm. A single-line contour drawing gives 13 cm and 9 cm for the same distances. Check the drawing against a hypothetical tolerance of 1 cm.

Answer: The first difference is 14 minus 13, which equals 1 cm. The second difference is 10 minus 9, which equals 1 cm. Both differences equal the hypothetical tolerance of 1 cm, so the drawing passes the reference-point check. The continuous-line rule also passes if the tool never lifted from the paper.