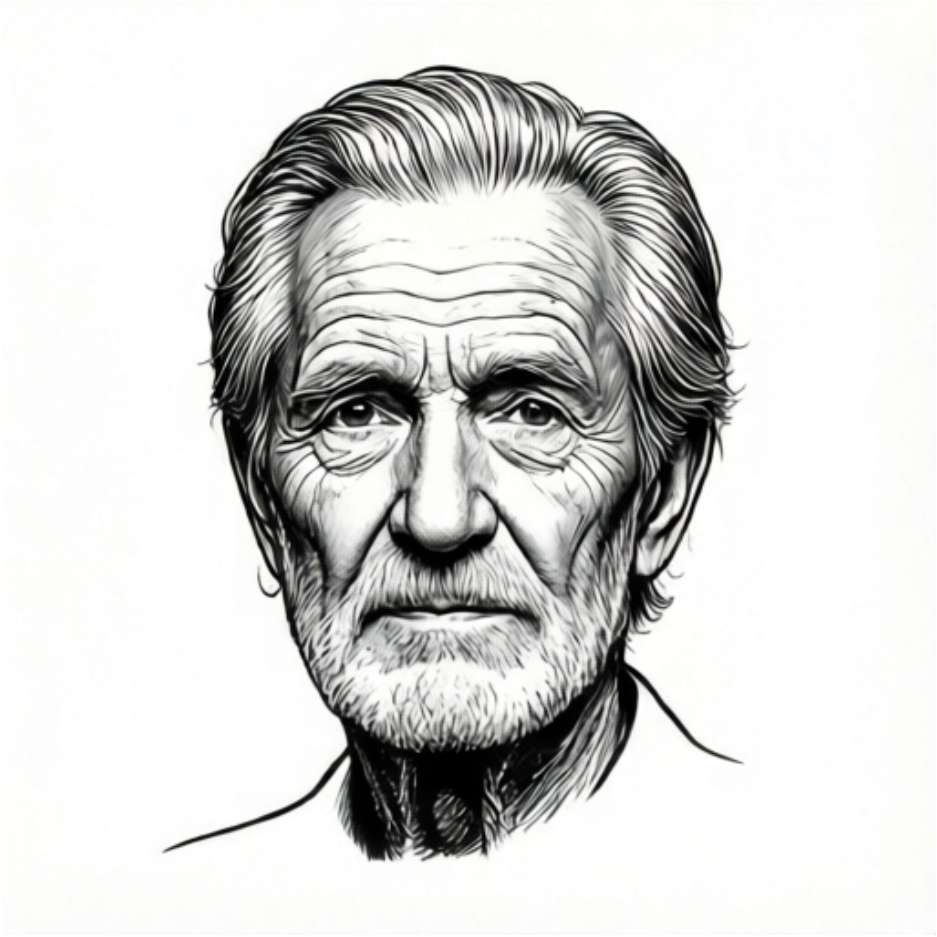
Old Man Face Drawing: Proportions and Age Cues

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 face frame is 18 cm tall. Using the thirds convention, find the brow line, nose base line, and chin line. Then place eye level at the midpoint between brow and nose base, and mouth at one-third from nose base to chin. State the values as hypothetical examples.

Answer: Each third is 18 ÷ 3 = 6 cm. From the top: hairline at 0 cm, brow at 6 cm, nose base at 12 cm, chin at 18 cm. Eye level is the midpoint of 6 cm and 12 cm, so (6 + 12) ÷ 2 = 9 cm from the top. Mouth is one-third from nose base to chin: 12 + (18 − 12) ÷ 3 = 12 + 2 = 14 cm from the top. These are hypothetical examples for an 18 cm frame; measure your own frame.