Pencil Owl Drawing: Graphite Layering and Feather Stroke Practice

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

On a spare sheet, draw three rows of feather strokes with spacings of 1 mm, 2 mm, and 4 mm. Use a 2H pencil and keep strokes tapered. State your measured x-height and explain how it guided the spacing.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

Draw a simple wing shape about 8 cm long. Apply a 2H pass, then an HB pass on the outer edge, then a 2B pass in the feather gaps. Describe the direction of your strokes and the order of passes.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Draw an owl eye about 3 cm wide with a pupil, catchlight, and a ring of short radiating strokes. Use 2B for the pupil edge and 4B only for a small accent. Explain where you placed the catchlight.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Draw a perched owl outline and add a cylindrical perch shadow. Use a 2H pass for the body, HB for the wing edges, and 2B for the perch shadow. Measure your x-height and use it to set one stroke spacing. List the pass order and one value check.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.