Draw Angel Wings: Layered Feather Rows and Curved Silhouette

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 right-facing wing has a shoulder point at (0, 0) and a lower tip at (12, 0) in centimetres on paper. The outer arc bulges 4 cm above the line between them. Three rows are planned. Describe the construction and check the row lengths if the back row is 2 cm, the middle row is 3 cm, and the front row is 4 cm.

Answer: Draw the shoulder and tip 12 cm apart. Draw the outer arc through a point 4 cm above the midpoint, then close with a shallower inner arc. Mark three guides across the shape. Draw the back row first with 2 cm feathers, then the middle row with 3 cm feathers overlapping the back row, then the front row with 4 cm feathers overlapping the middle row. Check: total planned feather length is 2 + 3 + 4 = 9 cm, and each row is longer than the one behind, so layering reads correctly. Keep all tips near the outer arc.