Pencil Sketch Cat: Fur Strokes and Tonal Layering

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

On scrap paper, create a five-step value strip. Label steps 1 to 5. Then draw a small oval and fill it with step 1 strokes only, following the outward convention.

Task 2

Draw a cat head outline with ears. Add step 1 strokes over the whole head, then step 3 strokes inside both ears and under the chin. Do not use step 5.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / independent work

Task 3

Sketch a shoulder slope below a head outline. Apply step 1 strokes downward and outward, then add step 3 along the lower edge. Taper stroke ends at the boundary.

Task 4

Complete a small cat head and shoulders using all five steps. Use step 5 only in the deepest crevices. Compare to your value strip and adjust with a kneaded eraser if needed.