Pencil Sketch Cat: Fur Strokes and Tonal Layering

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 cat head with ears and a shoulder slope is outlined. The value strip has five steps. Describe how to apply layers to the left ear, which is in shadow.

Answer: First apply step 1 strokes across the ear following the outward convention. Then add step 3 strokes inside the ear and along its base. Finally, add step 5 strokes only in the deepest crease at the ear base. Compare to the strip; if too dark, lift with a kneaded eraser.