Ink Animal Textures: Fur Strokes and Scale Patterns

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a 5 cm square fur patch using 10 tapered strokes that all flow from top to bottom. Count your strokes.

Answer: A 5 cm square with 10 tapered strokes flowing downward, each lifting at the tip.

Reason: Ten strokes in a small square create a light fur texture. Tapering and consistent direction are the key criteria.

Check: Count the strokes (should be 10) and inspect each tip for a taper. Check that all strokes flow downward.

Task 2

Draw a staggered scale pattern with 4 rows and 5 columns on a 5 cm square. Add a shadow stroke under each scale's lower edge.

Answer: Four rows of five rounded rectangles, offset by half a scale width, with a short horizontal shadow under each lower edge.

Reason: Staggering creates overlap. Shadow strokes add depth without filling the scale.

Check: Count rows (4) and columns (5). Verify each row is offset from the one above and that every scale has a shadow stroke.

Task 3

Create a combined panel: left half fur with 6 strokes per square centimetre, right half scales with 3 scales per square centimetre (hypothetical values). Draw a clean boundary.

Answer: Left half shows sparse tapered fur strokes; right half shows larger staggered scales. The boundary line is clear with no crossing strokes.

Reason: Density contrast separates the textures. A clean boundary tests transition control.

Check: Compare stroke and scale counts in each half. Inspect the boundary for any fur stroke crossing into the scale region.

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Task 4

Draw a fur patch where strokes curve around a semicircular form, then add a scale patch below it with a horizontal boundary. Use at least 8 fur strokes and 6 scales.

Answer: Fur strokes curve along the semicircle's contour, tapering at the ends. Below the boundary, 6 staggered scales with shadow strokes sit in two rows.

Reason: Curved fur tests direction control. The horizontal boundary tests clean separation between textures.

Check: Check that fur strokes follow the curve and taper. Count at least 8 fur strokes and 6 scales. Verify no stroke crosses the boundary.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Fur strokes taper at the tip and follow a consistent flow direction.
- [ ] Fur density is controlled and comparable between regions.
- [ ] Scale rows are staggered and evenly spaced.
- [ ] Each scale has a defined outline and a shadow stroke under the lower edge.
- [ ] The fur-scale boundary is clean with no crossing strokes.
- [ ] Valid alternatives: cross-hatched fur or varied scale shapes are acceptable if direction, taper, and overlap are maintained.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?