Draw an Eyebrow: Arch, Hair Strokes, and Eye Placement

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

An eye is drawn with a height of 18 mm. Mark a brow-to-eye gap of 9 mm above the top of the eye. Describe where the brow's lower edge should be placed and how you would check the gap at three points.

Answer: The brow's lower edge is placed 9 mm above the top of the eye. Check the gap at the inner start, at the arch peak, and near the outer tail using a ruler or straight edge; all three should read about 9 mm.

Reason: The gap is half the eye height in this hypothetical example. Measuring at three points catches a brow that slopes or drifts.

Check: Measure vertically from the top of the eye to the brow's lower edge at three marked points and compare the readings.

Task 2

A brow is 40 mm long from inner start to outer tail. Place the arch peak about two-thirds of the way along the brow. Calculate the distance from the inner start to the peak and from the peak to the outer tail.

Answer: Two-thirds of 40 mm is about 26.7 mm, so the peak is about 26.7 mm from the inner start and about 13.3 mm from the outer tail.

Reason: Multiply the total length by two-thirds for the first distance, then subtract from the total for the second. The numbers are hypothetical examples.

Check: Add the two distances: 26.7 mm plus 13.3 mm equals 40 mm.

Task 3

Describe the direction of five hair strokes near the inner start, five at the arch peak, and five near the outer tail, using the travel rule from the lesson.

Answer: Near the inner start, strokes lean upward and slightly inward. At the peak, strokes lean upward and outward. Near the tail, strokes lean outward and slightly downward.

Reason: The travel rule keeps the hair flow consistent and prevents a comb-like appearance.

Check: Compare each group of five strokes to the rule and confirm no stroke changes direction abruptly between groups.

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Task 4

A practice brow has a lower edge that is 6 mm above the eye at the inner start, 10 mm at the peak, and 8 mm near the tail. Identify the problem and state one adjustment.

Answer: The brow-to-eye gap is inconsistent. Raise the inner start or lower the peak so the gap is closer to a single value, then re-measure at all three points.

Reason: A brow that drifts up or down relative to the eye looks unstable. Adjusting one end and re-measuring restores consistency.

Check: Measure the gap at the three points again after the adjustment and confirm the readings are within a small, chosen range.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Arch shape rises and falls smoothly without a sharp corner.
- [ ] Brow width is consistent at the start, peak, and tail.
- [ ] Hair strokes follow one travel rule across the whole brow.
- [ ] Brow-to-eye gap is measured and consistent at three points.
- [ ] Inner start and outer tail align believably with the eye corners.
- [ ] Construction marks are light and can be adjusted before final strokes.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted when the three checks pass, even if the arch peak is not centred.

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