Realistic Tiger Drawing: Fur Texture and Facial Proportion

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 student draws a tiger head 90 mm tall. The eye line is 30 mm below the skull top, and the nose pad is 30 mm below the eye line. The chin is 30 mm below the nose pad. The student marks forehead fur arrows pointing up and out, cheek arrows pointing down and back, and muzzle arrows pointing forward and down. They draw ten sample strokes: seven follow the arrows and taper, three are random. What score should they give fur direction on a 0-3 scale, and what is one adjustment?

Answer: Fur direction score: 2 out of 3, because seven of ten strokes follow the convention, which is below the eight-of-ten check. One adjustment: re-mark the flow arrows and redraw the three random strokes so they taper along the correct direction. Proportion check: 30/90 = 1/3 for each third, so proportion is consistent.

Reason: The proportion ratios are each 30/90 = 1/3, matching the guide. The fur check requires at least eight of ten strokes to follow the arrows; seven passes only partially, so a score of 2 is reasonable. The adjustment targets the weakest check without changing the proportion grid.

Check: Re-count ten strokes after adjustment. If at least eight follow the arrows and taper, raise the score to 3. Re-measure the three head thirds to confirm each is close to 30 mm.