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Prompt: Draw a two-tier colored cake on a plate with a single light direction from the upper left. Use a light base, a mid tone, a dark tone, and one accent. Add a short word on the bottom tier using the text convention. Describe the steps and the final check.

Answer: Draw a vertical center line and mark a total cake height of 12 cm (hypothetical). Divide into a 7 cm bottom tier and a 5 cm top tier. Draw the top ellipse of the bottom tier, drop vertical sides, and close with a curved bottom edge. Repeat for the top tier, centered on the bottom tier. Draw a plate ellipse under the bottom tier, extending beyond the cake, with a rim ellipse. Apply the light base evenly across both tiers. Add the mid tone on the lower right of each tier and under the top tier overhang. Add the dark tone under the bottom tier overhang, on the lower right side, and where the cake meets the plate. Add the accent as a narrow band around the bottom tier. Write a short word on the bottom tier with a baseline and midline, keeping x-height consistent. Check: one light direction from upper left, darkest areas under overhangs and on the lower right, plate rim lighter than plate center, text legible with consistent baseline and x-height.