Realistic Barn Drawing: Weathered Siding Texture

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.

Realistic Barn Drawing: Weathered Siding Texture

Worked example / complete source key

A student draws a barn front wall 10 cm wide and 6 cm tall, with boards 1 cm tall. They shade the first board darkest at the baseline and lightest at the midline, but the second board is shaded uniformly dark. Explain how to correct the second board and check the result.

Answer: Re-shade the second board using the convention: darkest at its baseline, blending to lightest at its midline, with a thin darker line at its top edge. Vary its baseline slightly from the first board so the rhythm is not identical. Check by measuring the board height (1 cm) and confirming the midline is at 0.5 cm; squint to see that the two boards now show a repeating value rhythm rather than one flat dark strip.