Pencil Realistic Dog Sketch: Fur Direction and Tonal Layering

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 reference shows a dog with head length 4 cm, torso length 7 cm, and leg length 6 cm. The drawing has head length 3 cm. What torso and leg lengths keep the same ratios, and how should tone be layered?

Answer: Torso ratio is 7 divided by 4, which is 1.75. With a 3 cm head, torso length is 3 times 1.75, equal to 5.25 cm. Leg ratio is 6 divided by 4, which is 1.5. Leg length is 3 times 1.5, equal to 4.5 cm. For tone, apply a light layer across all fur zones following flow arrows, a medium layer on shadow-side planes, and dark accents under the chin and between toes.