Urban Landscape Drawing: Building Blocks and Street Layout

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

On a hypothetical 200 mm by 150 mm sheet, draw a simple urban landscape with two foreground buildings, three midground buildings, a background row, one main street 20 mm wide, and one cross street 15 mm wide. Use flat roofs and a 5 mm label height.

Answer: The sheet is divided into three horizontal bands of 50 mm each. Foreground buildings are 40 mm tall and 30 mm wide, placed left and right with a 20 mm main street between them. Midground buildings are 30 mm tall and 20 mm wide, three across, with the 15 mm cross street running horizontally. Background buildings are 15 mm tall rectangles in a row. Crosswalk dashes appear only at the main-cross intersection. Labels use 5 mm cap height. All numerical values are hypothetical examples.