Mortar and Pestle Drawing: Bowl Form, Rim Ellipse, and Interior Shadow

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

Draw a mortar and pestle on a page where the bowl height is 6 cm. Use a rim ellipse 8 cm wide and 3 cm tall. Place a pestle 7 cm long with its thick end inside the bowl. Shade the interior cavity and leave a rim highlight.

Answer: Draw a light vertical axis. Sketch the rim ellipse 8 cm wide and 3 cm tall. Drop curved sides to a rounded base 6 cm below the rim. Draw a tapered pestle 7 cm long, tilted slightly, with the thick end inside the bowl and the handle above the back rim. Erase hidden lines at the front rim. Shade the back interior and under the pestle darkest, lighten toward the front, and leave a narrow unshaded band along the front rim.