Draw a Realistic Cowboy Boot: Leather Shading and Stitch Detail

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 boot with shaft height 100 mm, foot length 150 mm, heel height 50 mm, and light from upper right. Describe the shading and stitch placement.

Answer: Foot length is 1.5 times shaft height, which fits the 1.4 to 1.6 range. Place the highlight on the upper-right shaft and top-right toe. Put core shadow on the left side of the shaft, under the toe, and at the back of the heel. Add a thin reflected-light band inside the left core shadow. Draw stitch lines along the shaft top, the left side seam, the vamp seam, and the heel block edge, using short dashes angled along each seam with even spacing. Keep stitches darker than the leather and count about five marks per 20 mm section if using 2 mm marks and 2 mm gaps.