Snowy Owl Drawing Step by Step: White Plumage Value Shading

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw a five-step value scale on scrap paper. Label 1 as bare paper and 5 as dark grey. Shade squares 2, 3, and 4 with increasing pressure. Then draw a small oval and shade it only at value 2. Check that the oval still looks white.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

Sketch a perched snowy owl using two ovals: a body oval about three pencil-widths tall and a head oval about one and a half pencil-widths tall. Mark two level eyes in the lower half of the head. Do not shade yet.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

On your construction drawing, add a value 2 layer under the chin and along the lower wing edge. Then add short, broken value 3 marks on the back. Leave the chest and facial disk at value 1.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Finish the owl by adding a narrow value 4 shadow where the wing meets the body and a small value 5 accent at each eye ring. Then compare the whole drawing with your value scale and adjust any area that looks too grey.

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Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.