Contour Eye Drawing: Lid and Iris Edges in Clean Line

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Plan a contour eye 8 cm wide. Upper lid peak 2 cm above the midline, lower lid dip 1 cm below, iris diameter 3 cm centered on the vertical midline. State the three key measurements and one corner check.

Answer: Upper lid peak height 2 cm, lower lid dip 1 cm, iris diameter 3 cm. Corner check: upper and lower lids meet at both corner marks with no gap.

Reason: The measurements define the vertical extents and iris size. The corner check confirms the contour closes at the anchor points.

Check: Measure the peak height, dip depth, and iris width on your drawing and compare with 2 cm, 1 cm, and 3 cm.

Task 2

An eye contour has an upper lid peak 3 cm above the midline and a lower lid dip 2 cm below. What is the total vertical height of the eye opening at the midline? Show the arithmetic.

Answer: 3 cm + 2 cm = 5 cm total vertical height.

Reason: The opening height is the sum of the upper peak height and the lower dip depth measured from the same midline.

Check: Measure from the upper lid to the lower lid at the vertical midline and confirm it is 5 cm.

Task 3

A contour eye is 10 cm wide with corners at L and R. The iris is 4 cm wide and centered 1 cm right of the vertical midline. How far is the iris center from the left corner if the vertical midline is at the midpoint? Show the arithmetic.

Answer: Midpoint is 5 cm from L. Iris center is 1 cm right of midpoint, so 5 cm + 1 cm = 6 cm from L.

Reason: The vertical midline divides the 10 cm width into two 5 cm halves. Moving 1 cm right adds to the distance from the left corner.

Check: Measure from L to the iris center on your drawing and confirm it is 6 cm.

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Task 4

You draw an upper lid that overshoots the right corner by 0.5 cm and a lower lid that stops 0.5 cm short of the right corner. Describe the correction and the final corner condition.

Answer: Erase the 0.5 cm overshoot on the upper lid and extend the lower lid 0.5 cm to the corner mark. The final condition is a single meeting point at the right corner with no gap or crossing.

Reason: Contour edges must meet exactly at the corner. Removing overshoot and extending the short edge resolves both errors.

Check: Check that the upper and lower lid endpoints coincide at the corner mark and that no line extends past it.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Upper lid is a single continuous edge from left corner to right corner.
- [ ] Lower lid is a single continuous edge from left corner to right corner.
- [ ] Upper and lower lids meet at both corners with no gap or crossing.
- [ ] Iris edge is a closed or visible arc with measurable width and height.
- [ ] No shading, tonal marks, or double correction lines are present.
- [ ] Proportions match the stated plan within a small tolerance you define.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?