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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 stool outline has a seat width of 30 cm and leg height of 45 cm. The bottom leg gap is 12 cm wide and the top leg gap is 8 cm wide. Describe how to shade the gaps and check the proportions.

Answer: Shade the background and both leg gaps, leaving the stool white. Make the front gap slightly darker than the back gap. Check the seat-to-leg ratio: 30:45 simplifies to 2:3. Check the gap ratio: 12:8 simplifies to 3:2. Your shaded gaps should narrow from bottom to top in a 3:2 ratio. Measure your drawing with a ruler to confirm the gap widths match these ratios. These numbers are hypothetical examples; measure your own stool and label your values.