Practice Drawing Tattoos: Linework, Contour and Shading Drills

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw five straight lines across a 4 cm by 3 cm box. Measure the width of each line at the start, middle and end with a ruler. Record the three widths in millimetres.

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

Draw one large circle and one S-curve in separate boxes. Trace each three times without lifting the tool. Mark any point where the curve changes radius suddenly.

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 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

In three 1 cm squares, create light, medium and dark stipple tones. Count the dots in each square and record the counts.

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 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Use a blank box to repeat one straight line and one curve without the guide band. Compare each unguided stroke with its guided version and write one specific change to try next time.

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.

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.