Still Life Drawing Exercises: Tonal, Edge, and Composition Drills

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw a five-step value scale in five 2 cm squares. Label each square 1 to 5. Then draw a 4 cm circle and shade it so the lower half is value 4 and the upper half is value 2, with a sharp transition between them.

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 two 5 cm squares side by side. In the left square, shade from value 5 at the bottom to value 1 at the top with a soft transition over at least 8 mm. In the right square, do the same but with a sharp transition within 2 mm. Label each square.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Draw a 10 cm by 12 cm rectangle. Add light third-lines. Place a cylinder and a box so neither sits on a grid line and both have at least 1 cm margin from the edges. Sketch the layout only, no shading.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

In a 6 cm by 8 cm rectangle, place a sphere and a box. Shade the sphere with a soft edge on its upper left and the box with a sharp edge on its lower right. Use at least three values from your scale. Keep a 1 cm margin.

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.