Contour Line Drawing of a Bonsai Tree: A Focused Outline Study

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw a blind contour of a bonsai trunk from base to the first branch junction. Do not look at your paper. The reference shows a trunk that leans slightly to the right and narrows from about five centimeters at the base to about three centimeters at the junction over a vertical distance of eight centimeters. After drawing, describe where your line drifted.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

Using slow contour, draw the outer foliage outline of a bonsai that has three visible bumps on the left side and two recesses on the right side. Keep the line continuous. The foliage mass is about twelve centimeters wide and eight centimeters tall. After drawing, count the direction changes in your line and compare to the reference description.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Draw a slow contour line along the upper edge of a branch that rises at a shallow angle for six centimeters, then turns downward for four centimeters. The branch thickness is about one centimeter. Do not draw the lower edge. After drawing, check whether the line shows the turn and whether the pencil lifted at the turn.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Combine a trunk edge and a foliage outline in one continuous slow contour line. Start at the trunk base, follow the left trunk edge upward for ten centimeters, then continue into the outer foliage outline with at least two bumps. Do not lift the pencil. After drawing, write one sentence about where the line was hardest to keep continuous.

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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.