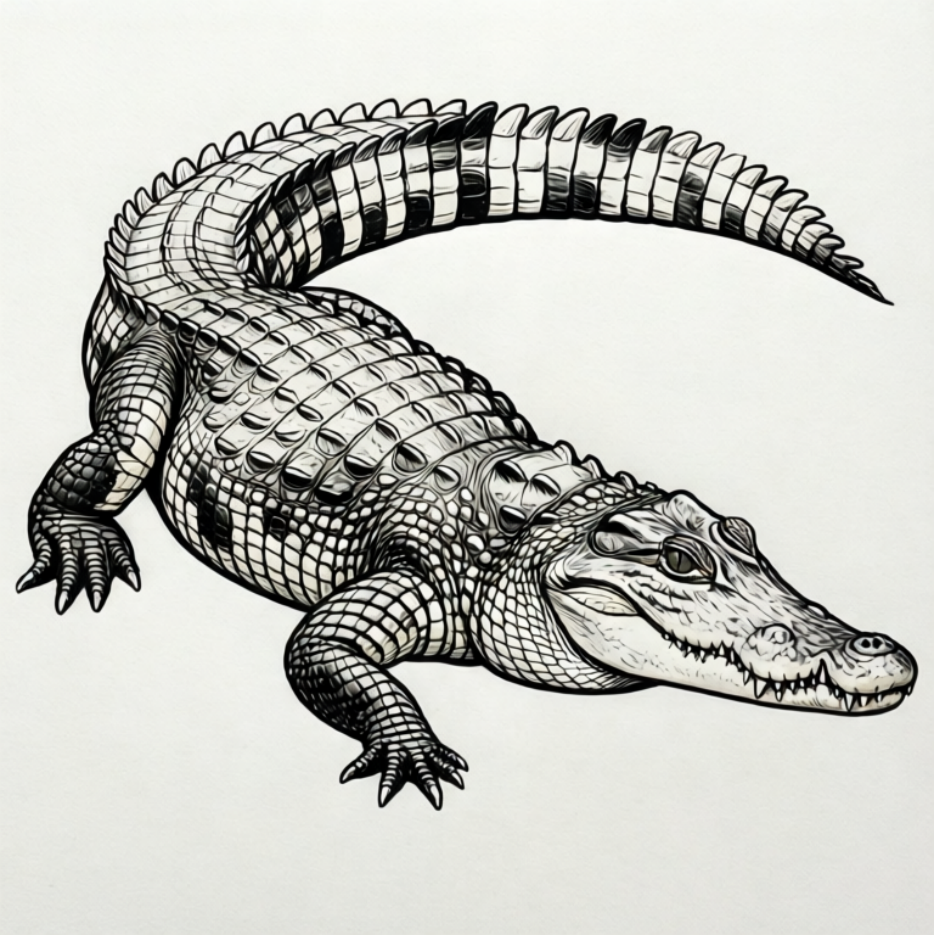
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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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 hide panel has a 3 by 2 grid of cells, each 2 cm wide and 2 cm tall. Light comes from the upper left. Describe how to place ridge lines, bevel shading, and seam shadows on the six plates.

Answer: Draw six rounded rectangles, one per cell, leaving a 2 mm gap. Draw one ridge line across each plate parallel to the long axis. Shade a narrow bevel band on the lower right side of each plate. Place a thin seam shadow in each gap on the lower plate, fading toward the back. Check that all six plates agree with the upper-left light.