Blind-Contour Drawing of a Lamp: A Focused Line Exercise

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw a lamp with a rectangular shade and a square base as one continuous blind contour. Start at the top-left corner of the shade and finish at the bottom-right corner of the base. Do not look at the paper until you finish. Then mark two direction changes and annotate 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 the same lamp twice on one sheet: first a blind contour starting at the shade rim, then a second blind contour starting at the base edge. Keep both lines continuous and do not look between them. After both, mark one place where the two lines differ in direction and write one sentence explaining which matched the lamp better.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Set a lamp with a curved shade and a thin stem. Draw a blind contour that includes the shade curve, the stem, and the base. Use a pencil and keep it touching the paper for the whole drawing. After looking, mark the place where your line changed direction most sharply and state whether that change matched a corner or a curve on the lamp.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Draw a blind contour of a lamp from a side view where the shade hides part of the stem. Start at the visible top of the shade and finish at the visible base edge. Do not draw the hidden part of the stem. After looking, mark one place where you had to pause because the edge disappeared and write what you did.

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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.