Continuous Ink Contour Drawing: One Unbroken Line

Original task 1 / answer and diagram

Task 1 / complete key

Draw a spoon in one continuous ink line. Include the bowl outline, the handle, and one internal edge of the bowl. Use a 10 cm by 10 cm frame.

Answer: A valid answer starts at the bowl tip, curves around the bowl, runs up the handle, returns along the other side of the handle, and closes near the bowl. One internal edge, such as the bowl's inner curve, is included. The line crosses itself once.

Reason: The route covers the silhouette and one internal edge without lifting the pen. Crossings are allowed.

Check: Count pen-down events: one. Look for gaps along the line. Confirm at least one internal edge is present.

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Original task 2 / answer and diagram

Task 2 / complete key

Draw a key in one continuous ink line. Include the bow, the shaft, and two teeth. Keep the line inside a 12 cm by 8 cm frame.

Answer: A valid answer starts at the bow, loops around it, runs along the shaft, turns into the first tooth, returns to the shaft, turns into the second tooth, and ends at the shaft tip. The line may cross at the bow.

Reason: The route links bow, shaft, and two teeth in one mark. The frame is respected.

Check: Check that the line never lifts, that two teeth are described, and that the drawing stays inside the frame.

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Original task 3 / answer and diagram

Task 3 / complete key

Draw a pair of scissors in one continuous ink line. Include both handles, the pivot area, and one blade edge. Use a 15 cm by 10 cm frame.

Answer: A valid answer starts at one handle, loops through it, crosses the pivot area, runs along one blade edge, returns through the pivot, loops through the second handle, and ends near the first handle. The line crosses itself at least twice.

Reason: Scissors require crossings to link handles and blades. The route remains one mark.

Check: Count pen-down events: one. Confirm both handles and one blade edge are described. Check for retracing.

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Original task 4 / answer and diagram

Task 4 / complete key

Draw a small plant pot with one leaf in one continuous ink line. Include the pot rim, the pot base, the stem, and the leaf outline. Use a 12 cm by 12 cm frame.

Answer: A valid answer starts at the rim, goes down the pot side, across the base, up the other side, back to the rim, then up the stem, around the leaf, and back down the stem to the rim. The line crosses once where the stem meets the rim.

Reason: The route links pot and leaf without lifting. The crossing at the rim is allowed.

Check: Check for gaps, separate strokes, and retracing. Confirm the leaf outline and pot base are present.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] One pen-down event: the line is unbroken from start to finish.
- [ ] No retraced segments and no separate shading strokes.
- [ ] Silhouette is described by the continuous line.
- [ ] At least two internal edges are included.
- [ ] Line stays within the chosen frame.
- [ ] Valid alternative routes are accepted if continuity and edge description are present.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?