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Ordinary topic reference / separately checked pixels



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Original worked example / unchanged complete key

Prompt: A upright cup is viewed slightly from above. Its visible rim looks about three pencil-widths wide and one and a half pencil-widths tall. Draw the rim ellipse and check it.

Answer: Mark a horizontal long axis three pencil-widths wide and a vertical short axis one and a half pencil-widths tall, crossing at the center. Sketch four smooth arcs through the endpoints. The ratio is 3 divided by 1.5, or 2:1. Check symmetry across both axes and confirm the curve is rounded, not pointed. The bottom ellipse would be drawn narrower, for example about two and a half pencil-widths wide and one pencil-width tall, but measure your own object rather than copying these hypothetical numbers.