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Prompt: A female portrait silhouette has head height 6 cm, neck width 2 cm, and shoulder span 10 cm. Shade the background with a 1 mm contour gap. Describe the negative-space logic for a gap between the hair and the neck that is background, and one that is hair mass.

Answer: The background gap between hair and neck is shaded because it is true background; the hair-mass gap stays unshaded. The contour gap is 1 mm wide around the silhouette. Ratios: neck:head = 2:6 = 1:3; shoulder:head = 10:6 ≈ 1.67:1. Check at arm’s length that the portrait reads as a light shape with continuous gaps.