Female Portrait Negative Space Drawing: See the Gaps, Draw the Face

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Sketch a simple female portrait silhouette with head height 8 units, neck width 3 units, and shoulder span 12 units. Shade the background with a contour gap of one pencil-line width. Leave all portrait mass unshaded. Describe where you shaded and where you left gaps.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

A portrait has a background gap between the hair and the shoulder that is 2 units wide, and a hair-mass gap that is 1 unit wide. Which gap do you shade, and why? Use the convention from the lesson.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

You measure a head height of 5 cm and a shoulder span of 9 cm. Write the shoulder:head ratio in simplest form. Then state one check you would perform after shading to confirm the contour gap is consistent.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Design a label for your drawing using a consistent letter style. State the x-height convention (baseline to midline) and describe how you would check uniformity across the label without referring to any image.

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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.