Pastel Fish Scales: Layered Color Technique

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

On a 20 cm wide plate, you mark scale centers every 2 cm. You draw 4 rows, each offset by half a scale width. How many scales are in the first row, and what is the offset for the second row?

Answer: First row: 20 ÷ 2 = 10 scales. Second row offset: half of 2 cm = 1 cm to the right (or left) of the first row's centers.