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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

A goat profile is 12 cm wide. The horn gap is 1.5 cm wide, the leg gap is 2 cm wide, and the ear gap is 1 cm wide. You shade the background with a 2 mm unshaded margin along the goat. What is the total width of the three gaps, and why does the margin matter?

Answer: Total gap width is 1.5 + 2 + 1 = 4.5 cm. The 2 mm margin is a hypothetical example chosen to keep the goat outline clear; it is not a universal standard. The margin matters because it separates the unshaded goat from the shaded surround, helping the negative shapes read clearly.