Negative Space Turtle Drawing: Outline and Gap Study

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 reference turtle has a shell width of 80 mm. The front-flipper gap is 16 mm at its narrowest and 24 mm at its widest. A sketch shows a shell width of 80 mm, a narrow gap of 20 mm, and a wide gap of 30 mm. Check the ratios and state the correction.

Answer: Reference ratios: narrow 16/80 = 0.20; wide 24/80 = 0.30. Sketch ratios: narrow 20/80 = 0.25; wide 30/80 = 0.375. Both sketch gaps are too wide. Narrow the front-flipper gap so its narrow width is about 16 mm and its wide width about 24 mm, keeping the shell at 80 mm.