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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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Worked example / complete source key

A standing figure faces the viewer with arms slightly away from the torso. Plan and describe a single continuous contour route that enters the arm gap and returns to the outer edge.

Answer: Start at the crown of the head. Move down the left side of the head to the neck, then out to the left shoulder. Continue down the outer left arm to the wrist, then cross over the line at the wrist to enter the gap between the arm and torso. Move up the inner arm to the armpit, cross back over the line to the torso edge, and continue down the left side of the torso to the hip. Move down the outer left leg to the ankle, cross over the line to the inner ankle, move up the inner leg to the crotch, cross back over the line, and continue down the right leg to the ankle. Move up the outer right leg to the hip, up the right side of the torso to the right armpit, cross over the line to enter the right arm gap, move down the inner arm to the wrist, cross back over the line, and continue up the outer right arm to the shoulder. Move to the right side of the neck and up to the crown, closing the line. The line crosses over itself at the wrists, armpits, and crotch, and remains one unbroken stroke.