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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 tail outline is 12 cm long with a hypothetical row height of 1.5 cm. How many full rows fit before a two-row fin-transition zone, and how should the last full row relate to the first transition row?

Answer: Twelve divided by 1.5 equals 8 rows total. Reserve the last two rows for the transition, leaving 6 full scale rows. The last full row should overlap the first transition row by about one third, and the first transition row should be slightly flatter and wider than the row above.