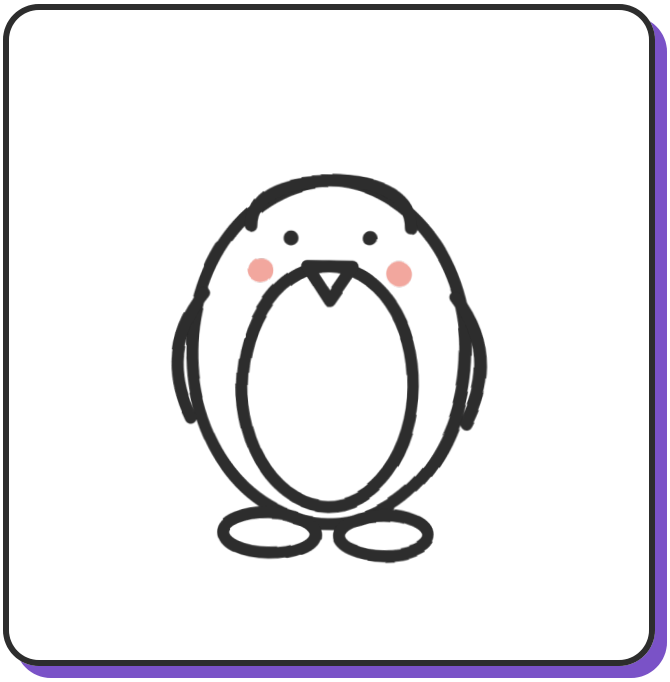
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Shading Practice

value ladders, hatching, and round-looking balls



Shading practice

press light to heavy - pencil only

1. Value ladder

Copy each shade. Lightest touch on the left, hardest press on the right.



2. Hatch rows

Fill each box with parallel lines - closer together = darker.



3. Ball with a shadow

Shade the ball darkest at the bottom-left. The ground shadow goes right.



Shading practice 2

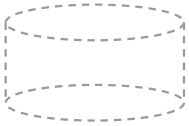
same pencil, more tricks

4. Cross-hatch

Second layer of lines at an angle over the first - darker where they cross.

5. Cylinder fade

Darkest at the edges, lightest in the middle - that is what makes it round.



6. Shade a doodle

Pick any object on your desk. Draw it big, then shade it with the ladder.

Shade these next

draw the steps, then shade the finished one

Penguin

●○○ ~5 min



step 4



step 5



step 6



finished

Happy Star

●○○ ~5 min



step 2



step 3



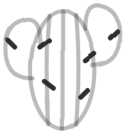
step 4



finished

Cactus

●○○ ~5 min



step 4



step 5



step 6



finished

7-day drill tracker

tick every day you practice - 5 min counts

☐ **1** warm-up + one drill	☐ **2** warm-up + one drill	☐ **3** warm-up + one drill	☐ **4** warm-up + one drill
☐ **5** warm-up + one drill	☐ **6** warm-up + one drill	☐ **7** warm-up + one drill	**week 2? start over, try to beat week 1**

Steady hands come from reps, not talent. Keep the sheet on your desk.

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