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Hairline

Build responsive line illustrations

Official sources. Practical steps.
Choose a task and make it repeatable.

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Understand the tools. Follow official setup.
Keep a small example you can verify.

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Choose a clear visual idea

Start with one illustration that explains a product benefit.

What Hairline provides

Hairline is a skill and rendering toolkit for clean, pointer-reactive line illustrations. The project includes design rules and a create workflow for turning a written idea into an animated component.

Describe the job

Name the placement, audience and metaphor: for example, a small stack of documents becoming one organized workspace. Specify the available width, background and maximum height before requesting concepts.

Pick one concept

Ask for two distinct concepts, then choose one before implementation. Keep the illustration focused on a single action. A hero section, pricing feature and mobile screen need different amounts of detail.

Find the actual skill

Use lucasmarkes/hairline, not a similarly named package. The README documents the hairline-create skill and the @lucasmarkes/hairline renderer. Follow the current setup instructions for your coding assistant.

Make movement purposeful

Treat animation as part of the interface, then inspect it in context.

Write a bounded request

Example: Create a line illustration of three documents joining one folder. Show two concepts first. Keep it inside a 420 by 300 area. Use the existing site colors and make pointer movement subtle.

Define rest and response

Describe the resting pose, the pointer response and the return to rest. Avoid movement that hides labels or makes the illustration feel detached from the surrounding page.

Review the real component

Check narrow and wide layouts, clipping, pointer exit and offscreen behavior. Verify that reduced-motion settings produce a useful static or restrained alternative. Keep text and important controls outside moving artwork.

Save the useful version

Keep the prompt, chosen concept and component together. The repository uses the MIT license; retain its required notices when sharing modified software. Your own media and any additional assets need their own rights.

Official sources

Consult current upstream setup, licenses and service terms.

Hairline

https://github.com/lucasmarkes/hairline

Resource and access

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