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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

Construct a relaxed open hand using a palm circle 4 cm across. The middle finger arc is 5 cm, the index and ring arcs are 4.5 cm, and the little finger arc is 3.5 cm. The thumb is placed at a 45-degree angle from the side of the circle.

Answer: Draw the 4 cm palm circle and mark its center. Add a short wrist line at the bottom. Draw the index finger as three connected arcs totaling about 4.5 cm, then the middle finger at about 5 cm, the ring finger at about 4.5 cm, and the little finger at about 3.5 cm. Place the thumb at a 45-degree angle from the side using two arcs. Erase the center dot and guide lines. Check that the middle finger is the longest and that all arcs connect without gaps.