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Prompt: Draw a foreshortened hand pointing toward the viewer with the palm facing you. Use the convention: palm facing viewer, fingers toward viewer and slightly down, thumb on the left. Use a hypothetical x-height of 10 mm. Show at least two overlap edges and three palm depth cues.

Answer: Bounding box 30 mm wide by 40 mm high. Perspective axis from wrist center to middle fingertip. Palm oval 20 mm by 25 mm. Knuckle arc across the top. Finger lengths drawn and recorded in x-heights: middle 1.4, index 1.2, ring 1.2, little 0.9 (at the hypothetical 10 mm x-height these are 14 mm, 12 mm, 12 mm, 9 mm). Overlap: index stops at middle finger edge; ring stops at middle finger edge. Palm cues: heel curve, knuckle ridge, thumb-side plane. Check: nearer fingers shorter than flat lengths; two overlap edges; three depth cues present.