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Prompt: Draw a palm-down relaxed hand with five fingers, using the convention and ratios. Apply oval nails to all fingers and add fingertip detail. Use a palm 3 by 4 units, middle finger 1.2 times palm height, index and ring 1.1 times, little finger 0.9 times. Nail width 0.6 of fingertip width, nail length 0.5 of fingertip length.

Answer: A completed line drawing showing a palm 3 by 4 units, four fingers along the top with lengths index 4.4, middle 4.8, ring 4.4, and little 3.6 units, and a thumb angled from the side with its tip about 1.5 units below the index fingertip (a chosen example value, noted beside the drawing; 1.5 is roughly one-third of the 4.4-unit index finger length, but the vertical drop is not itself one-third of the finger length). Each fingertip has a centered oval nail at 0.6 width and 0.5 length of the fingertip, with a free-edge line, one pad line, one highlight, and a shadow under the free edge. The fingertips form a gentle arc and the nails stay inside the outlines.