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Prompt: Construct a back-of-hand drawing at a three-quarter view using the convention. The hand mass is 3 units wide and 2 units tall; the wrist is 1.5 units wide and 1 unit tall. Place four knuckle points along an arc that rises 0.3 units from index to middle, then falls 0.2 units to the little finger. Draw four tendon lines from the wrist to the knuckles and refine the wrist transition.

Answer: Block in the hand mass and wrist rectangle. Mark the knuckle arc with the middle knuckle highest. Draw four light tendon lines that converge at the wrist and spread to the knuckles. Refine the wrist transition with a soft curve. Shade lightly along the tendon lines and under the knuckle arc, keeping light from the upper left. Check that the knuckle spacing is roughly equal and that each tendon line ends at a knuckle point.