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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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

Draw a hand gripping a vertical cylinder about two finger-widths wide, seen from a three-quarter view with the thumb side toward the viewer. Use the palm block, finger-wrap sequence, and thumb opposition described in the lesson.

Answer: The cylinder is drawn as a closed rounded rectangle with a centerline. A rounded palm block sits behind it, touching the cylinder at the palm heel. The knuckle line curves gently parallel to the cylinder's long axis. The index finger wraps first, crossing the cylinder and bending at its visible joint, with its tip pressing into the far edge. Middle, ring, and little fingers follow in order, each tapered and spaced from the knuckle line. The thumb attaches near the palm heel on the viewer's side, angles toward the index finger, and bends around the cylinder's curve. A check line from thumb tip to index fingertip crosses the cylinder surface. Contact edges at the palm heel and fingertips are darkened, and overlaps are corrected so no finger passes through the cylinder.