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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

A learner blocks two palm masses. The nearer hand's palm length is 6 units from wrist center to knuckle line, and its finger length is 5 units. The farther hand's palm length is 5 units and its finger length is 4 units. The wrist angle is set to a hypothetical 30 degrees. Describe the overlap order and check the proportion.

Answer: Nearer hand ratio is 5 divided by 6, about 0.83. Farther hand ratio is 4 divided by 5, 0.8. Both ratios are close, so the hands look consistent. The nearer hand sits in front at the wrist crossing. At each finger crossing, mark a tick and draw the nearer hand's finger outline last where it passes in front. Check that each thumb base matches its palm orientation before adding detail.