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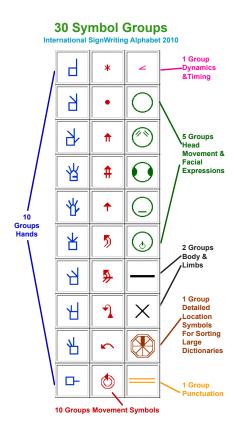
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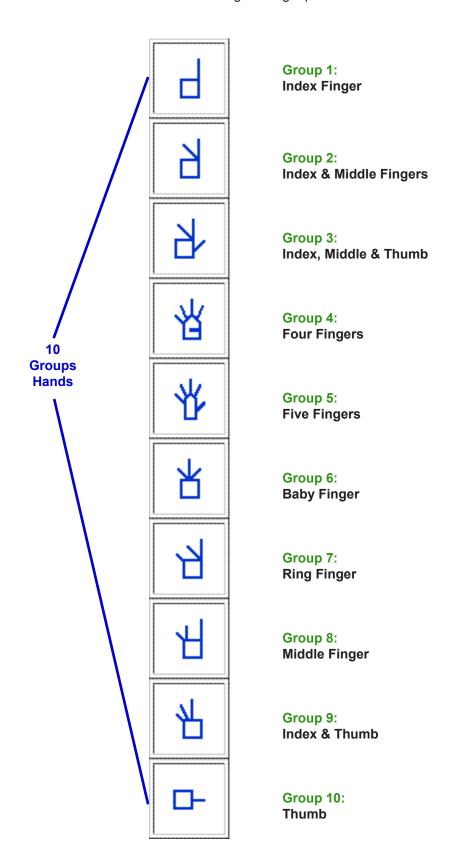
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10 Hand Symbol Groups

in the International SignWriting Alphabet 2010



Rootshapes

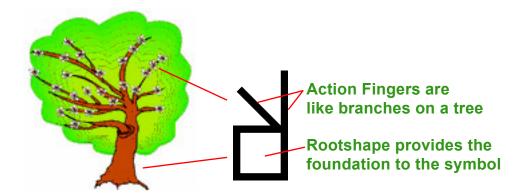
Like roots to a tree, Rootshapes provide the foundation for all hand symbols in the International SignWriting Alphabet (ISWA 2010). There are 13 Rootshapes.

Rootshapes are determined by the shape of the LOWEST finger in the handshape. For example, a square for a TIGHT Fist must have at least one finger touching the palm of the hand. A circle for an OPEN fist, has at least one finger close to the palm of the hand, but not touching the palm of the hand.

	Rootshape 01: Tight Fist Tight Fist: At least 1 finger touches palm
	Rootshape 02: Fist Thumb Under Tight Fist: At least 1 finger touches palm with thumb under it
Ð	Rootshape 03: Fist Thumb Across Tight Fist: At least 1 finger rests on top of thumb across palm
0	Rootshape 04: Circle At least 1 fingertip touches thumbtip in a curve or At least 1 curved finger is close to palm of hand
9	Rootshape 05: Curlicue At least 1 fingertip touches inside middle of thumb
	Rootshape 06: Claw At least 1 finger is bent at Middle Joint & Tip Joint
\mathbb{P}	Rootshape 07: Hook At least 1 finger is bent at Middle Joint, touching thumb tip
©	Rootshape 08: Cup At least 1 finger is curved at the Middle Joint & Tip Joint. There is NO bend or curve at the Knuckle Joint.
	Rootshape 09: Oval At least 1 finger is curved at all three joints: Knuckle Joint, Middle Joint and Tip Joint.
	Rootshape 10: Hinge At least 1 finger bends at the Knuckle Joint, while the Middle Joint and Tip Joint lock completely straight.
7	Rootshape 11: Angle The Hinge, with fingertips and thumb tip touching
Ġ	Rootshape 12: Flat Thumb Across Thumb across palm, four fingers straight up with no bends
	Rootshape 13: Flat Five fingers straight up with no bends

Action Fingers

Once the Rootshape is established, the lines for the fingers are attached. The finger lines are called Action Fingers. They extend from the root of the hand like branches on a tree. Action Fingers are more important than the Rootshape, because they are looked at first, just as observers look at the branches of a tree first. Readers focus on Action Fingers first, since they give meaning to the handshape.



2008 Standardization of Hand Symbols

Over a 34 year period, from 1974-2008, thousands of people used SignWriting to write their sign languages, and through this natural process, the writing system improved. Today, in 2010, SignWriting is more compact and streamlined because of this important natural evolution. Back in 1998, the hand symbols were working relatively well and remained the same for a decade. But there was one inconsistency with finger direction and palm facing, relating only to the white palm symbols, that was finally resolved with the development of the International SignWriting Alphabet 2008. The white palm facing symbols now relate to the Center of the Body like all other hand symbols. This book documents the 2008 Standardization of Hand Symbols: ALL hand symbols consistently relate to the Center of the Body.

A Series of Five Manuals

This manual, Part 2, documents every hand symbol in the International SignWriting Alphabet 2010. Some writing instruction can be found in the beginning and at the end of this manual, but generally this is a reference manual showing what each symbol represents. How to write documents using these symbols will be presented in Part 5, which will include information on SignSpellings, punctuation of sign sentences and writing role shifting in three Lanes. There will be five separate manuals in this series, that in time will be consolidated into one large volume:

The SignWriting Reference Manual

Part 1: SignWriting Basics

Part 2: SignWriting Hand Symbols

Part 3: SignWriting Movement Symbols

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Part 5: SignWriting Literature Composition



Expressive Front View

Signs are written from the signer's expressive viewpoint. Imagine standing BEHIND the signer, copying what the signer does and feels.



Palm of Hand

The palm of the hand is written with a white or hollow symbol.

Front View Parallel with Wall Plane

The hand is parallel to the Front Wall. The white symbol shows that the palm faces towards your body, towards the reader.



Side of Hand

The side of the hand is written with a symbol that is half-white and half-dark. The half-white section shows the direction of the palm. The half-dark section represents the back of the hand.

Front View Parallel with Wall Plane

The hand is parallel to the Front Wall. The thumb of the hand faces towards your body.



Back of Hand

The back of the hand is written with a black or filled-in symbol.

Front View Parallel with Wall Plane

The hand is parallel to the Front Wall. The black symbol shows that the back of the hand faces towards your body.

Expressive Top View

Signs are written from the signer's expressive viewpoint. Imagine looking down on the position of the signer, from a bird's eye view.



Palm of Hand

Top View Parallel with Floor Plane

The hand is parallel to the floor. You are looking down at your palm from overhead. The white symbol has a space at the knuckle joint representing the Horizon Line. A hand symbol with the Horizon Line crossing over the knuckles means the hand is "parallel with the floor" read from the Top View.



Side of Hand

Top View Parallel with Floor Plane

The hand is parallel to the floor. You are looking down at the side of your hand (your thumb) from overhead. The hand symbol has a space at the knuckle joint representing the Horizon Line. A hand symbol with the Horizon Line crossing over the knuckles means the hand is "parallel with the floor" read from the Top View.



Back of Hand

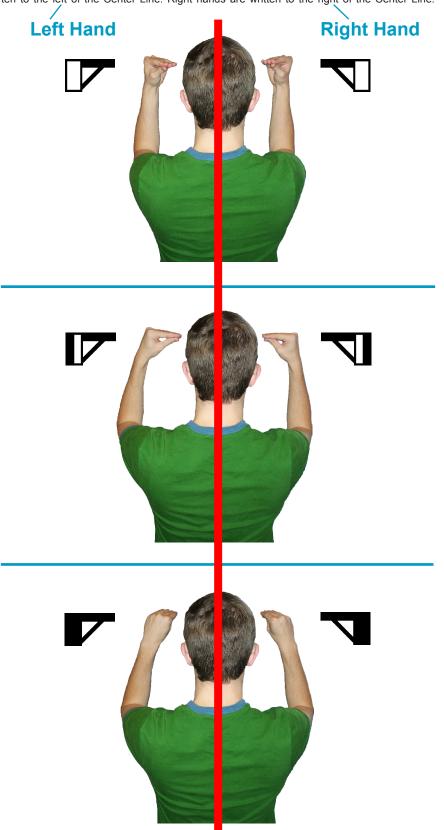
Top ViewParallel with Floor Plane

The hand is parallel to the floor. You are looking down at the back of your hand from overhead. The hand symbol has a space at the knuckle joint, representing the Horizon Line. A hand symbol with the Horizon Line crossing over the knuckles means the hand is "parallel with the floor" read from the Top View.



Hands Relate to Center

In the International SignWriting Alphabet, all hand symbols are designed to relate to the Center of the Body. Imagine a Center Line going down the center of your body. The **Majority of Action Fingers** are directed towards the center. Left hands are written to the left of the Center Line. Right hands are written to the right of the Center Line.





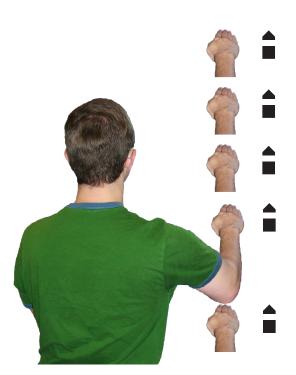
The Wall Plane

Hand symbols parallel to the Front Wall look the same whether they are far from the chest, close to or touching the chest, or behind the body. You can FEEL the position of the palm facing. It remains the same symbol no matter how close or far it is.



The Floor Plane

Hand symbols parallel to the Floor look the same whether they are high above the head, in the middle in front of your chest, or low at hip level. You can FEEL the position of the palm facing. It remains the same symbol no matter how high or low it is.





Hands Pointing to the Side

Hand symbols with the fingers pointing to the side can be written from the Front View, parallel to the Front Wall Plane, or from the Top View, parallel to the Floor Plane. Both symbols are correct, since side-to-side can be seen from the Front View or the Top View. Choose to write the simpler symbols seen from the Front View, parallel to the Front Wall, since they are less complicated for quick reading:



Choose the Front View

The Front View writes the palm of the hand with a white or hollow symbol.

Front View Is Easer to Read

When the fingers point to the side wall, it is best to write the symbol parallel to the Front Wall because the symbol is easier to read.



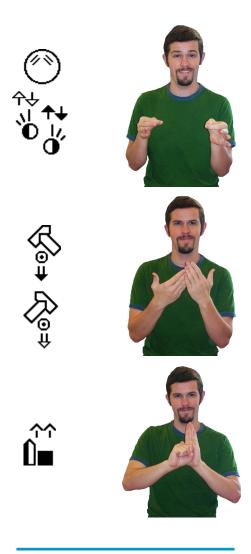
Top View Is Correct but...

The Top View of the hand is written with a half-white half-dark symbol with the Horizon Line across the knuckles.

Top View Is Harder to Read

When the fingers point to the side wall, it is correct to write the symbol parallel to the Floor, but it is harder to read and therefore not recommended.





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The Index Finger



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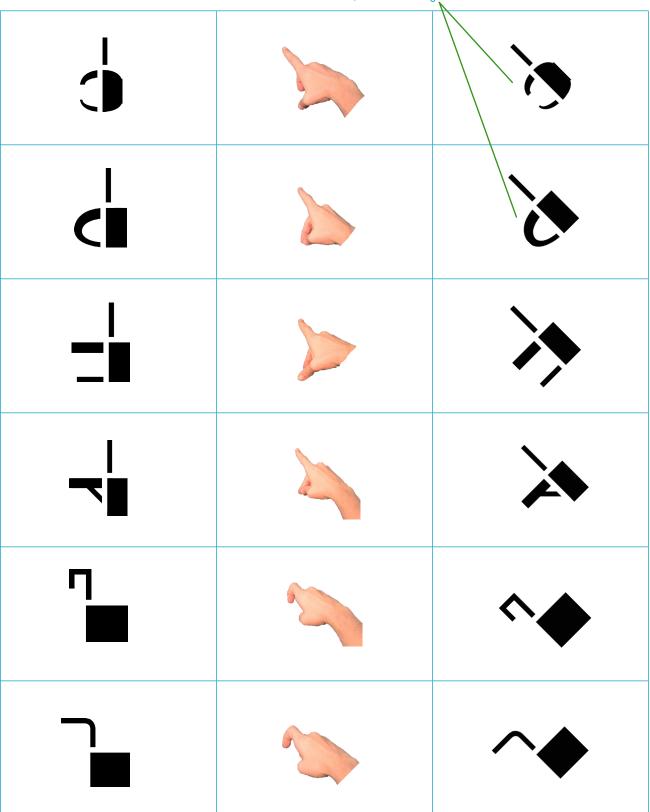
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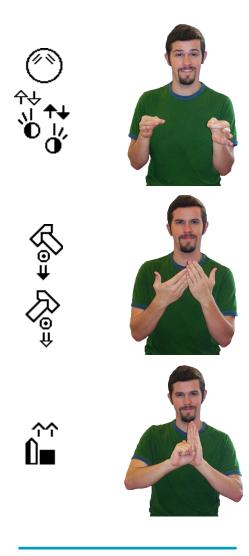


Finger Direction Is Meaningful

Two ways to write the same position: The Top View of the Back of the Hand can be written at a slant. Some writers feel this looks more like real life, because the fingers are directed down.







Chapter 2



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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
7 7	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
7 7	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
1	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Raised Knuckles

Ď	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
_	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Hinge

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ľ	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
99	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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Index Up, Middle Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
•	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Hinge, Middle Up

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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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Index Middle Unit

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Index Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Middle Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Cup

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Cross

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Cross on Circle

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Ö	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
4	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Bent Over Index

3	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
B	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
\(\frac{\partial}{\partial}\)	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



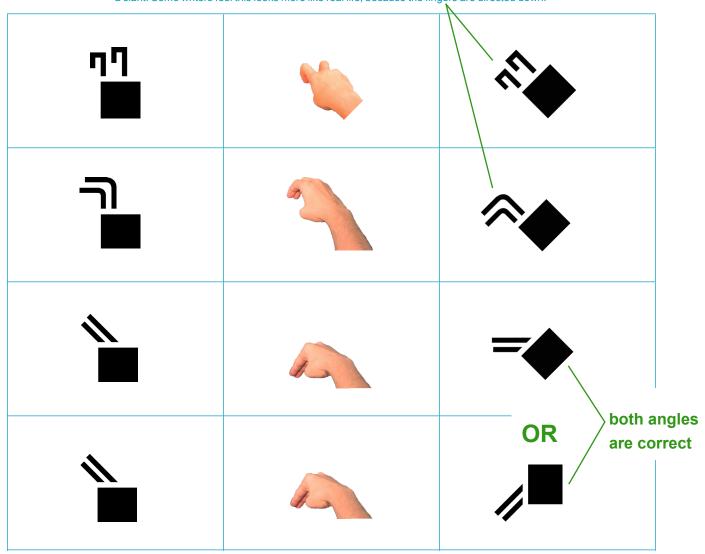
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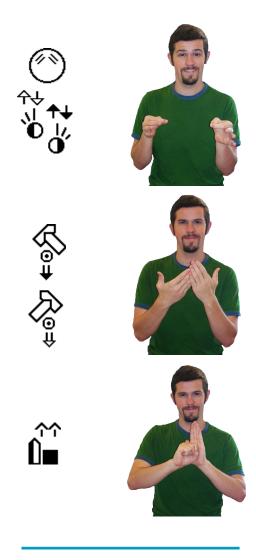
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	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Finger Direction Is Meaningful

Two ways to write the same position: The Top View of the Back of the Hand can be written at a slant. Some writers feel this looks more like real life, because the fingers are directed down.





Chapter 3



Group 3: Index Middle Thumb

All Hands With Three Action Fingers:
Index Finger, Middle Finger & Thumb

Index Middle Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb on Circle

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
8	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Straight, Thumb Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Middle Bent, Thumb Straight

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
7n -	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
П п	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
77 - 1	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
77	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
η η □ ■=	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Hinge Spread, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Up, Middle Hinge, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

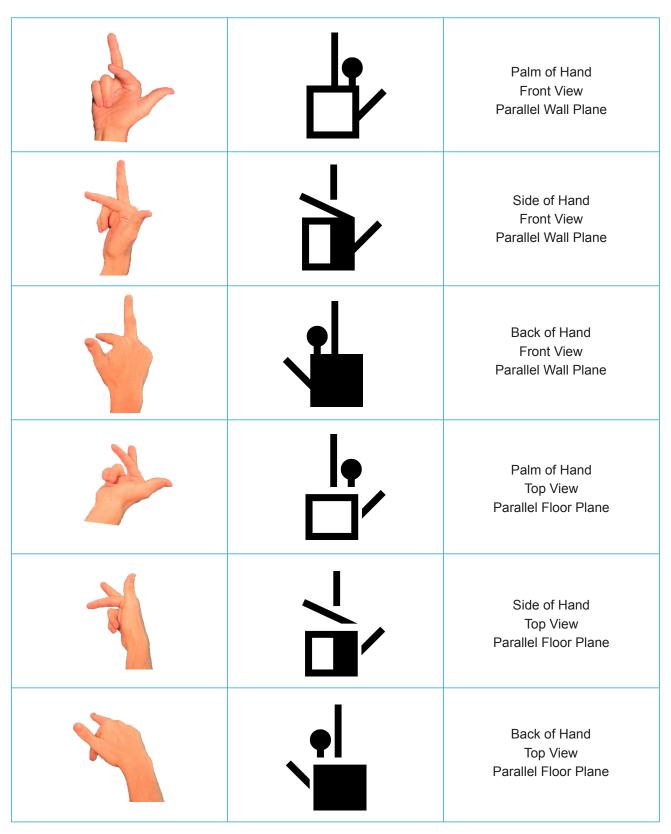


Index Up, Middle Hinge, Thumb Unit

₽	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
• I	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Hinge, Middle Up, Thumb Side





Index Middle Up Spread, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb Cup

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb Circle

Ф	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Ĉ	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
G	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb Hook

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Z	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
Z	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Between Index Middle Straight

	7	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Q 1	之口	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	之口	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
		Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Thumb Side Unit

Ц	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Middle Unit, Thumb Side Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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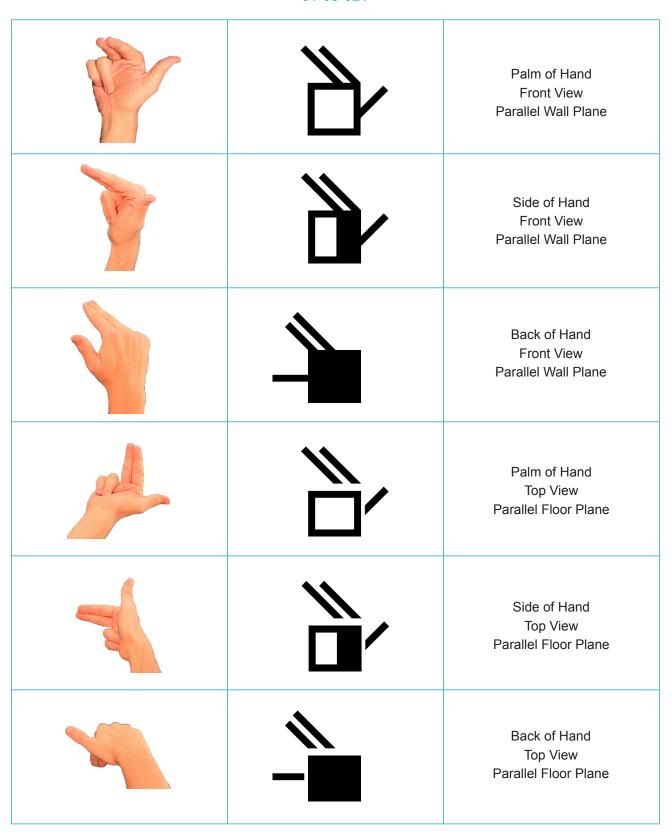
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	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
2	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Thumb Hook, Middle Up

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit Hinge, Thumb Side





Index Middle Cross, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Unit, Thumb Forward

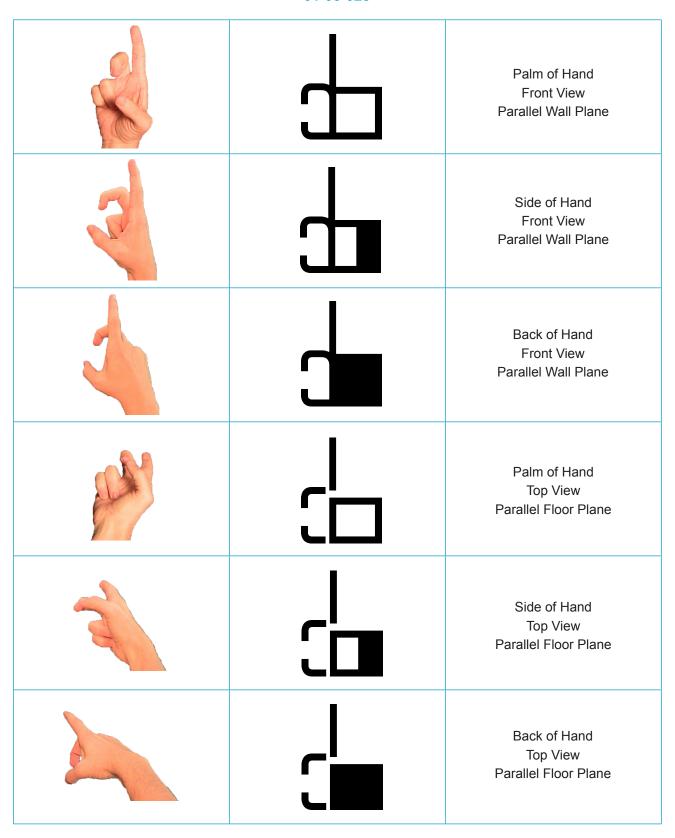
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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Middle Unit Cup, Thumb Forward

1	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Cup, Index Up





Index Thumb Cup, Middle Up

<u></u>	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Circle, Index Up

ф	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
d	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
c <mark> </mark>	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
c	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Circle, Index Hinge

9	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
C □	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
C	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Angle Out, Middle Up

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Angle In, Middle Up

H	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Circle, Middle Up

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
C L	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb, Unit Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Thumb, Angle Out

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
1	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
† □	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
†	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

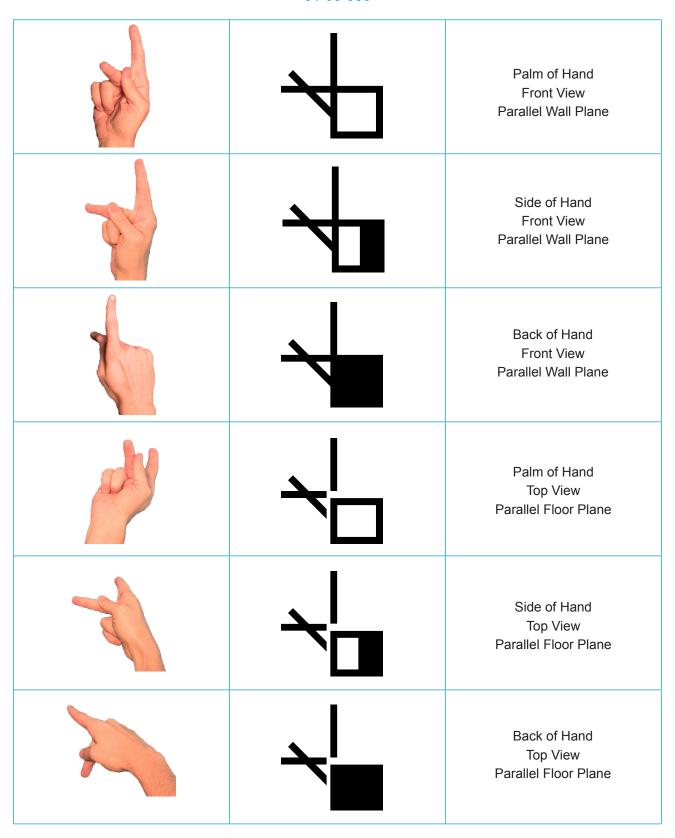


Index Middle Thumb, Angle

T	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
₹	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
7	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
70	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
=	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Angle Out, Index Up





Middle Thumb Angle Out, Index Crossed

*	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
*	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
*	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Angle, Index Up

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

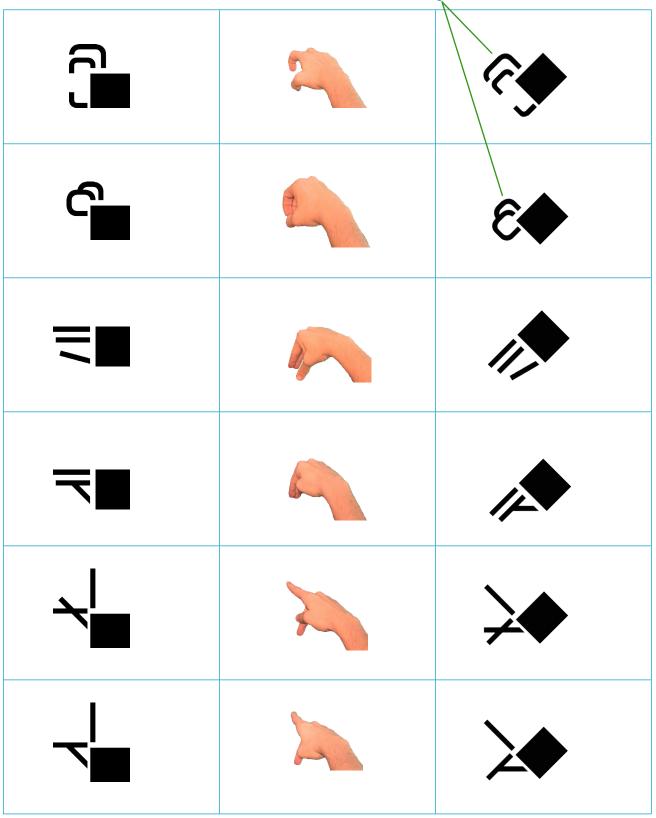
Index Thumb Hook, Middle Hinge

1	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
₹ □	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
-	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

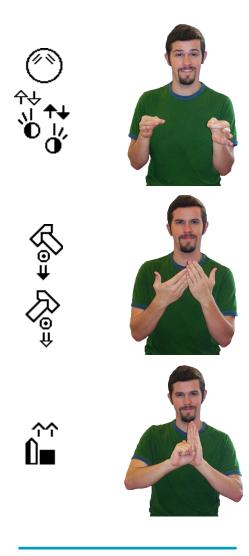


Finger Direction Is Meaningful

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Chapter 4



Group 4: Four Fingers
All Hands With Four Action Fingers
Thumb Must Be Across Palm



Four Fingers Spread

A	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
当	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Spread Bent

AJ .	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
H.	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
12	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
777	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
7777	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Spread Hinge

		Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	E	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
		Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
Poor 1		Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Unit

A	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
A	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Ĝ	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Unit Split

A	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Unit Claw

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Unit Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Four Fingers Unit Hinge

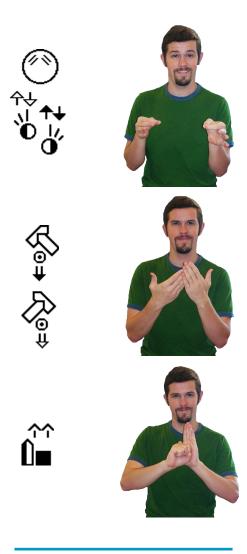
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	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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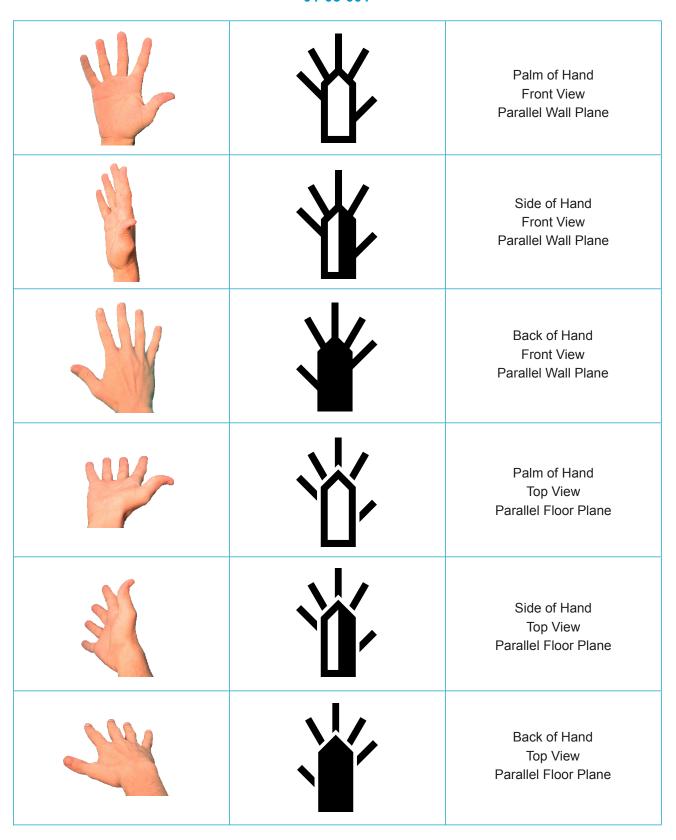
Chapter 5



Group 5: Five Fingers
All Hands With Five Action Fingers
5 Fingers Spread or Together



Five Fingers Spread



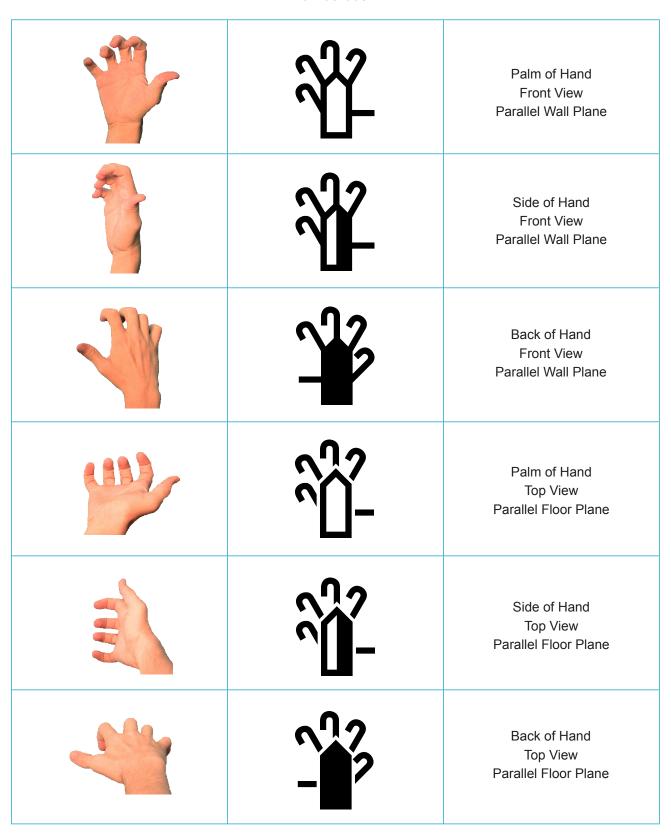


Five Fingers Spread Heel

<u> </u>	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
✓	Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread, Four Bent





Five Fingers Spread, Four Bent Heel

	C(3)	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
		Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	ξŪ	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
		Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
4000	\ <u>(()</u>	Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
		Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread Bent

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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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Five Fingers Spread, Bent Heel

	ري	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
		Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	€ <u></u>	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
		Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	ر <u>دد</u> ی،	Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
RIF		Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Y	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Five Fingers Spread Cup

3	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
3	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
3	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
ED	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
ED	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread Cup Open

3)	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
3	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
ΞD	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
ED	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread, Hinge Open

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
3	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
ED	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
ĒD	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread Oval

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Five Fingers Spread Hinge, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Five Fingers Spread Hinge, No Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Flat Hand

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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Note: See page 152 & 293 for more information and instruction.

Flat Hand, Between Palm Facings

	Between Palm of Hand and Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Between Side of Hand and Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Between Palm of Hand and Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Between Side of Hand and Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Flat Heel

	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane

Flat, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Flat, Thumb Side Heel

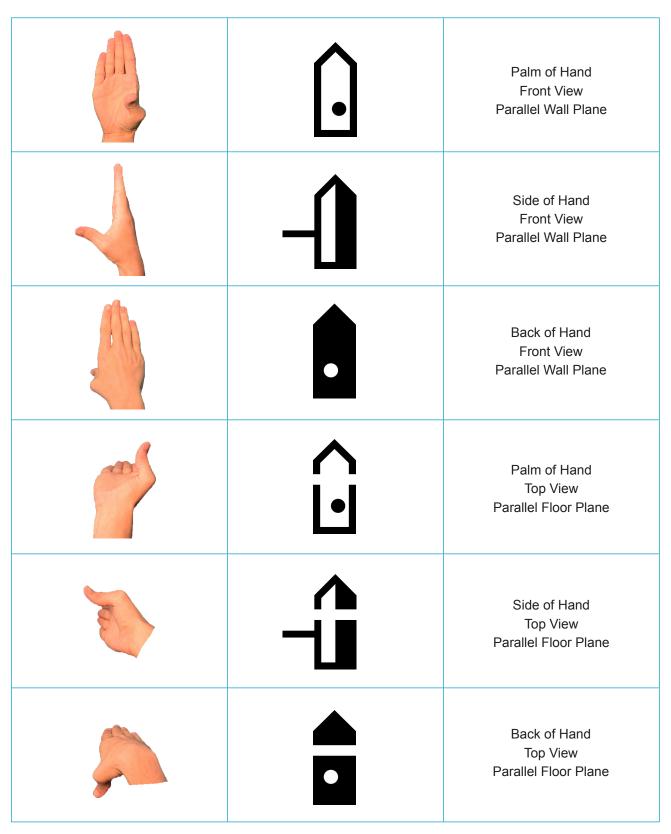
	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
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Flat, Thumb Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Flat, Thumb Forward





Flat Split Index, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
<u>\</u>	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
1 -	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Flat Split Center

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
M	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Flat Split Center, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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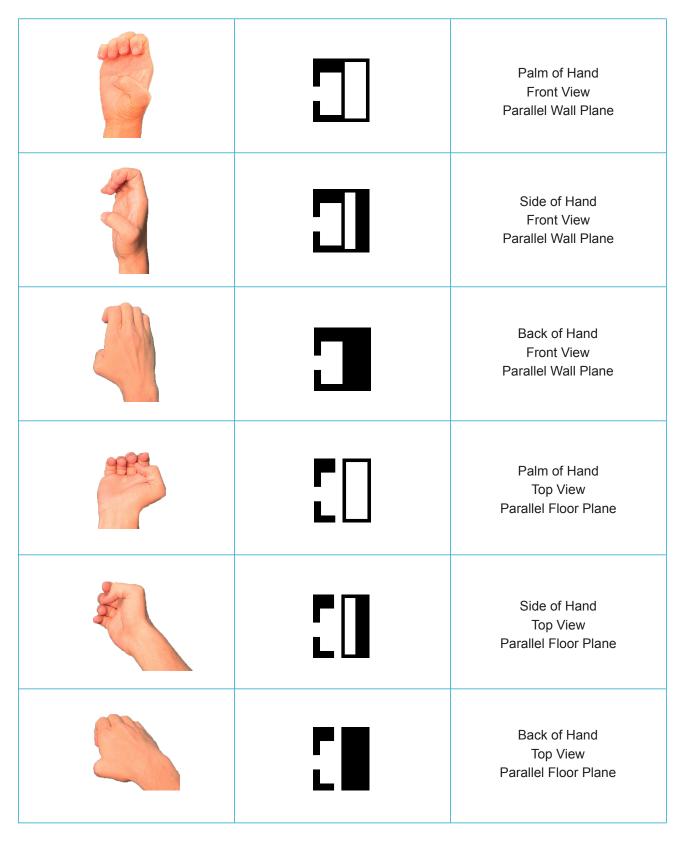
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Flat Split Baby

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
L	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Claw



Claw, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
F	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Claw, No Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Claw, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hook Curlicue

		Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
35	~	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	4	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	4	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
\	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
5	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
5	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup Open

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
3	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup Open, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
7	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup Open, No Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup, No Thumb

1	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
1	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup Open, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Cup, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
1	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Curlicue Open

9	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
•	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
S	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
9	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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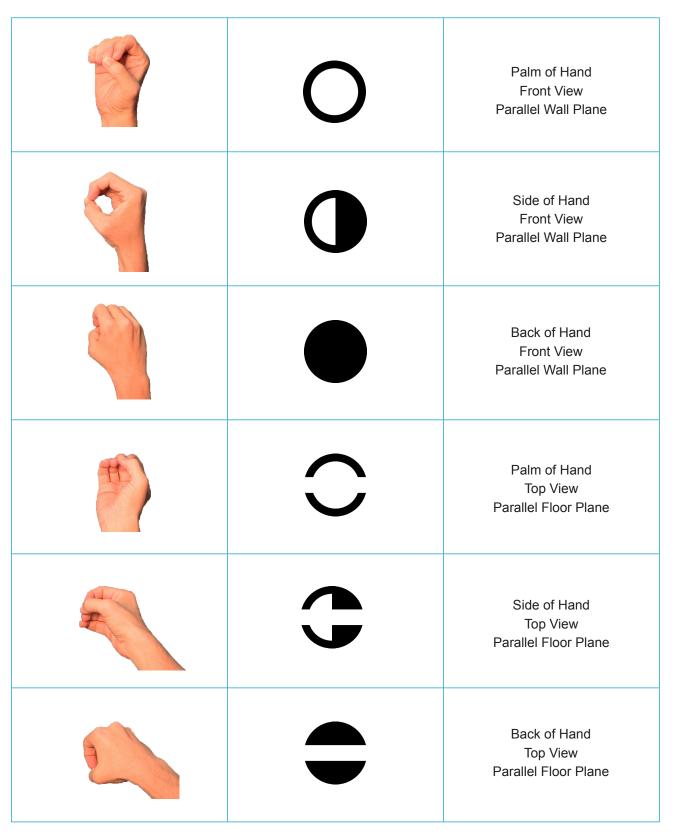


Curclicue

9	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
9	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Circle





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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Oval, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Oval, No Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Oval, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge Open

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge Open, Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Hinge 01-05-050

Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge Small

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
~ []	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
-	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Hinge Open, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
\(\)	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
\	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
_ -	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
) -	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge Open, No Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge, No Thumb

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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Hinge, Thumb Between Middle Ring

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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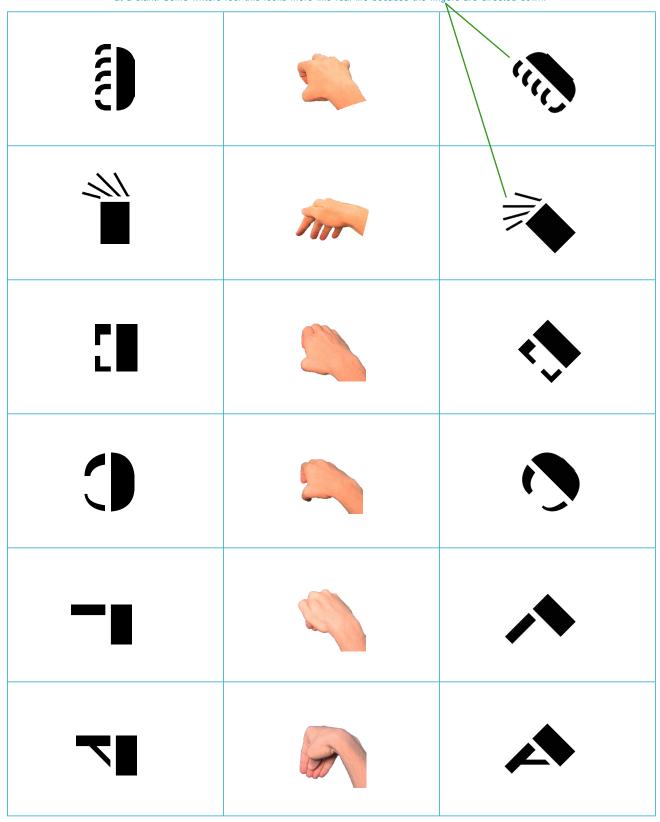
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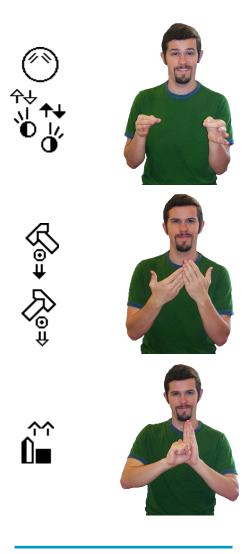


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Chapter 6



Group 6: Baby Finger
Hands That Focus on the Little Finger
Little Finger Down or Up



Index Middle Ring

¥	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Ring on Circle

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
8	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
8	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Ö	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Ring on Hinge

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Middle Ring on Angle

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Hinge

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
1	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
1	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Middle Ring, Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Ring, Unit

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Ring, Unit Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Down

<u></u>	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Down, Ripple Straight

•1	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
• • •	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
†. •	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Down, Ripple Curved

<u>귀</u>	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Down, Others Circle

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
<u></u>	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
a T	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Up

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Up on Fist Thumb Under

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
T	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Up on Circle

\	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
***	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Up on Oval

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
à	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Č	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
Ĉ	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Up on Angle

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Baby Raised Knuckle

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Bent

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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
<u>C</u>	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
C	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

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8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
B	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
2	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
4	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Thumb on Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Index Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Index Thumb on Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Index Thumb, Index Thumb Angle Out

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Index Thumb, Index Thumb Angle

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Index

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Baby Index on Circle

7	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
d	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Ö	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Baby Index on Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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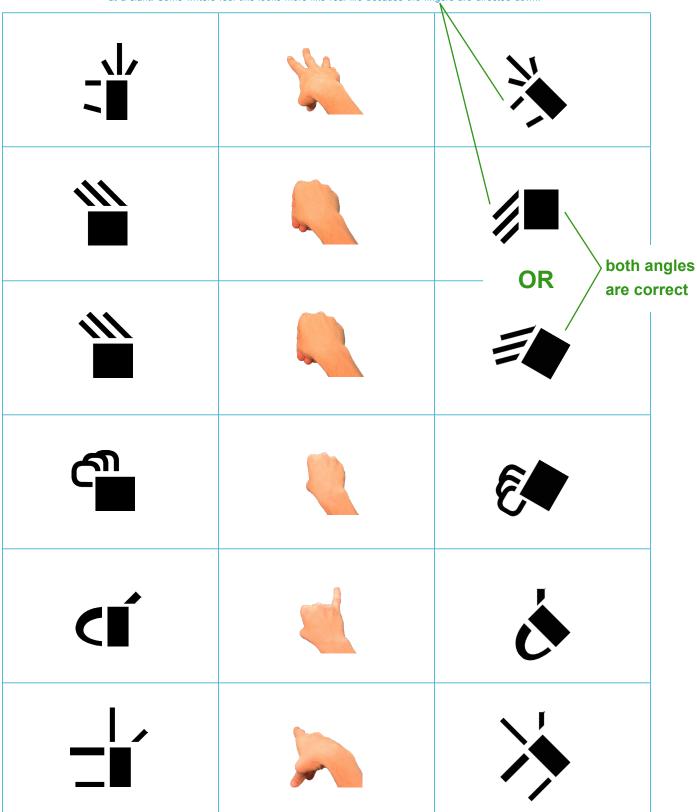
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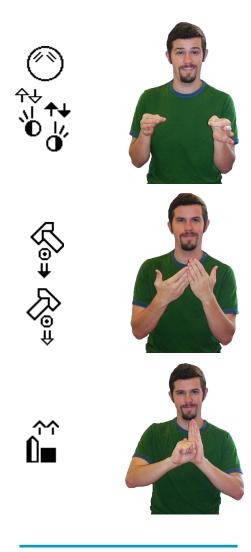
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Chapter 7



Group 7: Ring Finger
Hands That Focus on the Ring Finger
Ring Finger Down or Up



Index Middle Baby

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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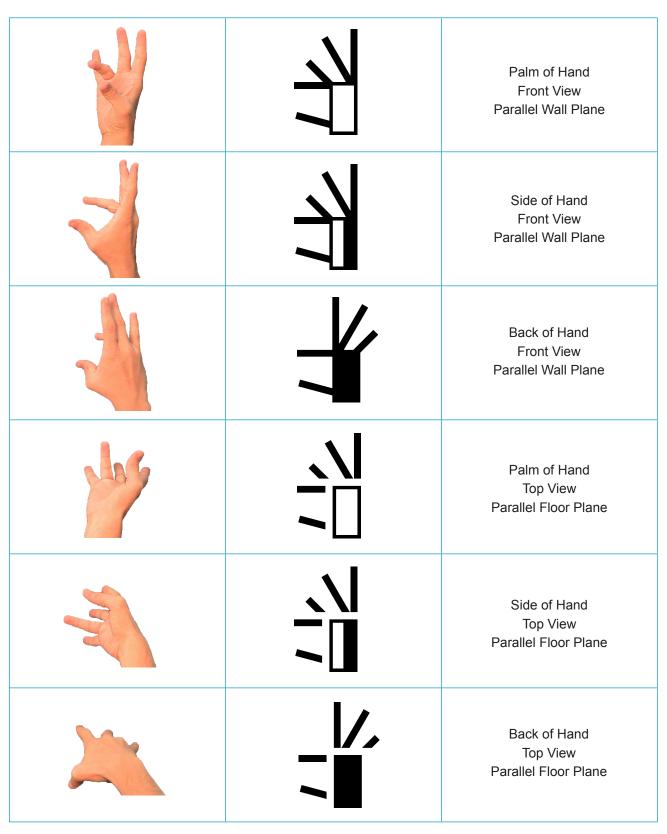


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8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
8	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
6	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
Ö	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Baby on Hinge





Ring Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Baby on Angle

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
7	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Cross with Baby

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Middle Cross with Baby on Circle

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
8	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
*	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Q	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
4	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Down

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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Ring Down, Index Thumb Hook, Middle Hinge



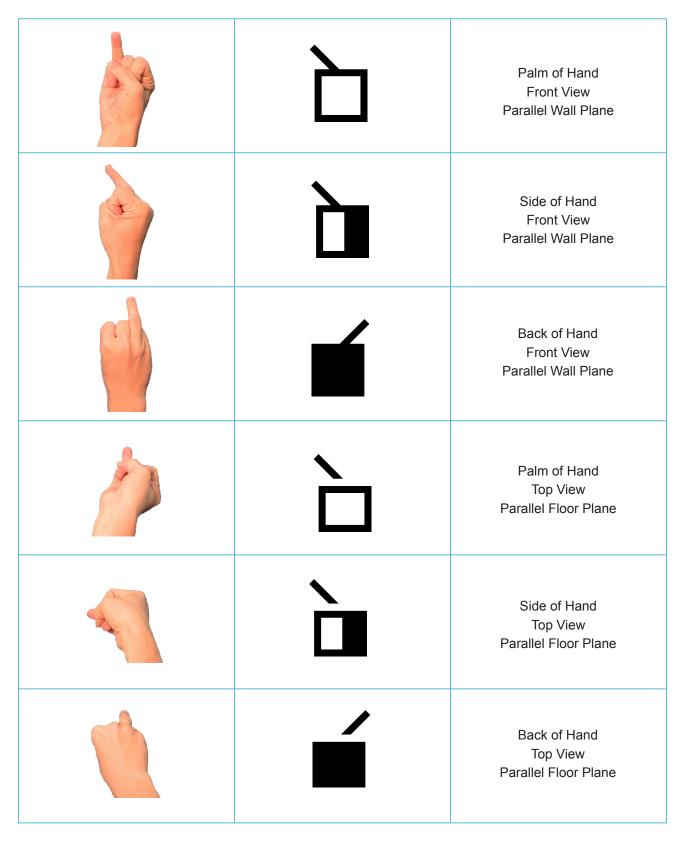


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Ring Up





Ring Raised Knuckle

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Baby

Ъ	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Baby on Circle

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
6	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
Ó	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Baby on Oval

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Baby on Angle

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Middle

L	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Middle Unit

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Middle Raised Knuckles

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
A	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
<u>—</u>	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Index

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Ring Thumb

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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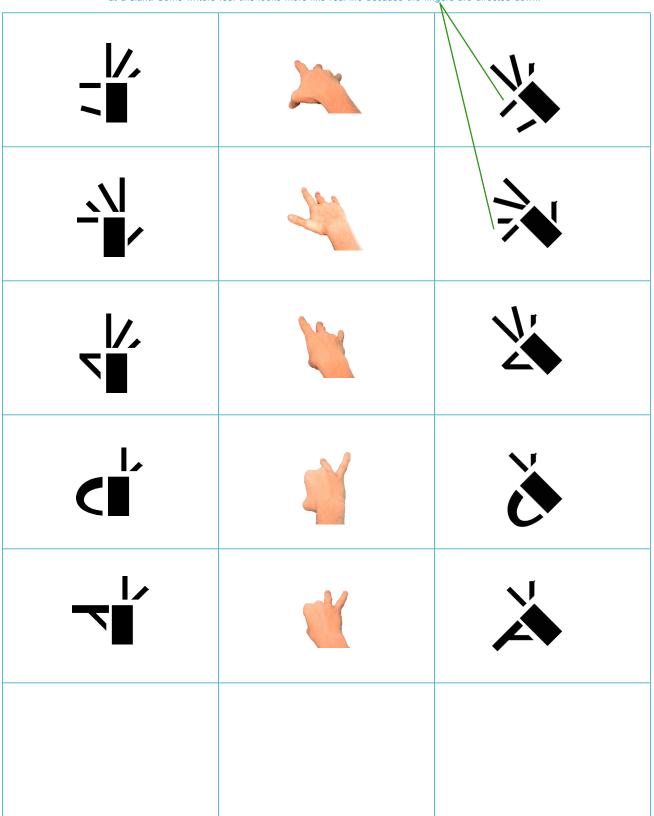
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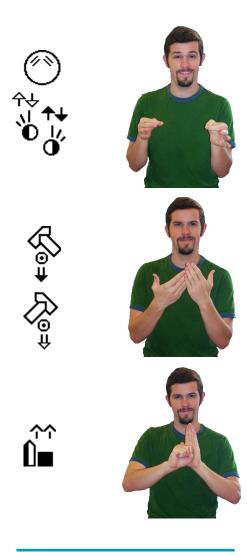


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Chapter 8



Group 8: Middle Finger
Hands That Focus on the Middle Finger
Middle Finger Down or Up



Index Ring Baby

Н	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Ring Baby on Circle

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
, O	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Ring Baby on Curlicue

7	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
9	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
9	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Ring Baby on Hook Out

AL I	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
A	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Ring Baby on Hook In

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
A	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Ring Baby on Hook Under

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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Index Ring Baby on Cup

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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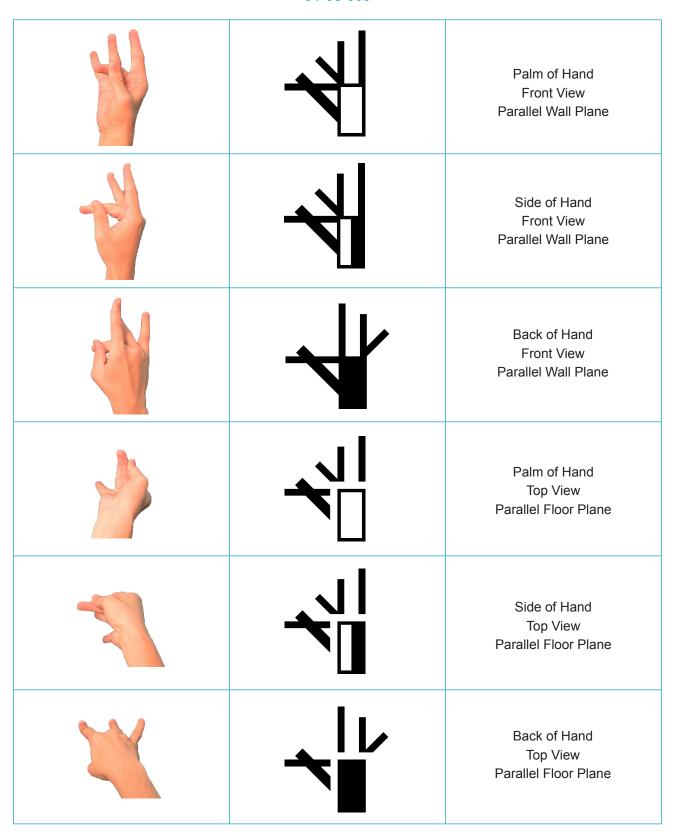


Index Ring Baby on Hinge

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	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Ring Baby on Angle Out





Index Ring Baby on Angle

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Down

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Hinge

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Up

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Up on Circle

6	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
O	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Raised Knuckle

		Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
*		Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	-	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
		Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
		Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Up, Thumb Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Hook

f	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Thumb Baby

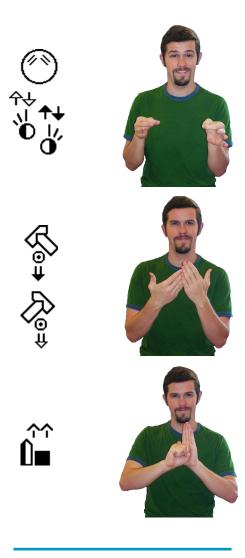
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Baby

4	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane





Chapter 9



Group 9: Index Thumb

All Hands With Two Action Fingers:

Index Finger & Thumb



Middle Ring Baby

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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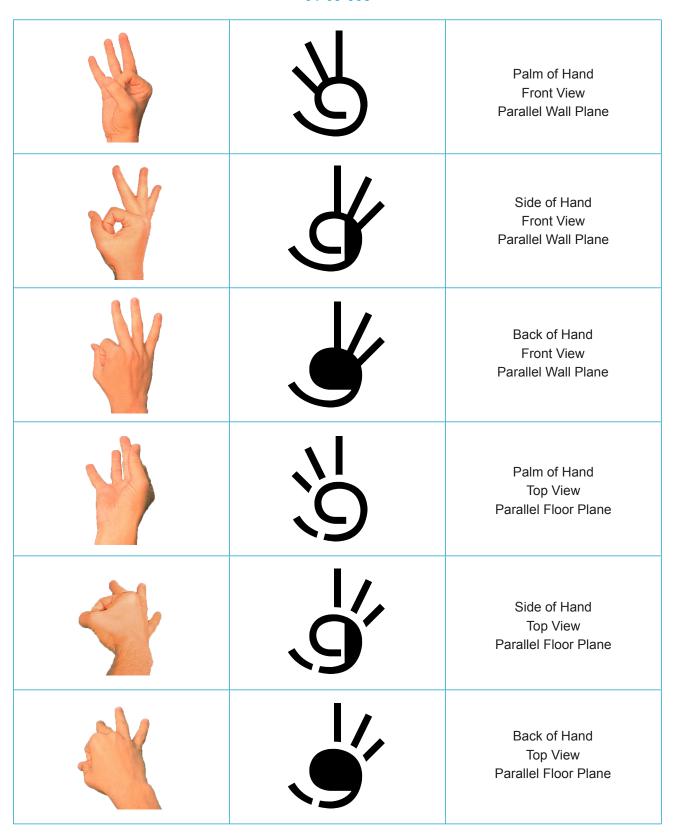


Middle Ring Baby on Circle

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
% V	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Ring Baby on Curlicue



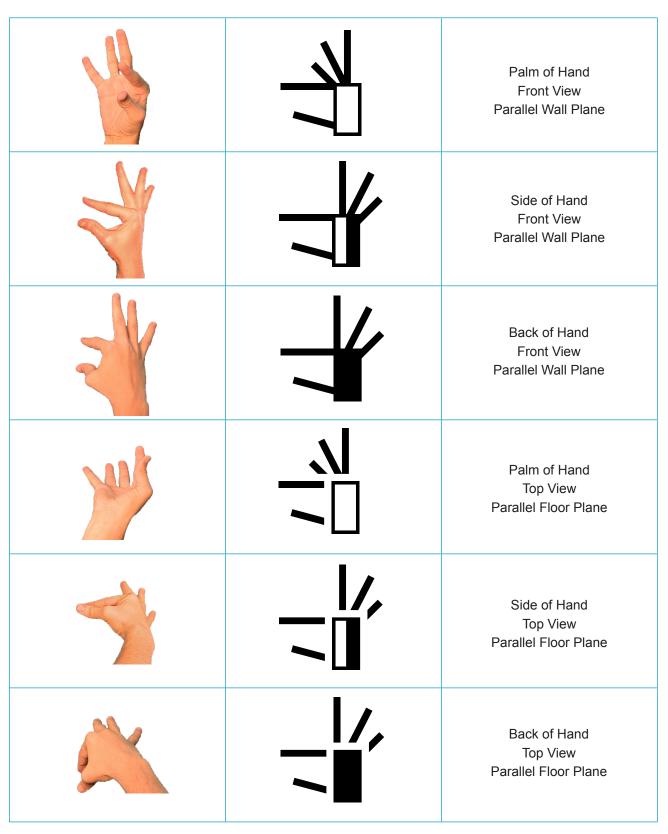


Middle Ring Baby on Cup

8	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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Middle Ring Baby on Hinge



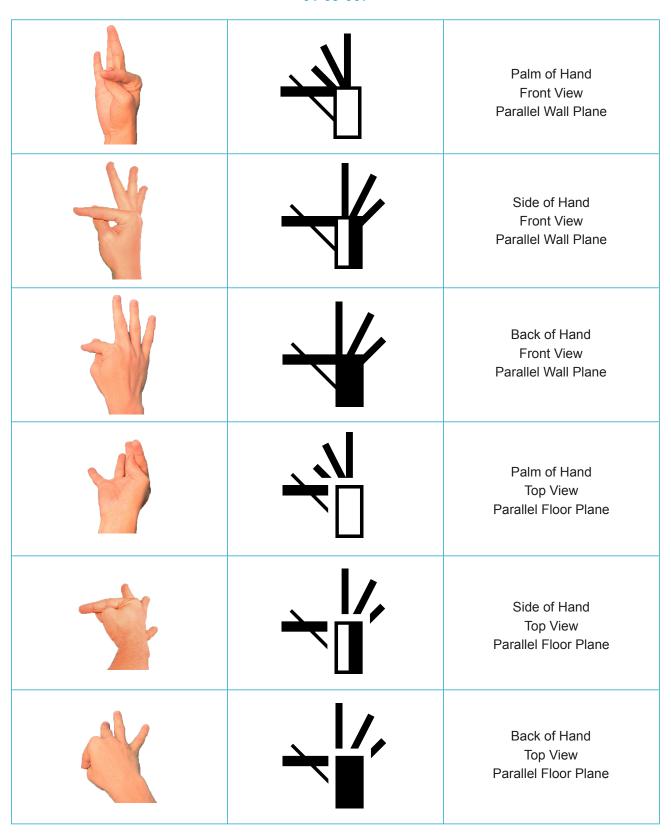


Middle Ring Baby on Angle Out

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Ring Baby on Angle In





Middle Ring Baby on Angle

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
4	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Ring Baby Bent

	B	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	12	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	SO O	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Dy	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	7?	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Ring Baby Unit on Claw

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
 	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Middle Ring Baby Unit on Claw Side

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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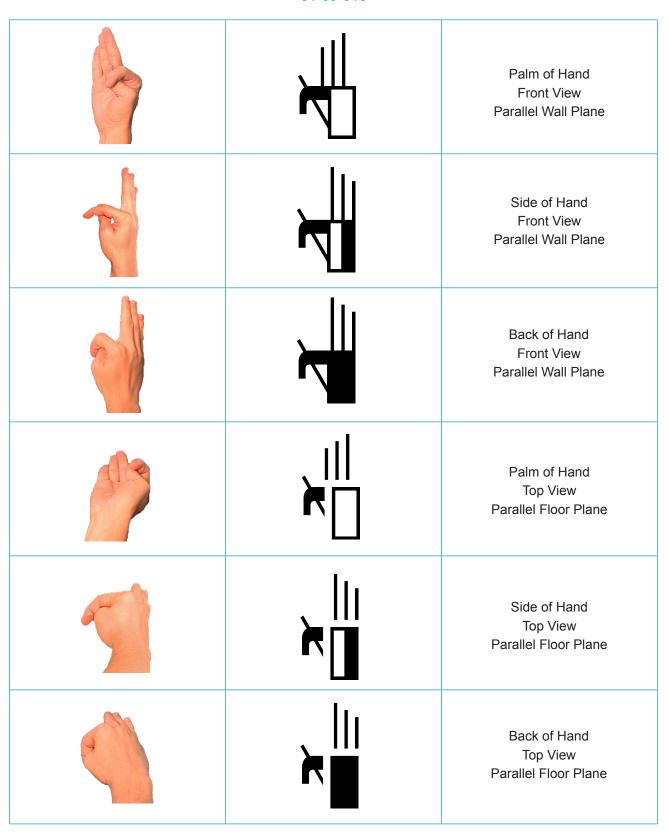


Middle Ring Baby Unit on Hook Out

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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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Middle Ring Baby Unit on Hook In



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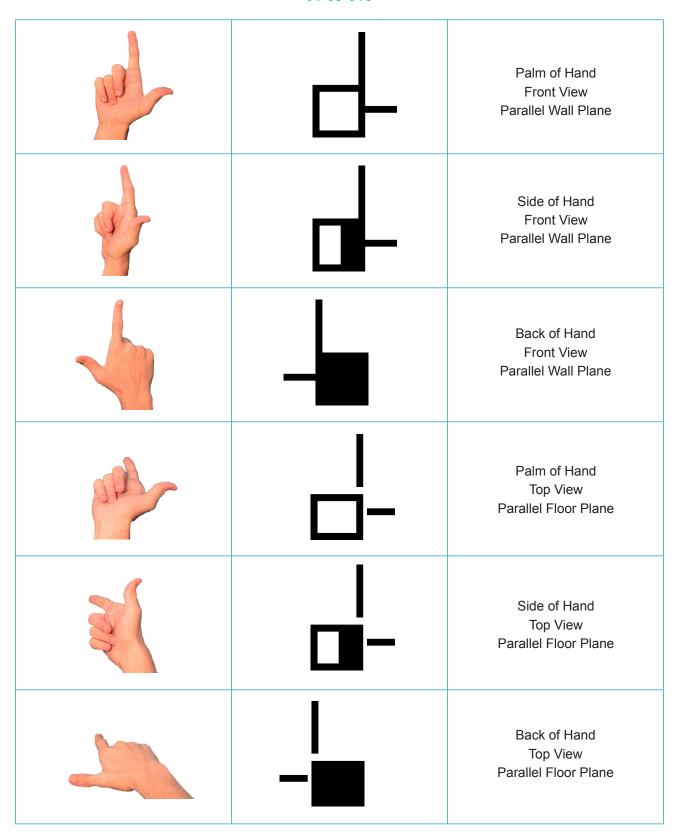
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane

Index Thumb Side





Index Thumb Side on Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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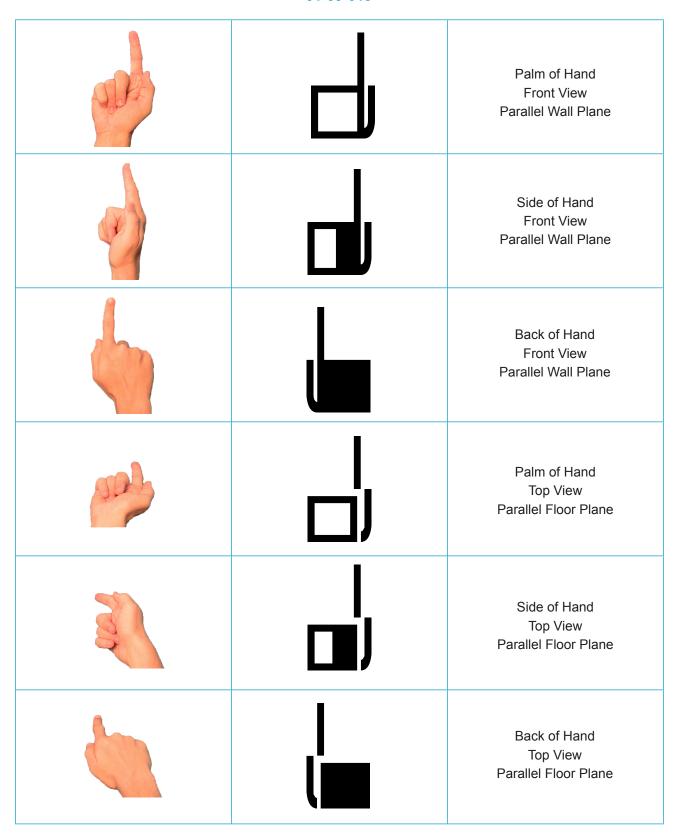


Index Thumb Side, Thumb Diagonal

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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Side, Thumb Unit





Index Thumb Side, Thumb Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Side, Index Bent

		Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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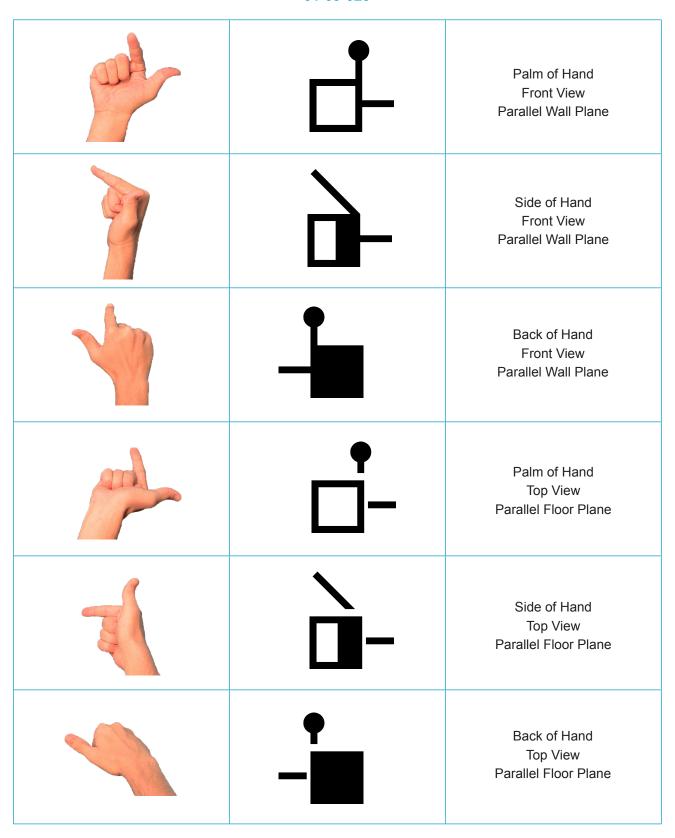


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	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Side, Index Hinge





Index Thumb Forward, Index Straight

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Forward, Index Bent

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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
- []	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Hook

1	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
5	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
1	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Curlicue

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Curve, Thumb Inside

		Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
THE STATE OF THE S		Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
		Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	↑ □	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
		Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Curve, Thumb Inside on Claw





Index Thumb Curve, Thumb Under

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Circle

9	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
91	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
C	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
C	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Cup

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Cup Open

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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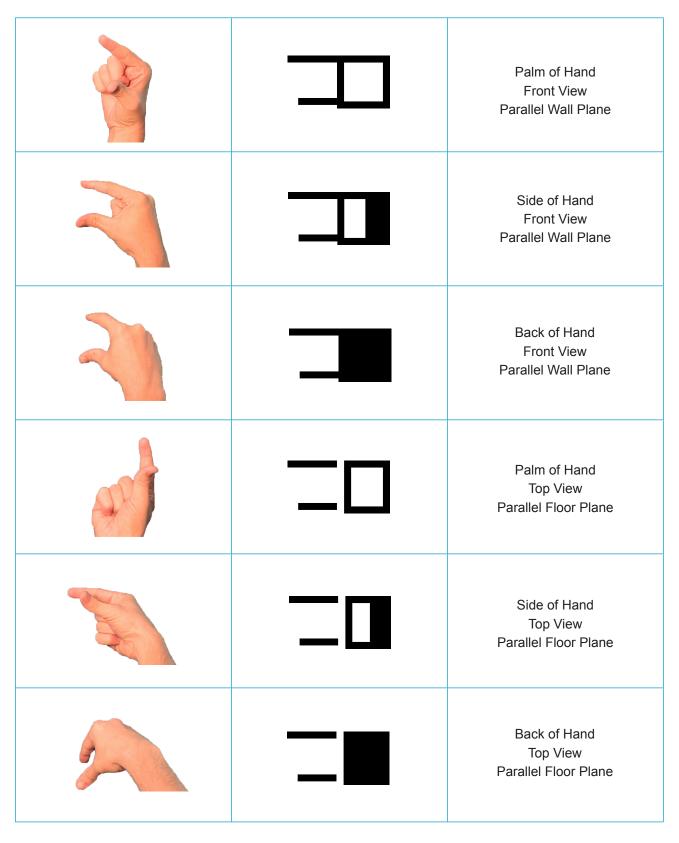


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	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Hinge Large





Index Thumb Hinge

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Hinge Small

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Angle Out

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Index Thumb Angle In

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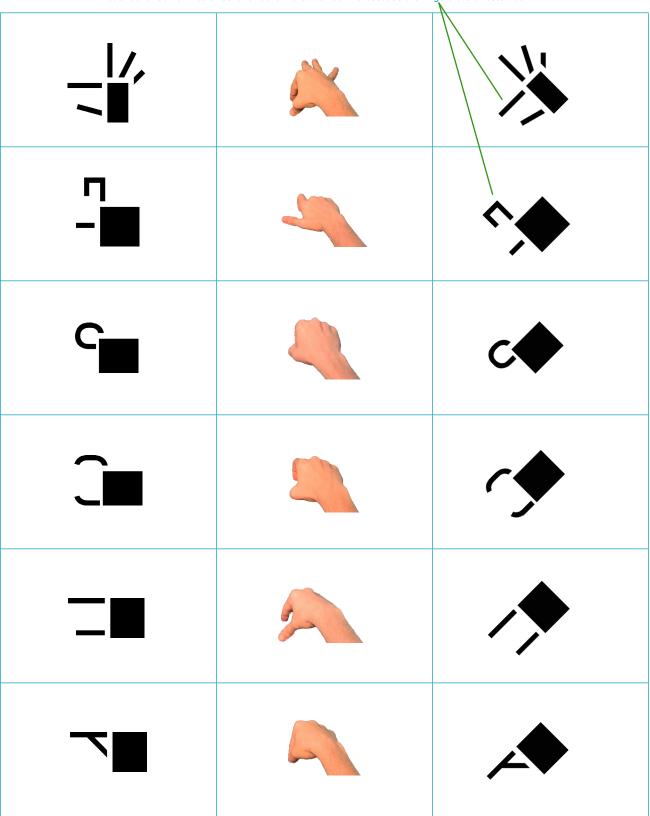
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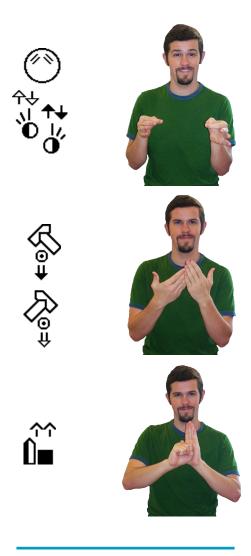
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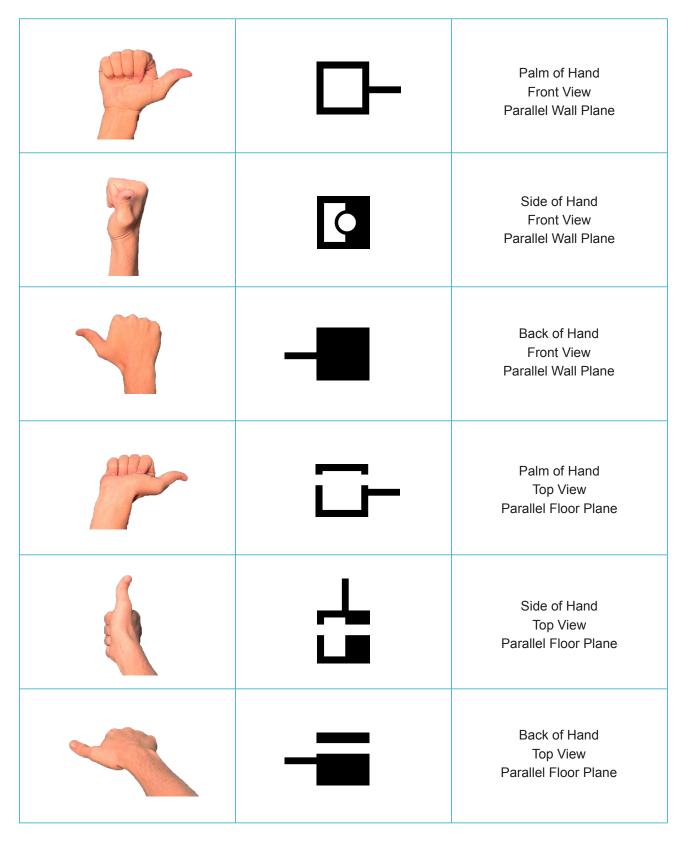


Group 10: Thumb

Tight Fists With One Action Finger:

The Thumb

Thumb





Thumb Heel

	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Palm Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane



Thumb Side Diagonal

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Side Unit

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Side Bent

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
\	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Forward

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Between Index Middle

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Between Middle Ring

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Between Ring Baby

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Under Two Fingers

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
- M L <u>"</u>	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
-M	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Over Two Fingers

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Under Three Fingers

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
- ™	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
-M	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
M -	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Under Four Fingers

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
峦	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



Thumb Over Four Raised Knuckles

	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Side of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Back of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
	Palm of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Side of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane
	Back of Hand Top View Parallel Floor Plane



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	Palm of Hand Front View Parallel Wall Plane
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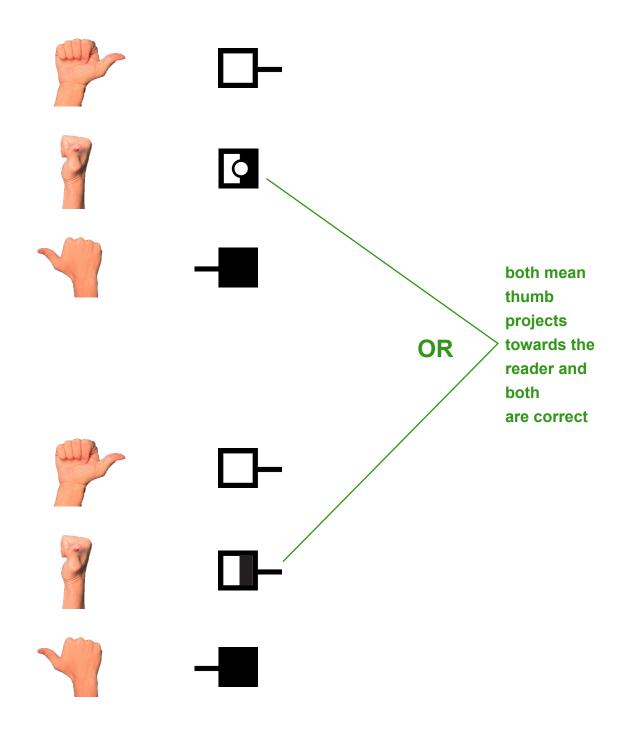
Fist Heel

	Palm Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
	Thumb Up Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Parallel to Floor Plane
	Palm Diagonal Down Front View Heel of Hand Hand Projects Forward Relating to Floor Plane
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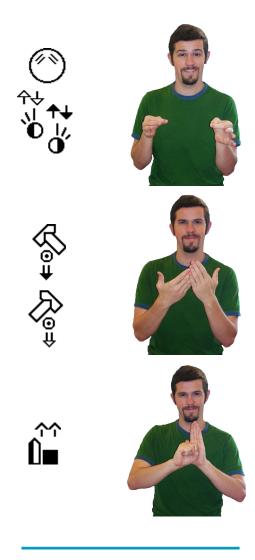


Two Ways to Write Thumb Towards Reader

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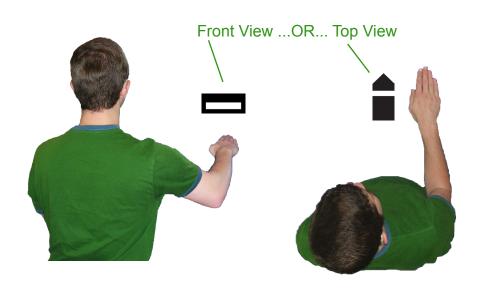
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Fists and Flat Hands from Two Perspectives
2 Ways to Write Some Positions



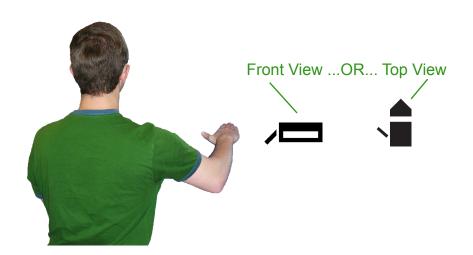
Heel of Hand or Top View?

Flat hands with the fingers pointing straight forward, with the arm parallel to the Floor Plane, can be written from the Front View with the Heel of Hand, or from the traditional Top View:

Two Ways to Write The Same Handshape ...use either symbol...



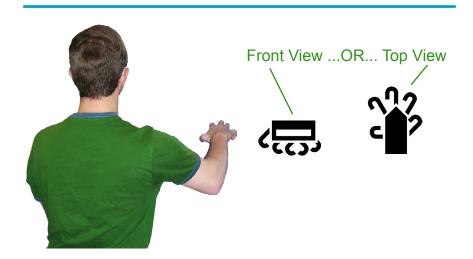
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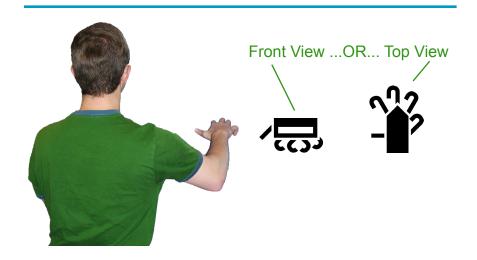




Heel of Hand or Top View? Use Either Symbol





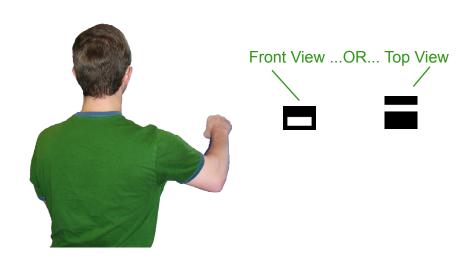




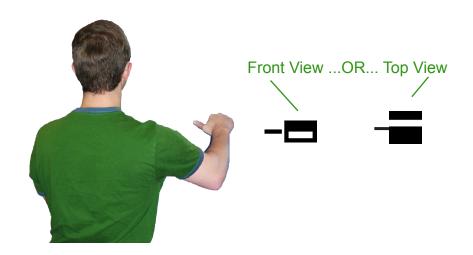
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Fists with the knuckles directed straight forward, with the arm parallel to the Floor Plane, can be written from the Front View with the Heel of Hand, or from the traditional Top View:

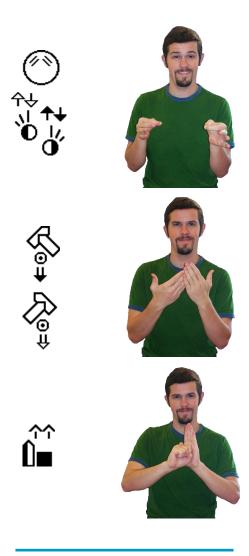
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Chapter 12



Instruction & Exceptions

More Information About Hand Symbols

Examples of Written Signs

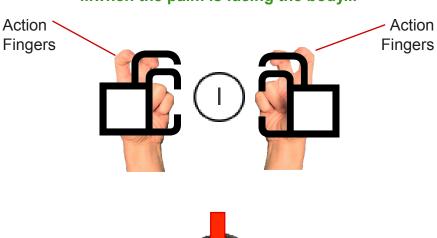


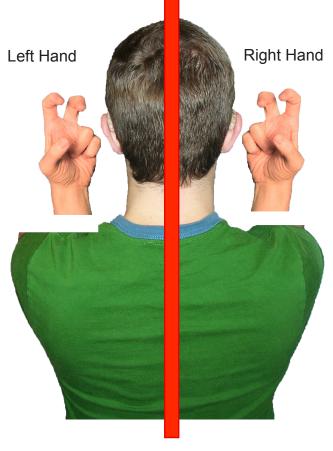
Action Fingers Directed Towards The Face & Body

Finger direction relates to the Center of the Body. Action Fingers that bend at the knuckle joint in Angle, Hinge, Cup or Curve hand positions direct the fingers into the Center of the Body. The white palm shows the palm is facing the body, with a slight hint that the palm is slightly turned toward the Center too.

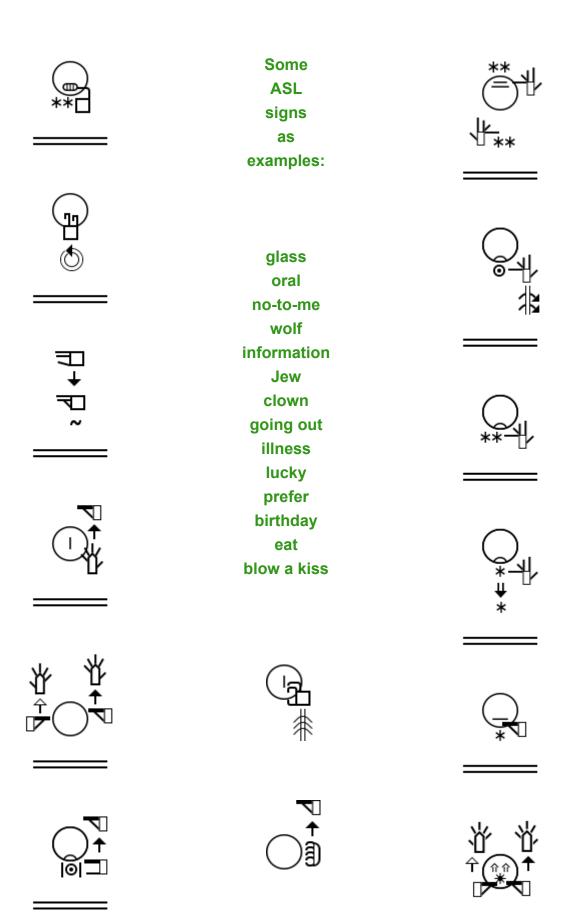
Fingers Are Directed Toward the Center

...when the palm is facing the body...







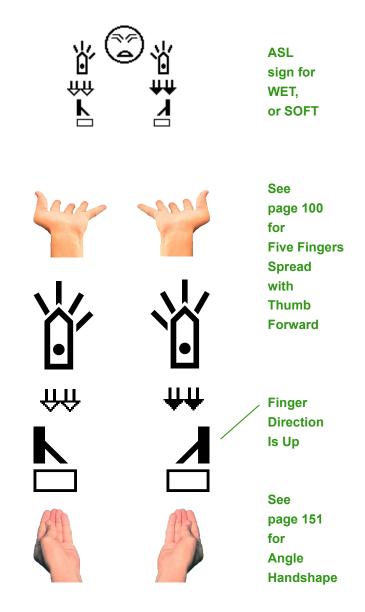


Action Fingers Directed Up

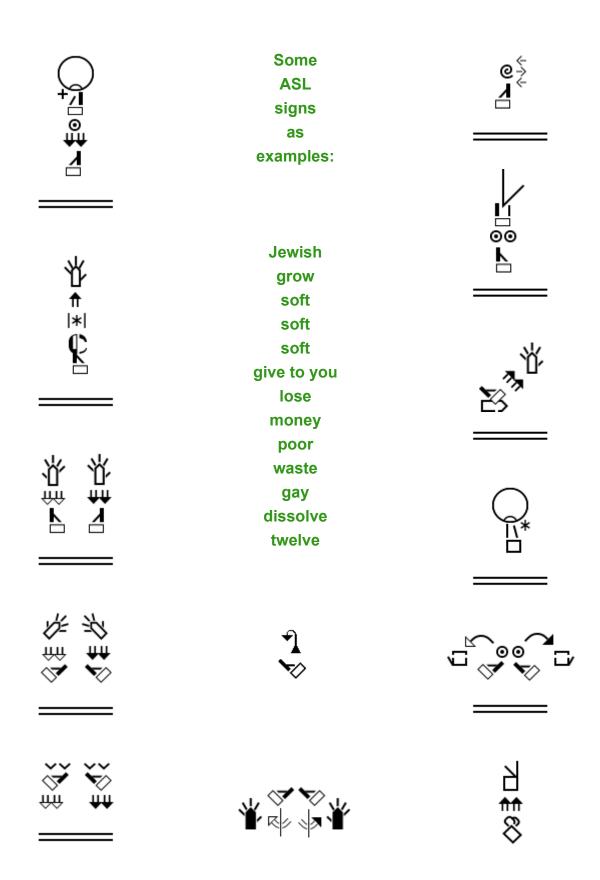
Angle Hand Symbols

Point the tip of the angled fingers in meaningful directions.

When writing Angle Hands, write the direction of the fingers based on what "feels correct" for the meaning of the sign. Then look at your palm. Where is the palm facing? If the palm is facing the ceiling, then it is parallel to the floor. It will be white with a space at the knuckle joint.



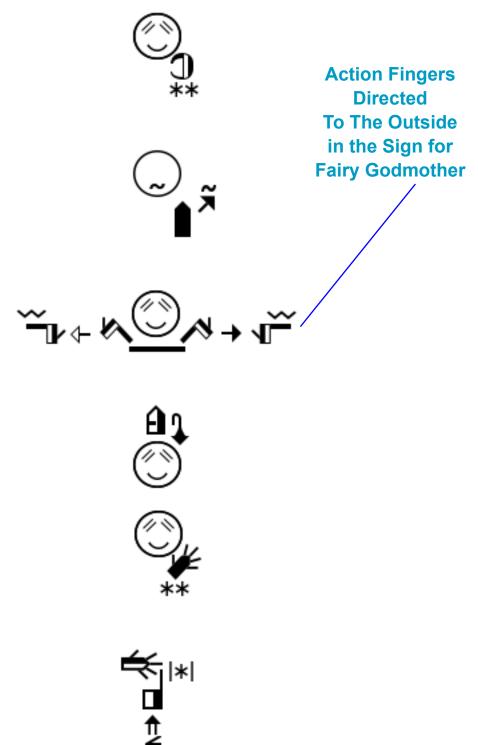




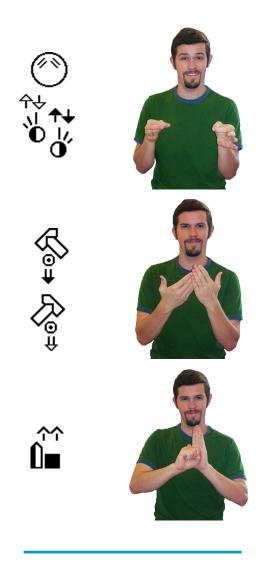


Action Fingers Directed Out Away From The Body

This is very rare. If the majority of Action Fingers are directed to the outside, away from the Center of the Body, as in the sign for FAIRY GODMOTHER in ASL, then it is written pointing out.







About The Authors





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Valerie Sutton



Hello! My name is **Valerie Sutton** and I am the inventor of the SignWriting Script, also called the International SignWriting Alphabet. I first invented SignWriting while I lived in Denmark in 1974. It is one of five sections of Sutton Movement Writing, a system I developed for reading and writing body movement. I grew up in professional ballet training in Southern California, and first invented DanceWriting, preserving the historic Bournonville Schools, a ballet system used by the Royal Danish Ballet. In 1974, while I was teaching the Royal Danish Ballet to read and write dance, a researcher at the University of Copenhagen, Lars von der Lieth, asked me to develop a way to read and write the movements of signed languages for a research project. I became captivated with the beauty of Danish Sign Language, and decided that reading and writing sign languages was an important tool. I chose to dedicate my life to the development of the SignWriting Script, for writing any sign language in the world.

I started working full time with SignWriting in 1981, working with Founding Editor Nancy Romero, and a team of Deaf writers, publishing the Sign-Writer Newspaper from 1981-1984, working with ASL Deaf expert Lucinda O'Grady Batch to coordinate the Deaf Action Committee for SignWriting (the DAC) in 1986-1988, with software developer Richard Gleaves, in the development of the SignWriter Computer Program, and with Deaf storytellers and ASL teachers, Darline Clark Gunsauls, Kevin Clark, David Gunsauls and other members of the Deaf Community, to develop and write a body of SignWriting Literature for the SignWriting Literacy Project.

In 2004, I began collaborating with software developer Stephen E. Slevinski Jr. and Deaf ASL writer, teacher and linguist Adam Frost. The three of us, and Nancy Romero, a skilled ASL literature writer, together in 2013, are pioneering the creation of the world's first Wikipedias written in sign languages. Visit the ASL Wikipedia test site: http://ase.wikipedia.wmflabs.org



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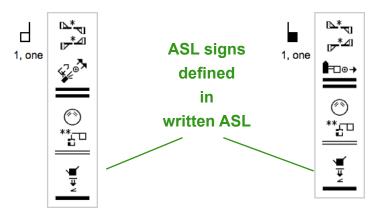
Adam Frost



Adam Frost was born deaf in 1982 to a Deaf family in Utah, and grew up north of Los Angeles, California. From an early age, Adam felt the need for a written form for his language, American Sign Language (ASL). Before 2003, Adam knew nothing of SignWriting, which was developed by Valerie Sutton in Denmark in 1974. Ironically, Valerie taught SignWriting at Los Angeles Pierce College in 1982, the year Adam was born. Later Adam attended Los Angeles Pierce College, receiving his Associates Degree in ASL/Interpreting in 2006.

In 2003, while on the internet, Adam happened to come across Sign-Writing. He was instantly attracted to it. He joined the SignWriting List and asked questions on how to write signs, and wrote a school paper interviewing people about SignWriting at LA Pierce College. Adam became a skilled signwriter, and soon was answering other List member's questions. In 2004, Adam began working with Valerie Sutton as a member of the Deaf Action Committee for SignWriting (the DAC), dedicating long hours of work to a series of SignWriting projects.

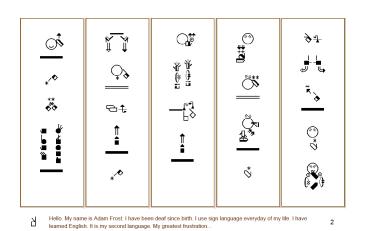
Adam had a vision of an ASL dictionary written completely in ASL. His first project with the DAC was to write sign-definitions in ASL. Some of these definitions are available in the ASL Dictionary in SignPuddle Online. For example, here is the sign for ONE with ASL definitions:





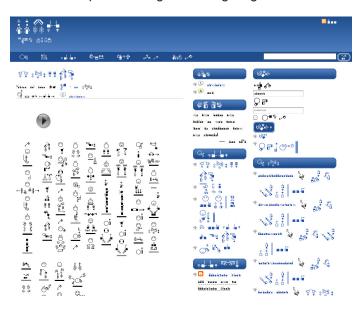
In 2008, Adam wrote and signed his own ASL video called "Why SignWriting?" which he transcribed into SignWriting. It has helped newcomers to SignWriting understand the purpose and value of writing sign languages.

Why SignWriting? by Adam Frost http://www.signwriting.org/video/about/



Adam dreamed of a day when web sites are written in ASL. That day came in 2009, when Adam developed and posted his blog in written ASL:

Frost Village
Adam Frost's Blog in Written ASL
http://frostvillage.com/blog/lang/ase/



Adam became an Editor of the ASL Dictionary and ASL Literature Puddles in SignPuddle Online, and in 2009-2010 worked with a team of people on posting the first ASL encyclopedia articles in the SignWriting Wiki on the web. Charles Butler wrote two Deaf history articles in SignWriting, and Adam posted them in the SignWriting Wiki. Go to:

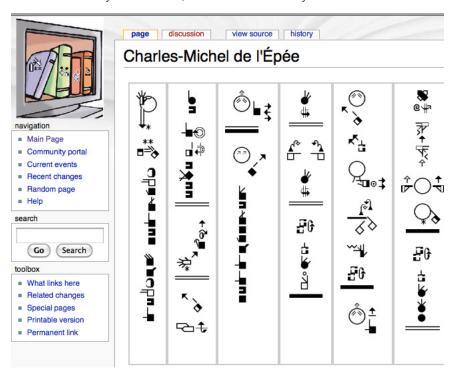


The SignWriting Wiki

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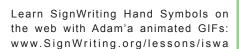
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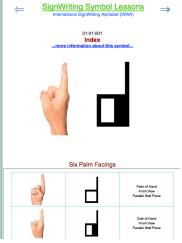


Adam spent over four years, from 2008 to 2011, photographing his own hands creating the photos for this book, and for his animated GFs that teach SignWriting on the web. Visit the web site to view the animated GIFs:



All hand photos are photographed by Adam Frost, of his own hands. All symbols were enlarged and graphically perfected by Adam too!







Adam Frost Papers, Publications, Degrees, Present

July 21, 2008

VAIL Conference, San Diego, California

"SignWriting: Sign Languages Are Written Languages"

Paper By Valerie Sutton & Adam Frost

http://www.signwriting.org/video/about/SignWriting2008/

www.signwriting.org/archive/docs6/sw0523-US-SignWritingVAILConference2008.pdf

September 8-11, 2009

Conference on Sign Languages Around the World, Lisbon, Portugal

SignWriting Presentation and Workshop

Presented by Adam Frost

Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Instituto de Ceincias da Saude

September 12, 2009

Societas Linguistica Europea 2009 (SLE 2009) Conference, Portugal

"Writing Sign Languages"

Paper by Adam Frost & Valerie Sutton

Universidade de Lisboa, Special Workshop "Listening to Silent Languages". http://www.signwriting.org/archive/docs6/sw0572-PT-SLE2009 Abstracts.pdf

September 15, 2009

"SignWriting Teacher's Report from Lisbon Portugal"

by Adam Frost

http://www.signwriting.org/archive/docs6/sw0571-PT-SignWritingLisbon2009.pdf

May 21, 2011

Sign Language Corpus Workshop, Gallaudet University

"Sign Language Corpus Using SignWriting"

Paper by Adam Frost

signwriting.org/archive/docs7/sw0650_Sign_Language_Corpus_using_SignWriting_Frost_May2011.pdf

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Presently in 2013

Adam teaches American Sign Language at University of California at San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego Mesa College, and is the lead ASL Editor of the ASL Wikipedia written in SignWriting.





Adam Frost with Valerie Sutton, August, 2010.

This book has been a true collaboration between Valerie Sutton, the developer of the International SignWriting Alphabet (ISWA 2010), and Adam Frost, who enlarged the symbols of the ISWA improving them graphically. Adam took photos of his own hands, which was in itself, a very large job. But he also enlarged each symbol from the original PNG format, improving the large sized symbols graphically, and then saving each symbol in EPS, PSD, Animated GIF and SVG formats. Now the symbols of the ISWA 2010 are available for programmers and users in these formats, as well as the originial PNG format which Valerie developed.

Over the decades, skilled signers and members of the Deaf Action Committee for SignWriting (the DAC) have worked with Valerie, influencing the writing system, keeping it a living, breathing script for more than 40 sign languages, molded to the needs of its users by its users. There have been several generations of DAC members who have had influence on SignWriting, and Adam Frost is the younger generation. At age 29 in 2011, Adam has worked on several SignWriting projects, and this book is one of the most important.

Adam worked tirelessly in the summer of 2011, completing the SVG format of the entire ISWA 2010. This was an enormous task... a gift to Sign-Writing users. Steve Slevinski, developer of SignPuddle and the SignWriting Image Server (SWIS), will be using Adam's hand-refined SVG in his software. This means that SignWriting documents in the future will have smoother more beautiful vector-designed symbols. No more bitmaps!

SignWrting in SVG will also assist in developing TrueType Fonts for SignWriting. TrueType fonts are necessary for acceptance into Unicode.

Adam has a great love for language and literature especially in his native language, ASL. Adam has enjoyed working on this book as his knowledge of SignWriting has deepened. He hopes that users of this manual will also deepen their knowledge of SignWriting and that they will continue making the dream of written Sign Languages a reality.



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1 SignWriting Reference Manual

Manual 1: SignWriting Basics

Learn the basics of SignWriting with this slender, 42 page, spiral-bound manual. An introduction to reading and writing any sign language, it gives a summary of hand symbols, contact symbols, finger movements, arm movements, facial expressions, and reading of sign language literature. All examples are in American Sign Language (ASL). Free for download on the web, and only \$10.00 in the SignWriting Shop. ISBN: 978-0-914336-49-5



2 SignWriting Reference Manual

Manual 2: SignWriting Hand Symbols

This 300-page sprial-bound reference manual devotes a full page to each of the 261 hand symbols of the International SignWriting Alphabet (ISWA 2010), used to write over 40 sign languages on the web in SignPuddle Online. Each page shows one handshape with 6 photos showing 6 different palm facings. The corresponding SignWriting symbol is placed next to each photo. Additional SignWriting instruction is included in the front and the back of the book. ISBN: 978-0-914336-86-0



2 SignWriting Lessons on the Web

Web lessons show moving handshapes with symbols Adam Frost's photos of his own hands move from one palm facing to another, on 261 web pages, each devoted to one of the 261 hand symbols of the ISWA 2010. This popular site is located in SignWriting Lessons Online. Take a visit:

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