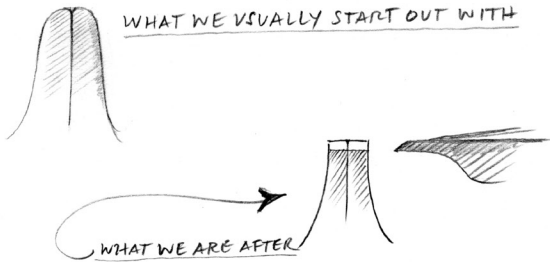


Nib Shaping or Sharpening

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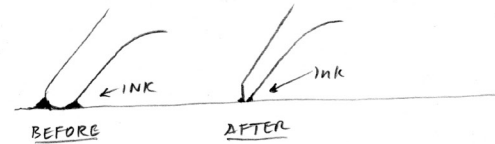
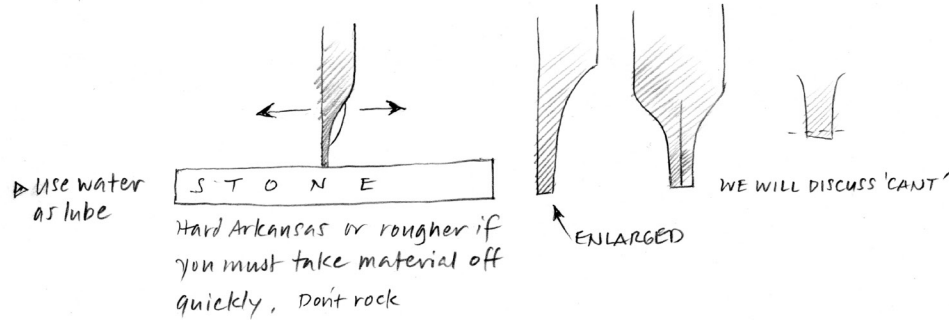
THE RULES OR SUGGESTIONS FOR CUTTING A QUILL/REED APPLY TO NIB SHARPENING.

ITS NOT JUST SHARP WE ARE AFTER, BUT RATHER SQUARE WITH LESS METAL TOUCHING THE PAPER

YOU NEED:

- ARKANSAS STONE
- MAGNIFYING GLASS
- LOOP X10+
- FINISHING PAPER (3M 262 L 3MIL)

1. Square the nib

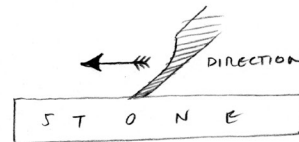


2. Clean up underneath



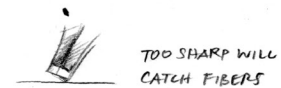
3. Bevel (critical part)

Careful to not overdo it.



- You have to be careful to not twist blades
- Check progress every 2 strokes!

4. A little Twist/Splaying nibs for inside fiber-catching burrs.



TEST ON SCRAP PAPER. PAPER POLISHES OVER TIME SO YOU WILL HAVE TO ADD SOME 'BITE' BACK (RE-DO) AT SOME POINT