



# Medieval Monks

## Make your own Quill



Medieval monks made prayer books and Bibles by hand.

Scribes wrote the words with a quill and Illuminators did the decoration with illuminations in gold.

To write books, monks used quill feather pens, made pages called parchment from animal skin and

The picture above is from the Evesham Psalter, a special book made by monks at Evesham Abbey next to St Lawrence's Church in Evesham, which is now kept in the British Library.

**Imagine you are a medieval monk – make your own quill!**

### You will need:

- A straw
- A sheet of white paper
- Scissors ✂
- Glue stick
- Pencil – to draw your feather.
- Feather template (see back of sheet)

### How to make:

1. On your white paper, draw around or copy the feather template in pencil, you will need 2 depending.
2. Cut out your feather shapes ✂
3. Glue your 2 feather shapes together with the straw in the middle.
4. Cut lines into the side to make it feather-like ✂
5. Cut the end of the straw into a triangular nib shape ✂
6. Take your medieval keepsake home to show your friends!

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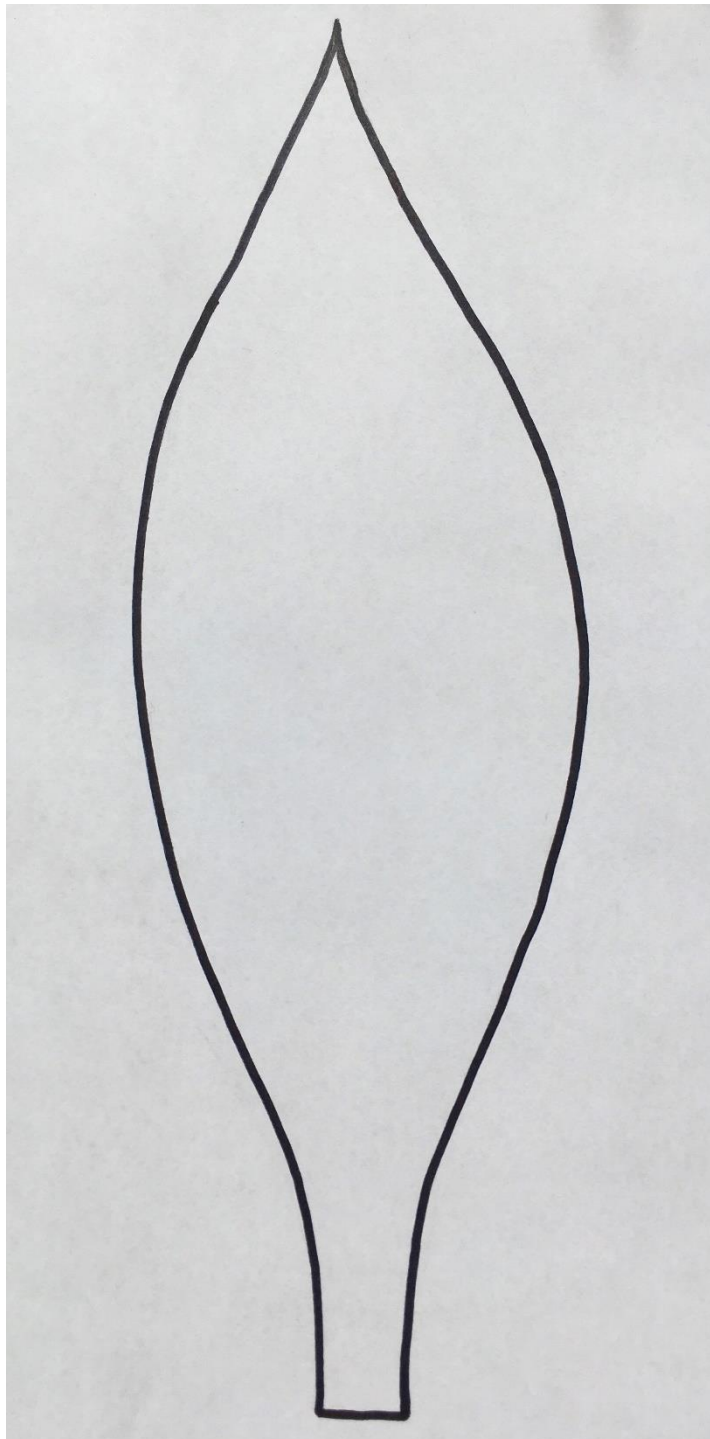
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## Feather template

Copy this outline to draw your feather. You can make it as long as an A4 piece of paper so your quill can be big!



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