

A Leaf, slightly Conventionalized.

Draw the vertical line, forming the midrib, and divide it into thirds. Just above the centre, draw a horizontal line, making it equal to two-thirds of the vertical line. Add the other horizontal lines, one below and two above, by judgment of eye. Then draw the lines forming the veins, and, around their ends, draw the margin of the leaf.

This leaf is just enough conventionalized to make it symmetrical. As it is a simple leaf, the midrib is the axis.

Current Leaf, slightly Conventionalized.

Draw the vertical line, forming the midrib of the leaf, and divide it into four equal parts. Through the upper point of division, draw the horizontal line, making it equal to three-fourths of the vertical line; through the lower point of division, draw a second horizontal line, making it a little shorter than the first. Add the lines forming the veins, and, around their ends, draw the margin of the pentagonal leaf.

This leaf is, also, just enough conventionalized to make it symmetrical on its midrib, which is the axis.