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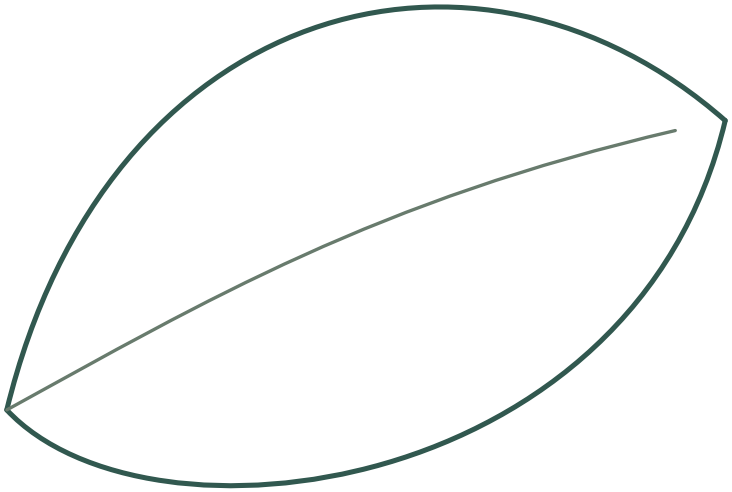

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Original prompt

Worked example: a simple leaf with a broken edge.



Answer

The reference leaf has a pointed tip, two curved sides, and a central vein. Along each side, short marks follow the curve of the edge, with even gaps between them. At the tip, a single short mark points along the direction of the point. The vein is drawn as a separate broken line down the middle. The gaps are left open, and the eye reads a continuous leaf outline.

Reasoning

Marks are placed where the edge curves or changes direction, and the gaps are left open so the viewer completes the contour. The tip mark follows the direction of the point, and the vein is treated as its own implied line.

Check

Step back from the drawing. If the leaf outline reads as continuous even though the marks are separated, the implied contour is working. If any gap is too wide to bridge, add one short mark in the middle of that gap.