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Prompt: On a 6 cm by 4 cm practice panel, draw a small hair texture swatch that flows from left to right. Use at least three layers of strokes. Keep all strokes within 30 degrees of the flow line. Make the left third denser than the right third.

Answer: Draw a light horizontal flow line. First layer: 12 strokes, each about 6 mm long, fanning 10 degrees, spaced 2 mm apart. Second layer: 8 shorter strokes, about 4 mm, placed in the left third with 1 mm gaps. Third layer: 5 isolated strokes on the right third with 3 mm gaps. The left third has more overlapping strokes, so it reads darker. All strokes taper at both ends and stay within 30 degrees of the flow line.