How to draw a feather

Look at the overall shape of the feather.

Find the centre piece, notice it is thicker at the bottom and gets thinner towards the top.

Draw each stroke by starting at the base, pressing slightly harder on your pencil. As you move toward the top of each strike, lighten the pressure on your pencil.

Remember to follow the shape of the feather!

Notice some strokes are close together and some are light and wispy.

To make it more realistic you can layer the feather strokes.
PARTS OF A FEATHER

- vane
- rachis
- barb
- afterfeather
- calamus