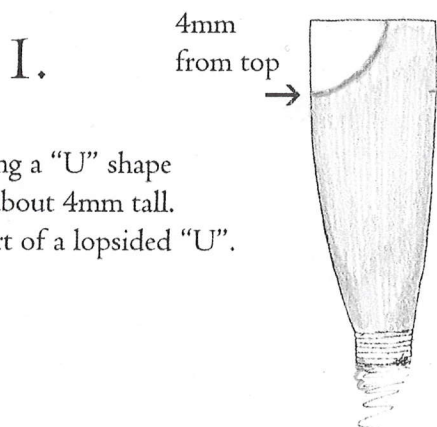
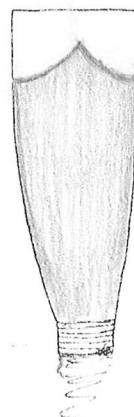


Initial Steps for Scraping a Reed Blank:

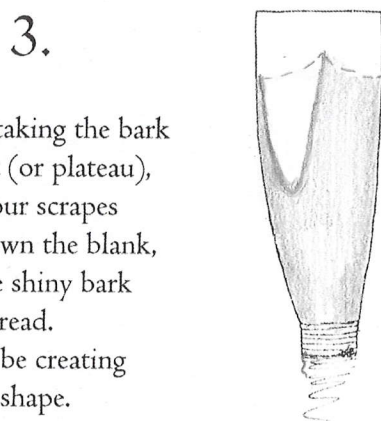


Begin scraping a "U" shape on the left, about 4mm tall. It's really sort of a lopsided "U".

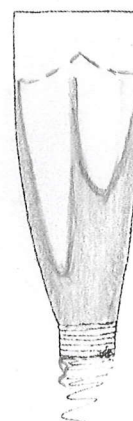
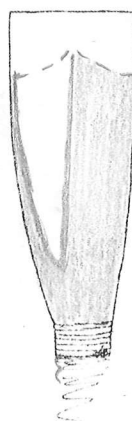


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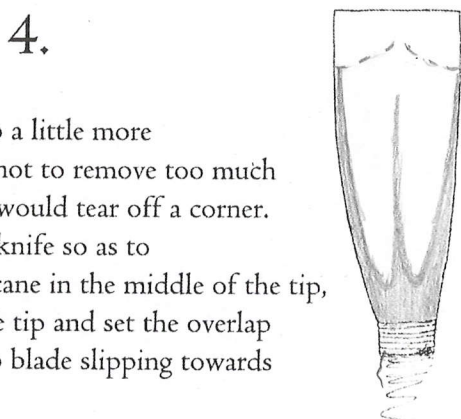
Repeat the same on the right side of the tip.



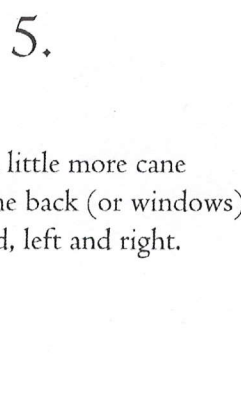
Now begin taking the bark off the heart (or plateau), extending your scrapes gradually down the blank, leaving some shiny bark above the thread. You should be creating a long "W" shape.



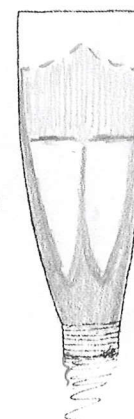
→
Bark
4mm
from
thread



Thin the tip a little more taking care not to remove too much cane which would tear off a corner. Angle your knife so as to leave more cane in the middle of the tip, then clip the tip and set the overlap with the top blade slipping towards the right.



Remove a little more cane to form the back (or windows) of the reed, left and right.



←
Top of heart
around
60mm
from the
bottom of
the staple

6. Continue scraping so that the proportions of the reed are approximately: tip=3.5mm, heart=6.5mm, and back=10mm. Also maintain the thickness ratio of 1:3:2 (tip, heart, back) at all times. Continue until the reed crows. Please refer to the camp handouts "Parts and Proportions of the Reed" and Mr. Sullivan's "Reedmaking Reminders" for more information, Proceed with crow tests and play tests.