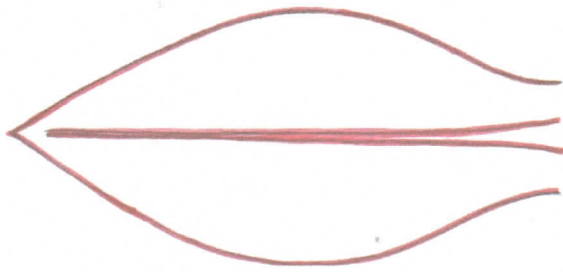
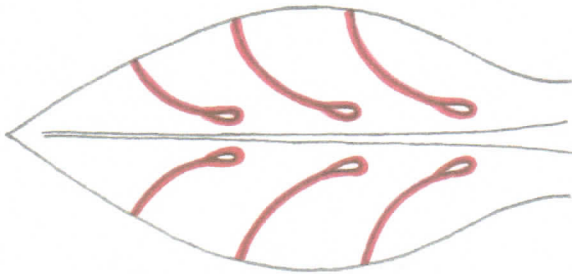


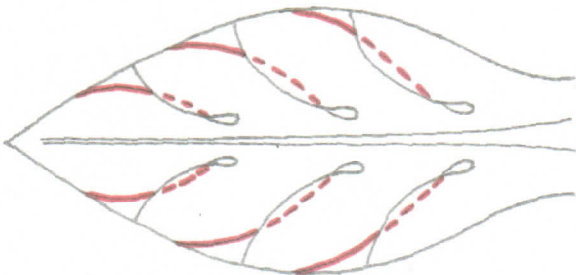
General Guidelines for Drawing an Acanthus Leaf



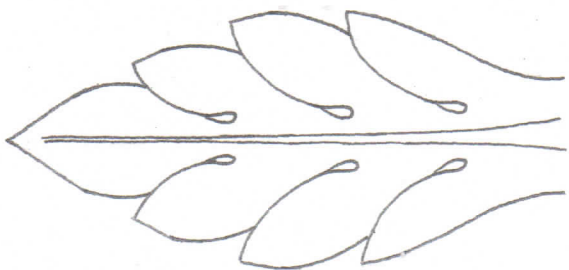
STEP 1: Start by drawing a general leaf pattern with a center vein.



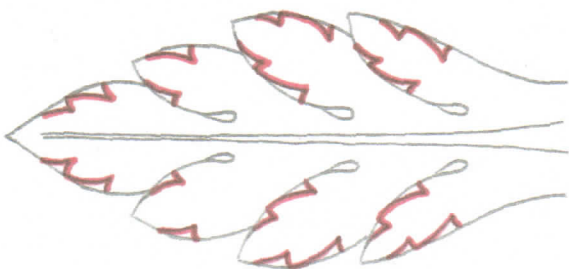
STEP 2: Draw "eyes" which are tear-drop shapes that give the impression of a hole where the separate lobes of the leaf overlap. Next, extend lines from the eyes to show the upper edge of the overlapping lobes.



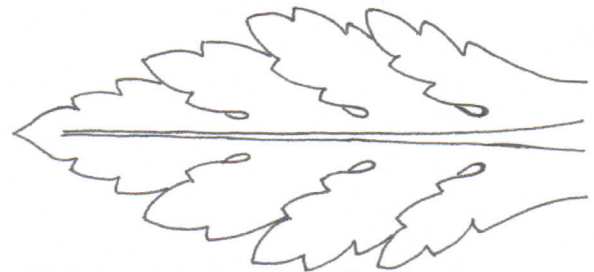
STEP 3: Next, define the lower edges of the separate lobes. I have also drawn dotted lines to show the unseen edge of the lobes. These dotted lines should flow from the eye to meet with the newly drawn edge.



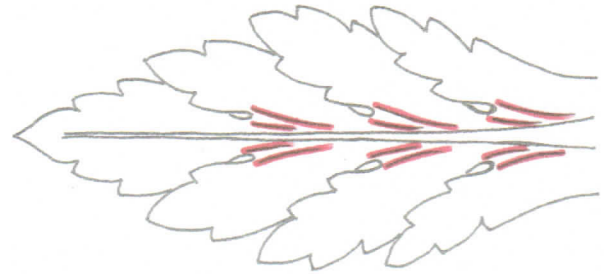
STEP 4: Erase any unnecessary lines to eliminate confusion.



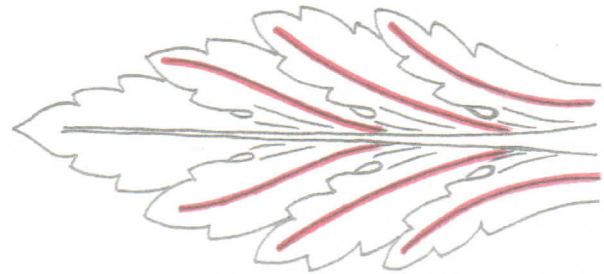
STEP 5: Draw the serrations on the individual lobes.



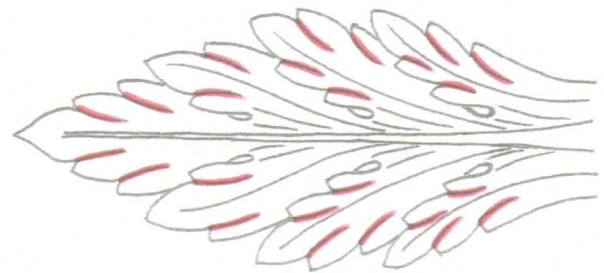
STEP 6: Erase any unnecessary lines.



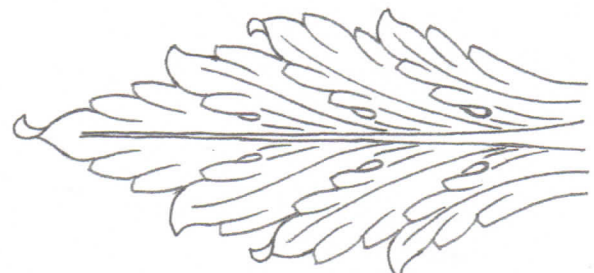
STEP 7: Draw the "pipe". The pipe is a raised area that extends from the eye and gently flows into the center vein. This pipe is common in most stylized acanthus leaves.



STEP 8: Draw vein lines down the center of the individual lobes. These lines also flow into the center vein and should have a gentle curve to them.



STEP 9: Continue drawing detail lines. These should also all flow towards a center vein.



STEP 10: Now you can make your acanthus unique by re-shaping or twisting the various leaf tips.