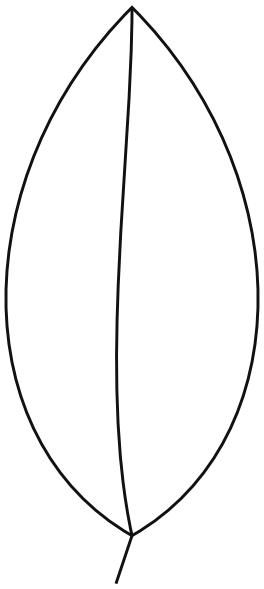
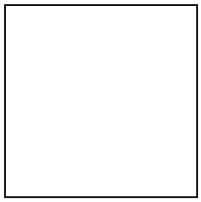
Your first leaf.

One simple outline, a center vein and a short stem. This simplified design follows the beginner project; it is not an exact tracing of the article illustration.

Print this edition on its matching paper size at 100% / Actual size. Turn off Fit to page. Check the scale square with a ruler before tracing.



3 inches / 76.2 mm high, including the stem



Scale check: each side must measure 1 inch / 25.4 mm. Trace only the leaf, not this square or the labels.

A clear, flat 4 x 4 inch face gives this design room. Check it against your own blank and leave an unburned margin. Transfer onto suitable unfinished wood, then remove all paper and tape before using the hot tool.

From pattern to finished piece.

A printable companion to the full beginner guide. Follow the instructions supplied with your burner and use the linked safety guide before starting.

- ☐ **Gather**
  Suitable pyrography pen, secure holder, compatible tip, known untreated and unfinished solid wood, matching scrap, pencil, template and preparation supplies.
- ☐ **Set up**
  Arrange a stable, ventilated workspace and keep combustible items clear. Fit or change tips only with the tool off, unplugged and fully cool.
- ☐ **Prepare and transfer**
  Smooth the surface and remove dust. Transfer the leaf lightly, check the margin, then remove all paper and tape from the work area.
- ☐ **Practice**
  On matching scrap, try a short line, a curve and a small light patch. Use gentle contact. Change one variable at a time within the tool instructions.
- ☐ **Burn the outline**
  Use short strokes and lift before pausing. Put the pen in its holder before turning the wood. A light, readable outline is enough.
- ☐ **Add the vein and stem**
  Keep the center line clear and the joins light. Stop at an outline if you like it; shading is optional, not a requirement.
- ☐ **Cool and inspect**
  Switch off and unplug. Leave the tool safely in its holder until fully cool. Inspect the leaf and gently remove unwanted pencil marks.
- ☐ **Finish and learn**
  An indoor practice piece can remain unfinished. If applying a finish, test on scrap and follow its directions. Never burn through a coating.

Ready to move on?

Look for a readable leaf, a clear center vein and strokes made without forcing the tip. A small wobble is normal. Keep your scrap and note one thing to improve on the next piece.

Full beginner guide: fireneedle.com (Start here)

Safety guide: fireneedle.com (Safety)