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Well, you can get it 2 ways.

1st and probably better: Take a piece of peacock and lay it on your desk/tying area (on a sheet of paper makes for easier clean up). Pinning the peacock down with your fingers, use a pencil eraser and run the feather against the grain removing the fuzzy part of the feather leaving the quill. Most of the time all of the fuzzy part doesn't come off. To get the rest, turn the feather over and repeat the eraser thing. The first few times you try this the quill might break. You'll learn quick how much pressure you can put on the feather with your fingers. A lot of the time the quill is just weak.

2nd: buy prestripped peacock. This is usually brittle and breaks a lot. Sometimes soaking for at least an hour helps.

Laquering is using head cement or fingernail polish to strengthen the quill because it is delicate.