Drawing »brush strokes«
for the pattern along path LPE

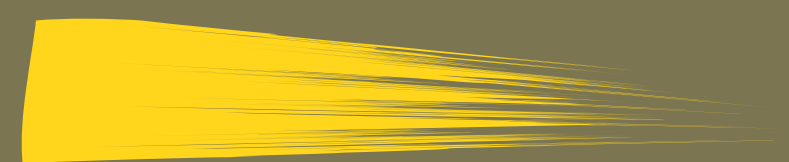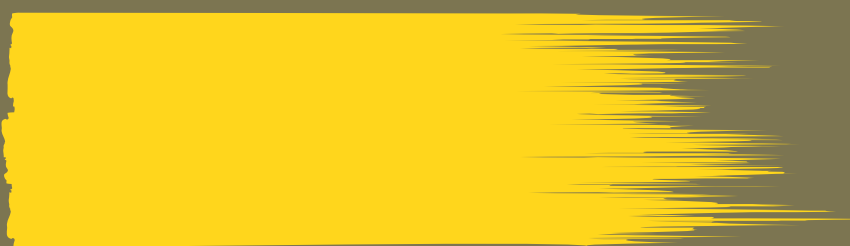"Shape:
Applies a shape to the path
after it is drawn.

This is equivalent to
using the Pattern Along Path
LPE in Single, stretched mode."

this is to be considered when creating
a pattern shape
- strike zone may stretch too much,
  the fading may be too long

strike zone   solid fill   fade out

a few variants