What you’ll need . . .

» Quill feather
» Ballpoint pen
» Cotton twill tape or absorbent ribbon
» Double-sided tape

» Fabric glue
» Scissors
» Ruler
» Pliers (maybe)

1. Remove the tube of ink from the pen by pulling on the plastic tip. If you aren’t able to do this with your fingers, use pliers.

2. The ink tube needs to fit inside the quill feather. The tip of the quill will probably be blocked, so clip off the very tip of it with the scissors if needed.

3. Gently insert the ink tube into the quill. The quill will probably crack a little, and that’s okay. You will need to cut off most of the ink tube to make it fit inside the quill, so make a mental note of about how long it should be.
Cut the ink tube to length. Don’t worry, it won’t “squirt!” Reinsert the ink tube into the quill. If the black plastic tip fits snuggly up to the quill tip, proceed. If not, trim more off of the tube.

Wrap a short piece of double-sided tape around the tip of the ink tube. Then put another piece on at an angle and wrap it around and up the shaft of the quill.

Cut a 6 inch length of cotton twill. Wrap it once up against the black plastic pen tip. Then pull the twill gently toward the quill as you continue to wrap in a spiral.

As you reach the end of the twill, pause and wrap a piece of double-sided tape on the quill where the twill will stop. Put a drop of fabric glue on the end of the twill and finish wrapping.

Finally, apply a thin line of glue along the length of the wrapping. Use your fingers to spread the glue all around the surface of the twill to bind it together permanently. Wash your hands right away! The glue will dry to the touch in about 5 minutes. Enjoy!