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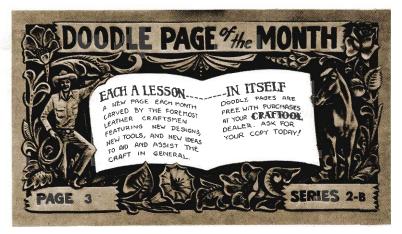
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ARIZONA STYLE SADDLE STAMPING by Ken Griffin

On this page the various flowers have been mixed together to show a greater variety of floral units. In practice, one floral unit only was used on any one pattern. In design, an overlapping semi-circular pattern was the most popular and the main stem was not continuous throughout the design. The flowers were not as ornate as the Texas nor as authentic as the California Style. Characteristic of the Arizona style are the long, graceful stems. These stems were cut much larger at the junction of the flower and usually stamped with a seed, veiner, and, mule foot. Seeds were also used at the junction of leaves and stems.

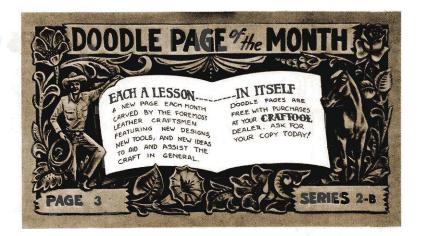
At the top left corner is pictured a speed, or commercial design. Various leaves were occasionally used with floral units but the acanthus and scroll were by far the most popular and were used with, almost every different flower. The scroll was cut more uniformly from stem to end with larger curly-cues and less taper than the Texas scroll. The three petaled acanthus was used often as a space filler, the center petal was shaped in several different ways to fill in any needed space. Buds were never used.

In comparing the Arizona to the Texas style, you will find the flower petals were made with less abrupt curves. "Stickers" (secondary leaves) and longer stems and were smaller at the ends. The ornamental cuts usually followed the general contour of the sticker. Tools typical to the Arizona style are the cross-lined shaders, lined seeders, lined mule foot, and shell veiners . . . as the #744 to #715 series. These were usually used as stops or seperators between petals and also to feather the edge of scrolls and leaves. Feathering the edges was only seen on the Arizona work.









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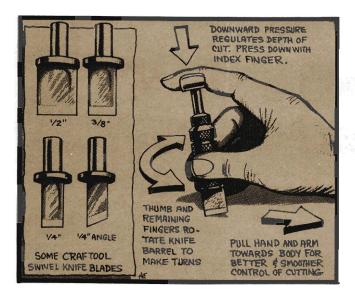
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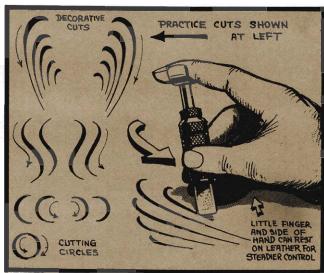


HOW TO USE THE SWIVEL KNIFE



HOLDING THE SWIVEL KNIFE

The Swivel Knife is the most important tool used in leather carving. The Swivel Knife is made in several styles for individual requirements. Many styles of blades are available, including a "quick-change" blade that is disposable when dulled. Hold tool as shown; Index finger in yoke. Thumb, 2nd & 3rd fingers on barrel. Little finger rests on leather and steadies blade.



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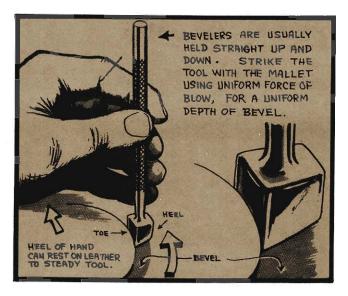
Moisten a scrap of leather, and practice the cuts illustrated above. Keep the blade sharp. Wide blades should be used for long, flowing lines; narrow blades for tiny details and figure carving. The cuts are usually made towards the body ... turn leather when necessary to complete a cut. Practice ... is the key to successful use of the Swivel Knife. Practice! Practice! Practice!!!!!

HOW TO BEVEL THE DESIGN



BEVELED DESIGN

The purpose of Beveling a design is to bring it into bold relief, creating a three-dimensional effect. Usually, only one side of the swivel knife cut is beveled. However, this is not a hard and fast rule, as often times special designs require beveling alternating sides of the cut... or both sides. The surfaces of the Bevelers (lined, smooth, checked) are for creating different textures; effects.



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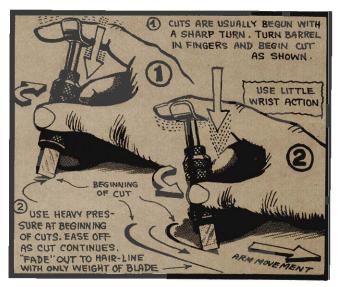
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FORMS OF DECORATIVE CUTTING

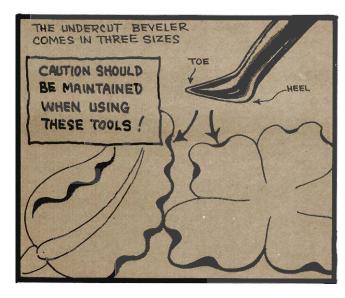
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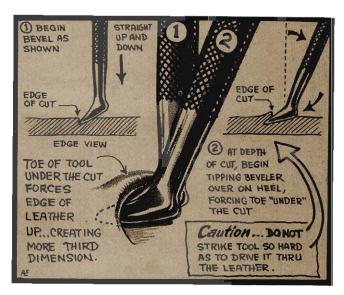
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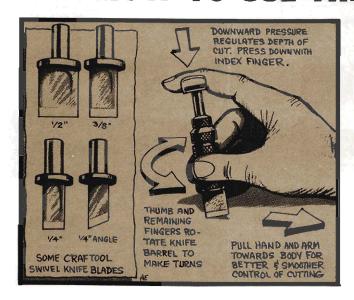
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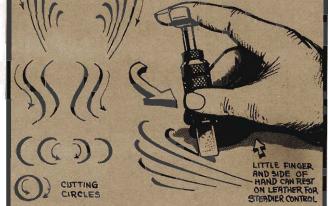


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PRACTICE CUT'S SHOWN

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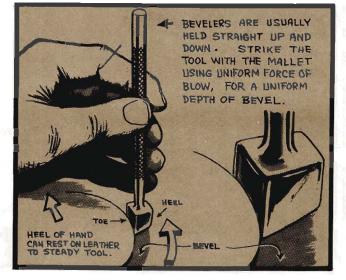
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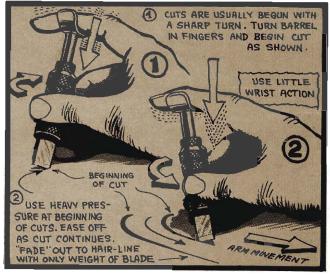
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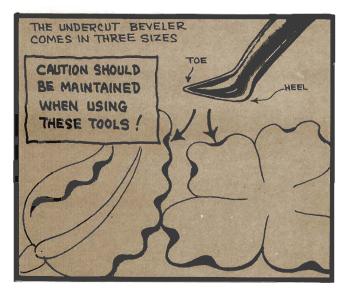
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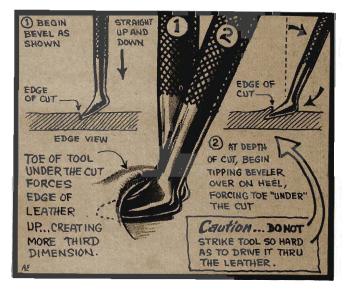
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