



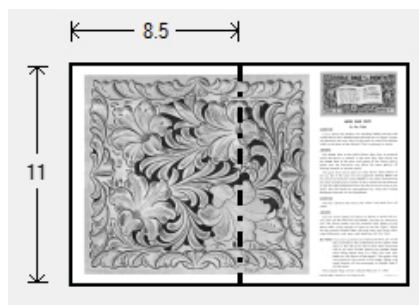
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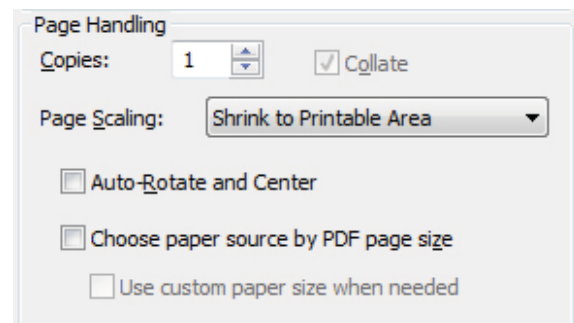
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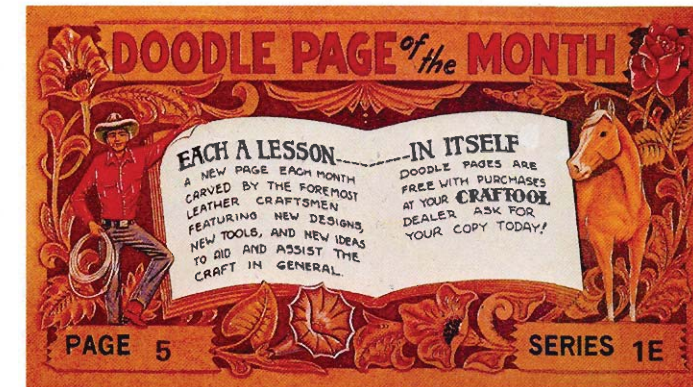
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BIG GUN COMFORT

BY BILL McKAY

One of the problems of carrying a long barreled revolver is that every time you try and sit down, the end of the holster digs into the chair and shoves the other end into your side. This holster not only helps to ease that problem, it also makes it easy to take off and put on without having to remove your belt.

You can make this holster lined or un-lined. If you make it lined, sew the top and bottom as indicated on the pattern, and be sure to glue the lining in with a good quality contact cement such as Tandy Craftsman Cement. If you use any type of white glue and the holster gets damp, it will eat the blued finish right off your gun.

My sample shows three different treatments on this design, but you can use any number of decorations to show off your tooling expertise. You can get any number of ideas in the many different books available at your local Tandy Store. Books such as Craftool Tech-Tips, Design Artistry and Leather Secrets have thousands of great ideas for all types of leather design work.

To begin making your holster, draw an outline of your gun, leaving 1/2" of space around the entire outline. This will be the stitch line for the main holster body inside. Now, you can adjust the holster for your individual gun by making it a bit wider or narrower as needed, using the basic pattern as a guide. Also, if you want to make this holster for a 4" revolver or semi-auto pistol, be sure to adjust the basic pattern for length. I've found that with the shorter guns you should also move the belt 'tabs' toward the top of the holster so that your gun doesn't 'flop around' on your side. You can see what I mean in the drawing on the back.



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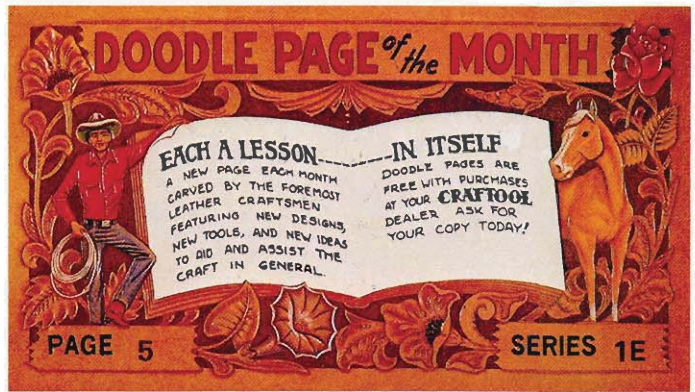
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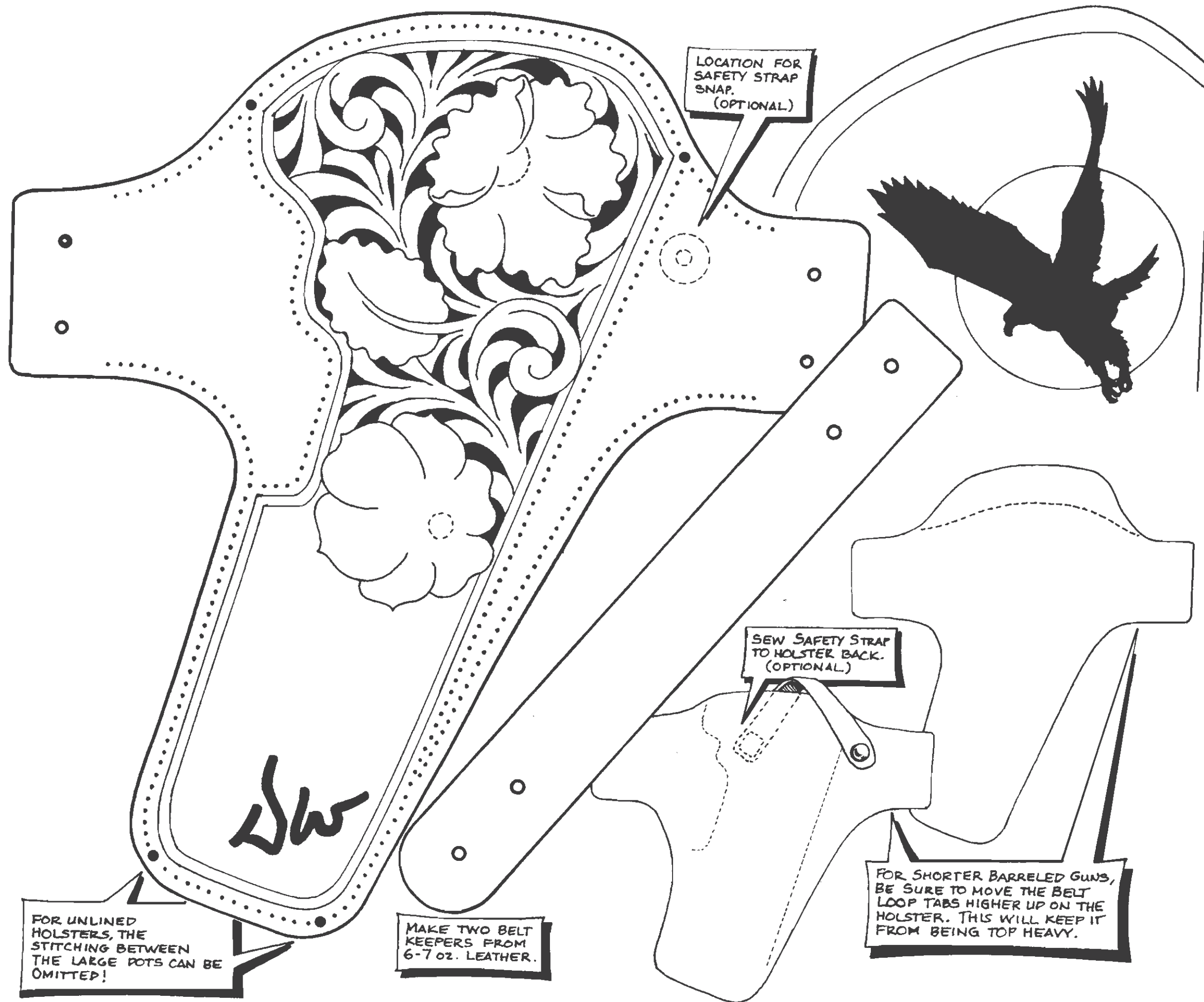
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Now you can get started on the really fun part of adding your artistic touch. You can add the logo of the gun manufacturer, as I did on my own holster, or you may, (perish the thought) even want to leave it plain. Once you have it all tooled and colored, all that's left is to cement the edges together and stitch everything up tight. I prefer to use the waxed nylon thread available at Tandy to stitch all my holsters. It is much heavier and stronger than the linen and also less prone to wear out.

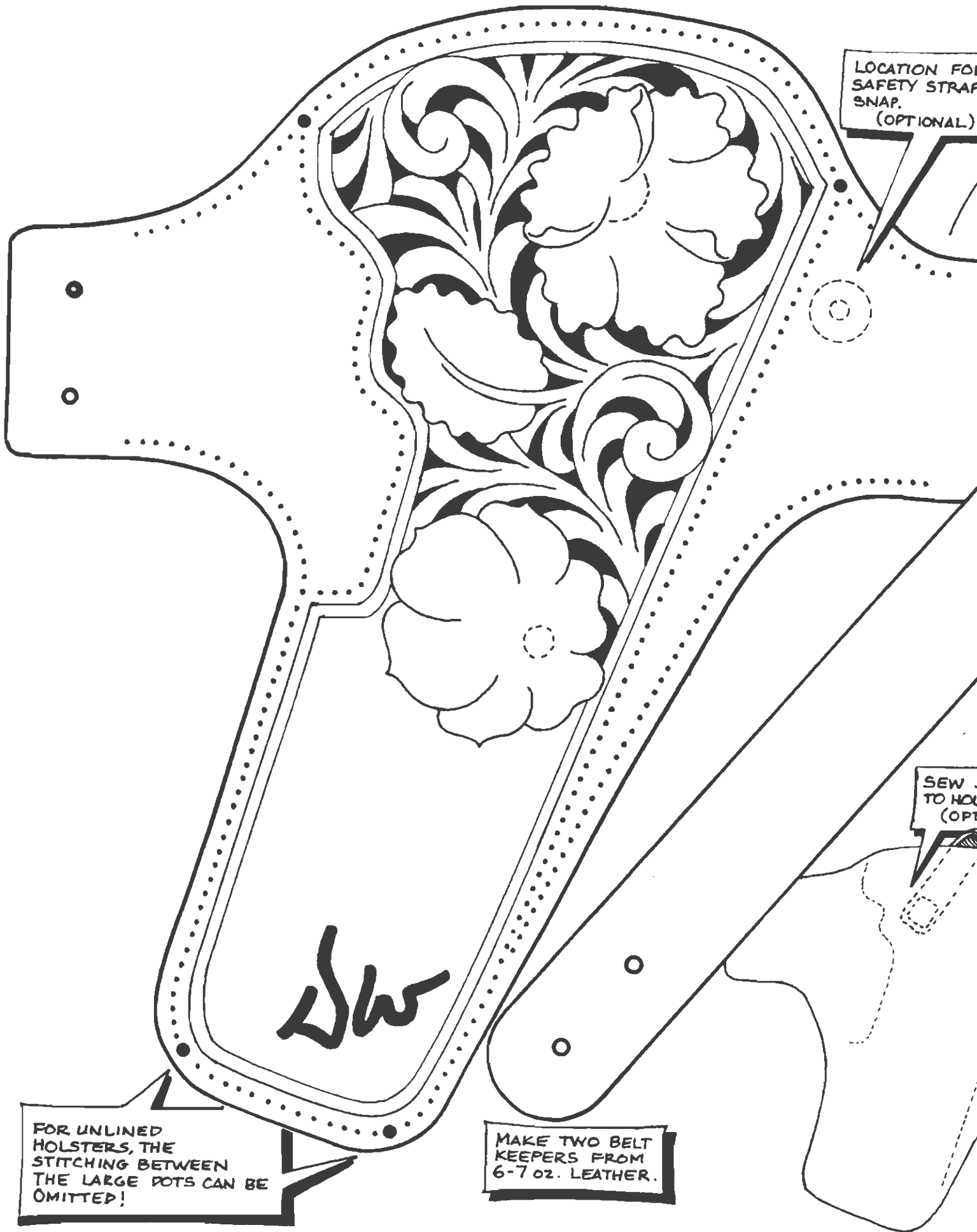
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Now, you will need to make two one inch straps to use as belt keepers. Be sure to test fit them for length before you round off the end of the belt tabs and the belt. They should be fairly snug when snapped down. Be sure and use two line 24 Durable Dot snaps on each keeper. It's not worth risking a three-hundred dollar gun by trying to save on a 20 cent snap.

I'm sure, that once you get this holster finished and try it out, it will become one of your favorites. Since I started wearing mine, I have gotten over forty orders from other gun owners. Gee! This is almost getting to be too much like a regular job. Have fun, and be careful. As always, firearms safety is no accident.



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LOCATION FOR
SAFETY STRAP
SNAP.
(OPTIONAL)

SEW
TO HOLD
(OPT)

FOR UNLINED
HOLSTERS, THE
STITCHING BETWEEN
THE LARGE DOTS CAN BE
OMITTED!

MAKE TWO BELT
KEEPERS FROM
6-7 oz. LEATHER.



SAFETY STRAP
HOLSTER BACK.
(OPTIONAL)

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