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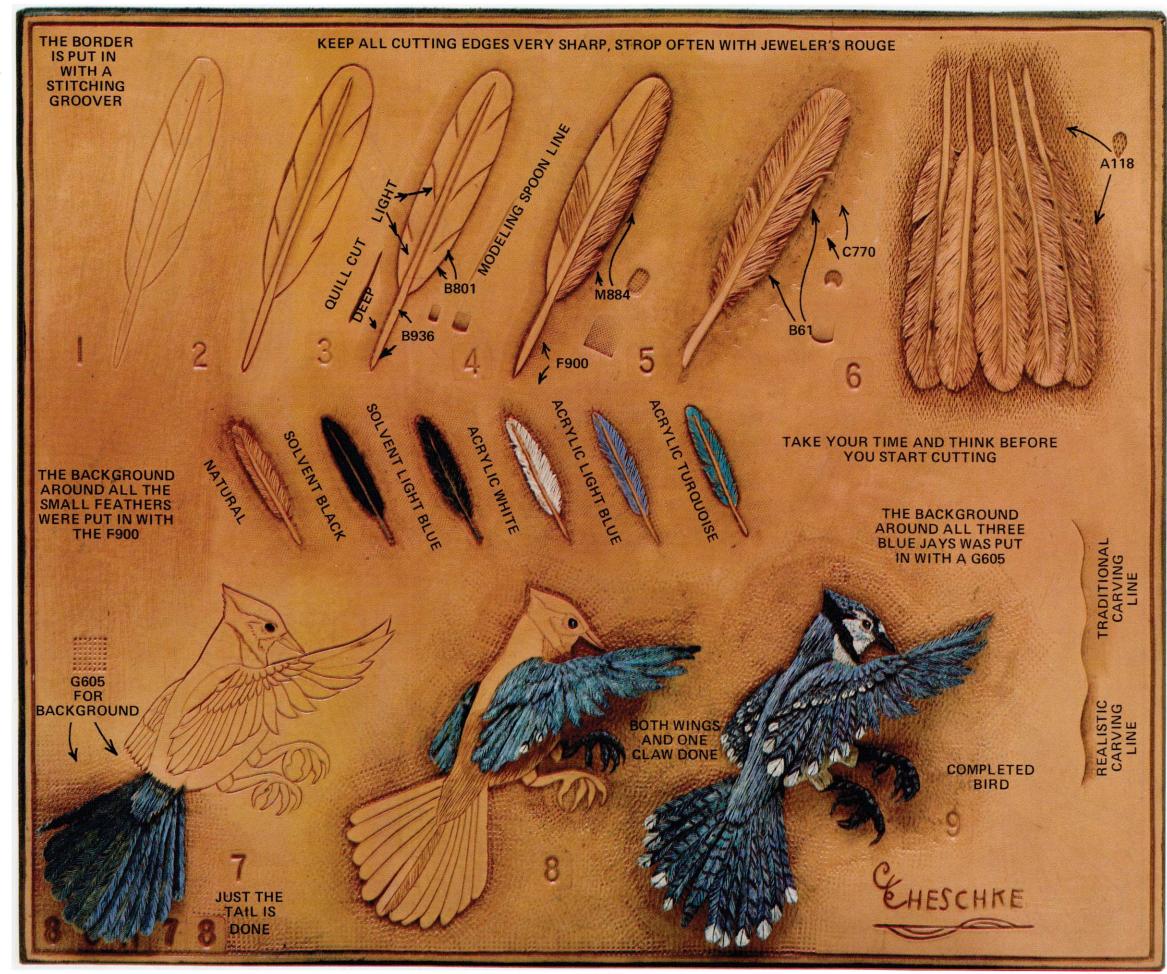
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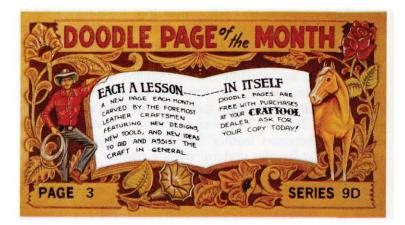
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BLUE JAY REALISTIC CARVING by CHARLES E. HESCHKE

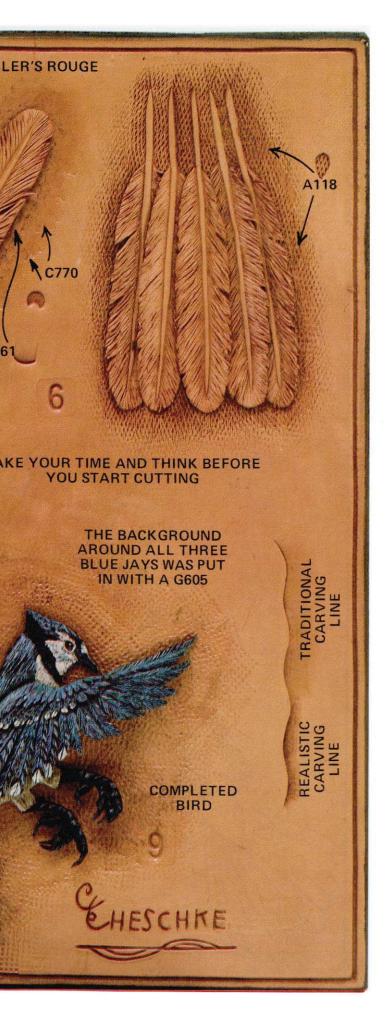
I have been carving leather for over 22 years. Over the last six years I have been working and developing this new technique in leather carving. I call it realistic carving. The best way I can describe it would be if you took a feather, a butterfly, or bird and placed it on a piece of leather this would give you the effect of what the carving would look like. A realistic carving is carved out of one piece of leather nothing is glued except the backing. It is a true form of carving where at times you remove some of the leather as the word implies, "carving".

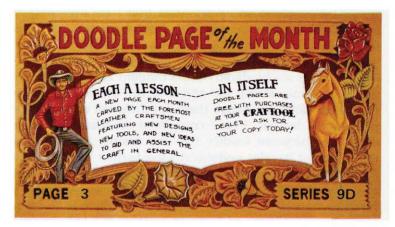
Carving the Blue Jay

The border line is put in with a Tandy craftool number 8074 stitching groover. Starting from left to right I will explain step by step how to do the Blue Jay. Case your leather and prepare it the same way you would a traditional carving. On the no. 1 feather I have shown the outline of the feather. The second feather I have cut in lightly with a swivel knife. Going to the third feather, I have cut the feather in lightly but went deeper around the quill part, as shown on the left of the quill. Around the entire outside of the feather. I have used two sizes of bevelers, number B936 and B801. Where the quill goes up into the feather, I used the B801 beveler to bring the quill out more. As the quill goes into the feather, I have used the small modeling spoon. I have also used the beveler on one side to show you it can be done either way. To the right of the feather there is a modeling spoon line to give you a general idea. Going on to the fourth feather, I have taken the all purpose craft knife and slowly cut under the right side of the feather and lifted it from the background. With the same craft knife, you cut hair lines as though you were putting hair cuts on an animal for fur. For the background I used an F900 and an M884.









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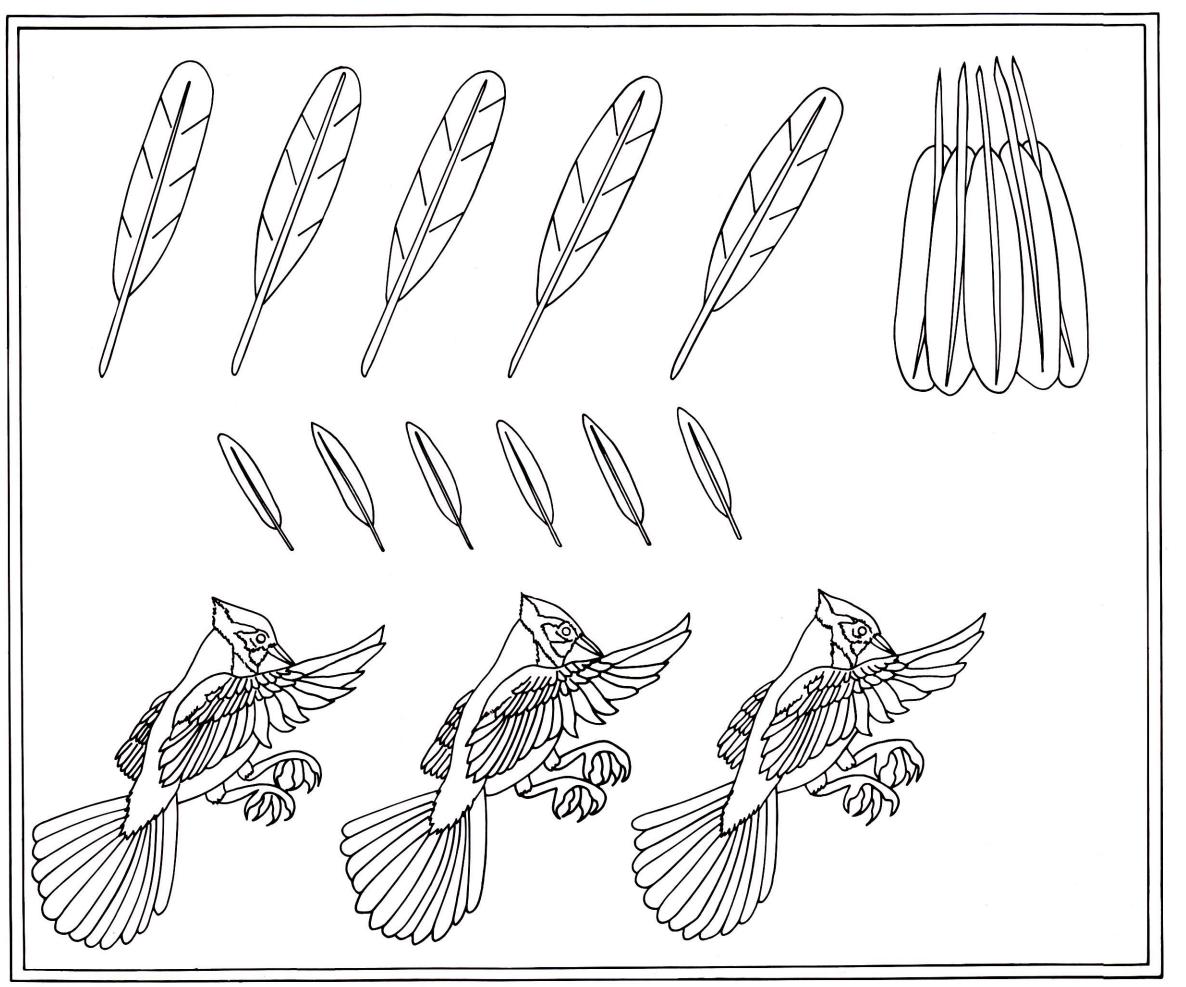
Dyeing of the Blue Jay

On figure seven I started dyeing with a diluted light blue Pro Dye (four solvent to one dye). On the other half of the tail feathers I dry brushed light blue acrylic (Cova Dye®) over the diluted solvent dye. On figure eight, the small left wing is dry brushed with a little turquoise over the two. Over all three I lightly dry brushed white. For the black I used the solvent dyes with a touch of dry brushed white. Next, put on your finish. Best of luck with your realistic Blue Jay. By the way, the outline of this Blue Jay can be used to carve it traditionally also.



Charles E. Heschke, 48, is a machine operator living in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. His work has won 1st Place at the Wisconsin State Fair, been featured in a magazine, and has earned a private showing in the Milwaukee County Museum. He also was a 1985 Doodle Page Contest Winner with his "Realistic Butterflies". His 22 years of experience in leathercraft is certainly evident in this example of "Blue Jay Realistic Carving". Charles other interest include poetry, oil painting, sketching and sculpturing.





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