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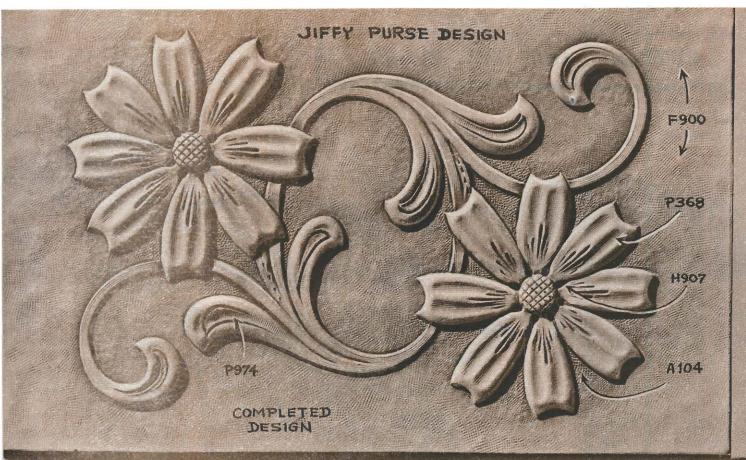
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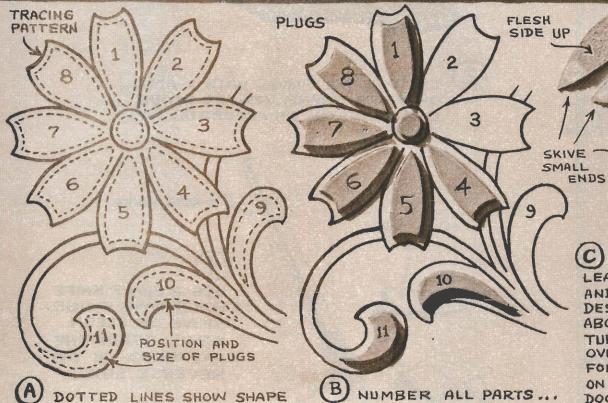
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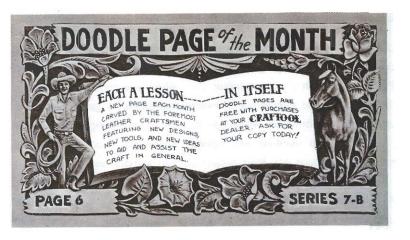
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IN PLACE.

PLUGS





EMBOSSING LEATHER

by Al Stohlman

This month we have added more plugs to increase your embossing challenge. Follow the same steps as in the previous Doodle Page for casing the leather; preparing it for carving and embossing. This pattern features fine stems and multiple flower petals. You will note that the stems themselves cannot be embossed . . . but the ends of the scrolls can as they are wide enough to accommodate plugs.

Use scraps of 4/5 oz. leather for making the plugs. Trace the pattern on the leather and carefully mark the position of the plugs . . . as shown by the dotted lines in step "A" at left. Here again, you must remember to allow for the thickness of the carving leather; make the plugs this much smaller than the Tracing outline. On designs with multiple plugs, such as this one, it is a good idea to number all of the plugs both on the leather and also on the tracing pattern. This will insure their proper placement once they are cut out.

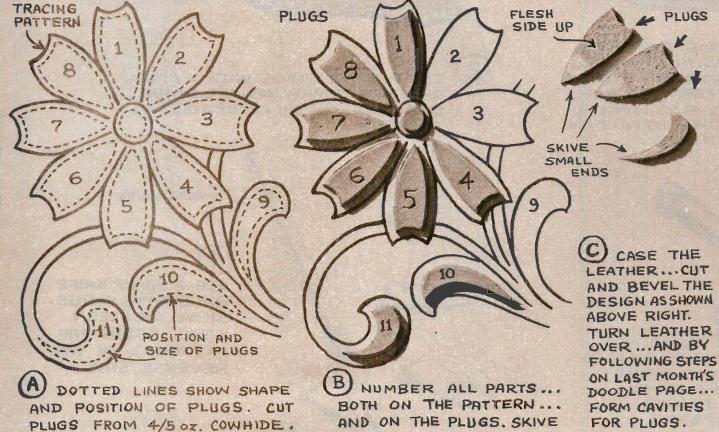
You will note that these plugs have been skived on the small ends. This adds more realism to the final carving and is especially necessary on the stem plugs to "taper" the raised areas smoothly into the stems (see Photo Pattern of completed design). Always skive on the flesh side of the leather plugs, as shown.

After preparing all of the plugs (be sure they are numbered to correspond with the Tracing Pattern) trace and cut the design. Bevel around the design as shown in Fig. 1 . . . at upper right corner of Photo Pattern. Turn the leather over and draw around the outlines of the pattern (clearly shown by beveling marks on flesh side) with a ball-point pen to clearly establish them.

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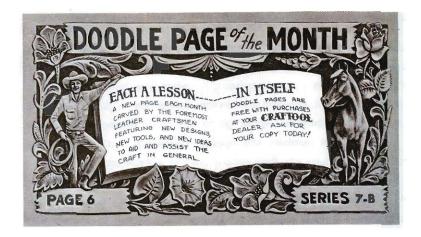
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Use the modeler, or your own preferred method, and form the plug cavities. Cement the plugs in their proper places (see Fig. 2 on Photo Pattern). Caution . . . remember . . . when you turn the leather to the flesh side the numbers will reverse themselves. A good method to use to avoid confusion would be to turn your tracing pattern over . . . altho' the numbers will appear backwards, you will be able to place the plugs into their proper cavities without any problems.

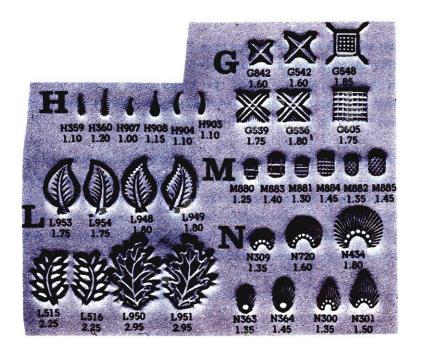
After the plugs have been cemented in place, turn the leather over and cement it to a piece of cardboard as previously described (last month). Bevel all around the design in the regular manner. This will "set" the plugs properly within the boundaries of the design. Next, complete the pear shading. You will note that often times, while pear shading, the beveled edges may tend to raise. It may be necessary to once again go over the beveling to set the leather down properly.

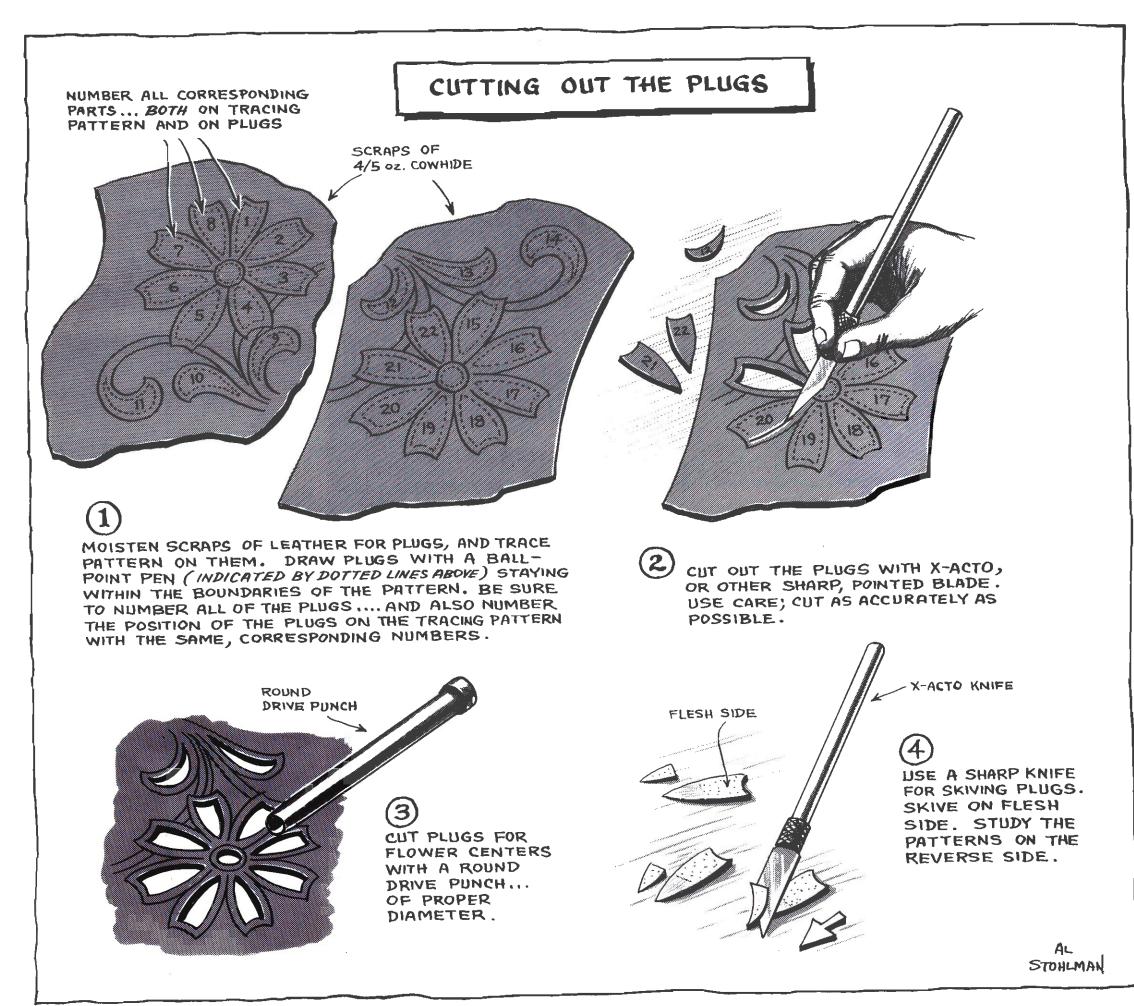
After this, do your backgrounding and matting. You'll note the "hair" blade has been pulled over the stems to accent the flow of the design. Complete with your decorative cuts.

You may find that cutting on the raised surface may present a bit of a problem for you with knife control. A little practice, however, will eliminate this. Be sure to allow the leather to thoroughly dry before removing from the cardboard. Special Tip: Remove the cardboard from the leather; not the leather from the cardboard. In other words, turn the leather down and peel the cardboard off the leather . . . holding the leather as flat as possible all the while. If you peel the leather off the cardboard you are liable to put wrinkles in the carving surface which will take extra work to remove.

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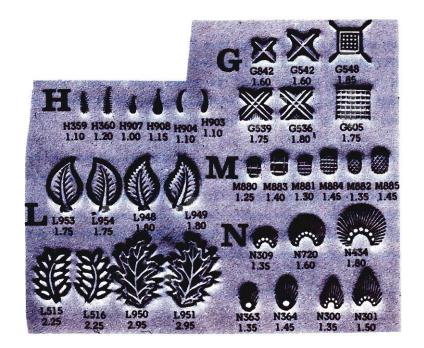
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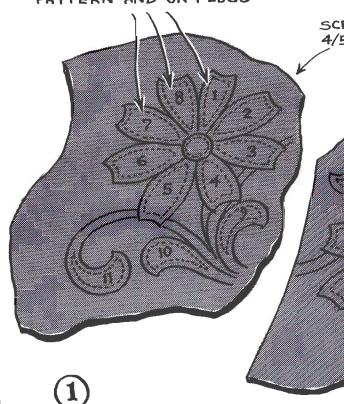
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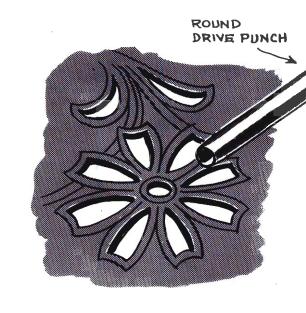
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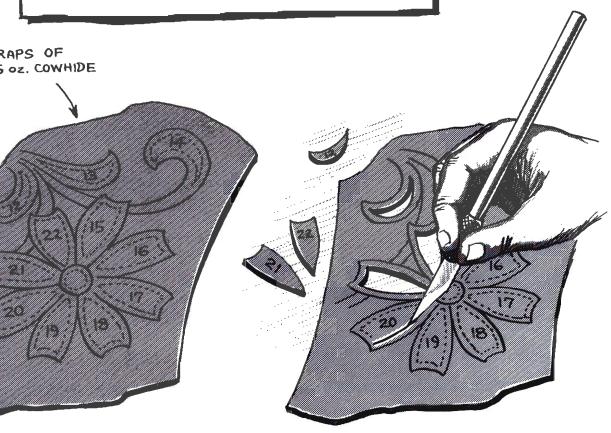
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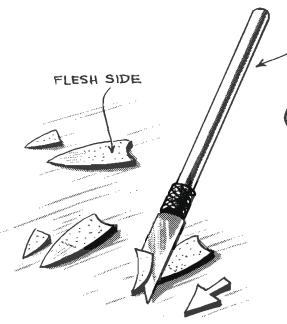


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USE CARE; CUT AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE.



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WITH A ROUND
DRIVE PUNCH...
OF PROPER
DIAMETER.



X-ACTO KNIFE

USE A SHARP KNIFE FOR SKIVING PLUGS. SKIVE ON FLESH SIDE. STUDY THE PATTERNS ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

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