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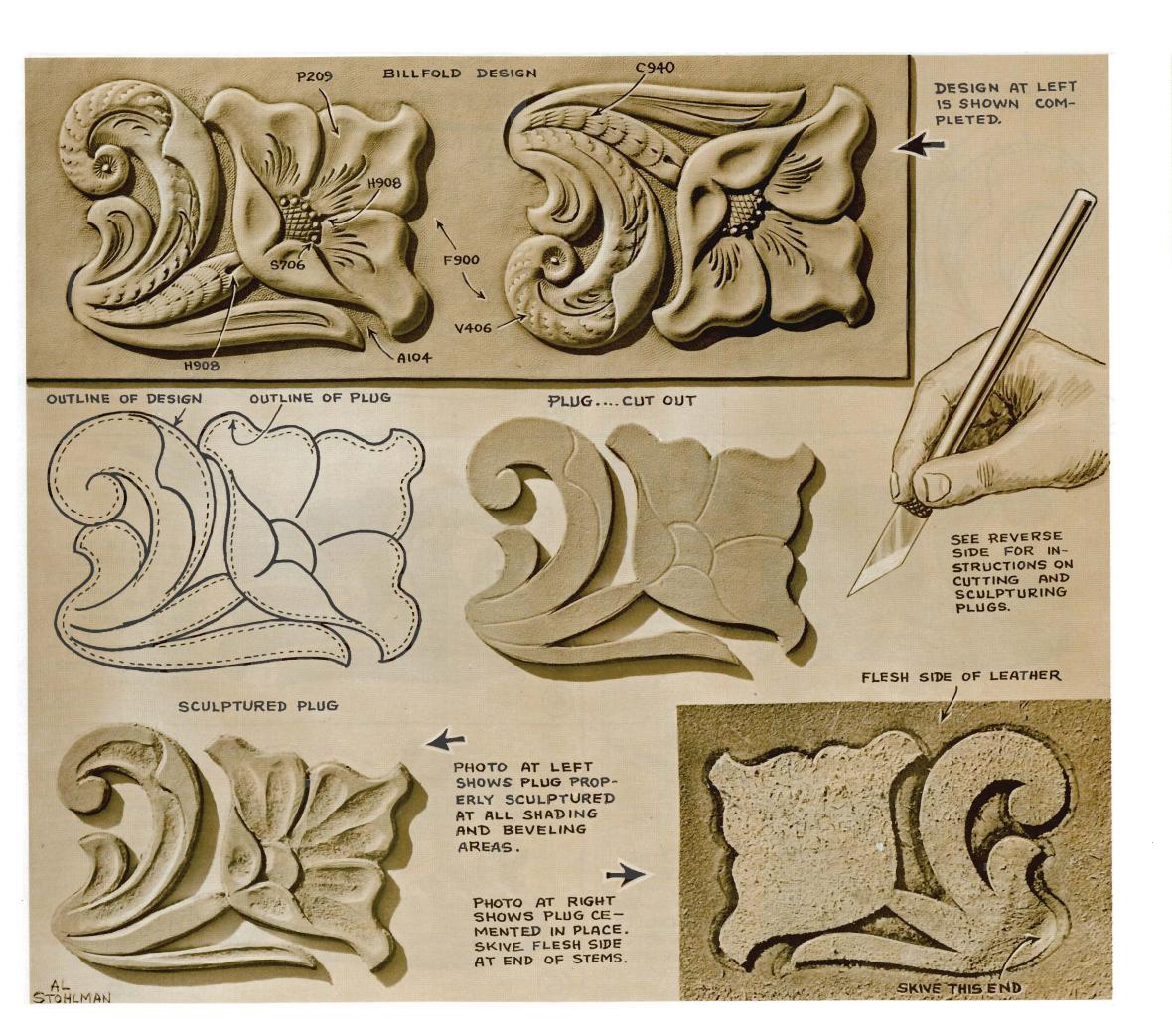
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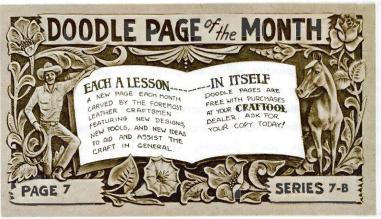
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EMBOSSING LEATHER

by Al Stohlman

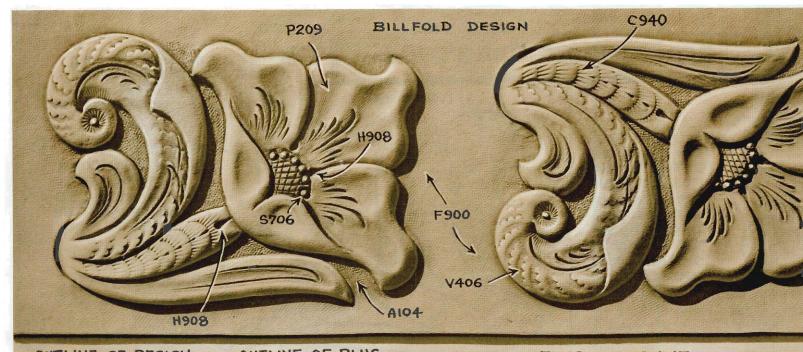
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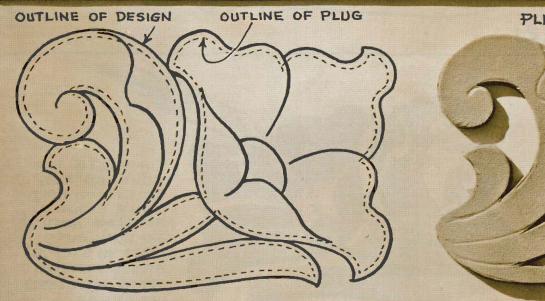
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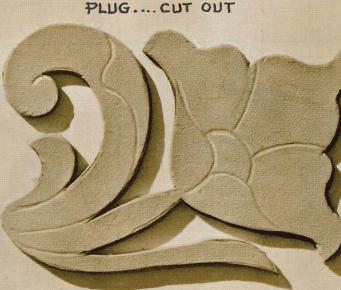
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You will notice that all of the beveled and shaded areas are sculptured. This could be eliminated . . . but the overall effect of the finished carving would not be nearly as dramatic as with the sculpturing . . . nor would the final beveling and shading be as deep.

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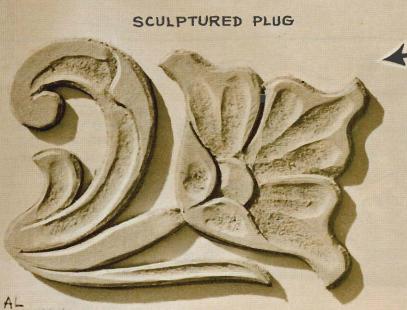
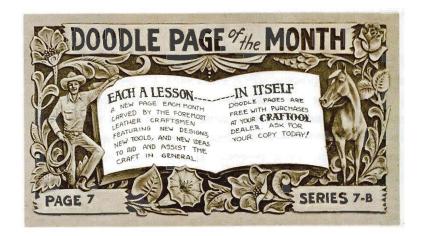


PHOTO AT LEFT SHOWS PLUG PROP-ERLY SCULPTURED AT ALL SHADING AND BEVELING AREAS.

> PHOTO AT RIGHT SHOWS PLUG CE-MENTED IN PLACE. SKIVE FLESH SIDE AT END OF STEMS.







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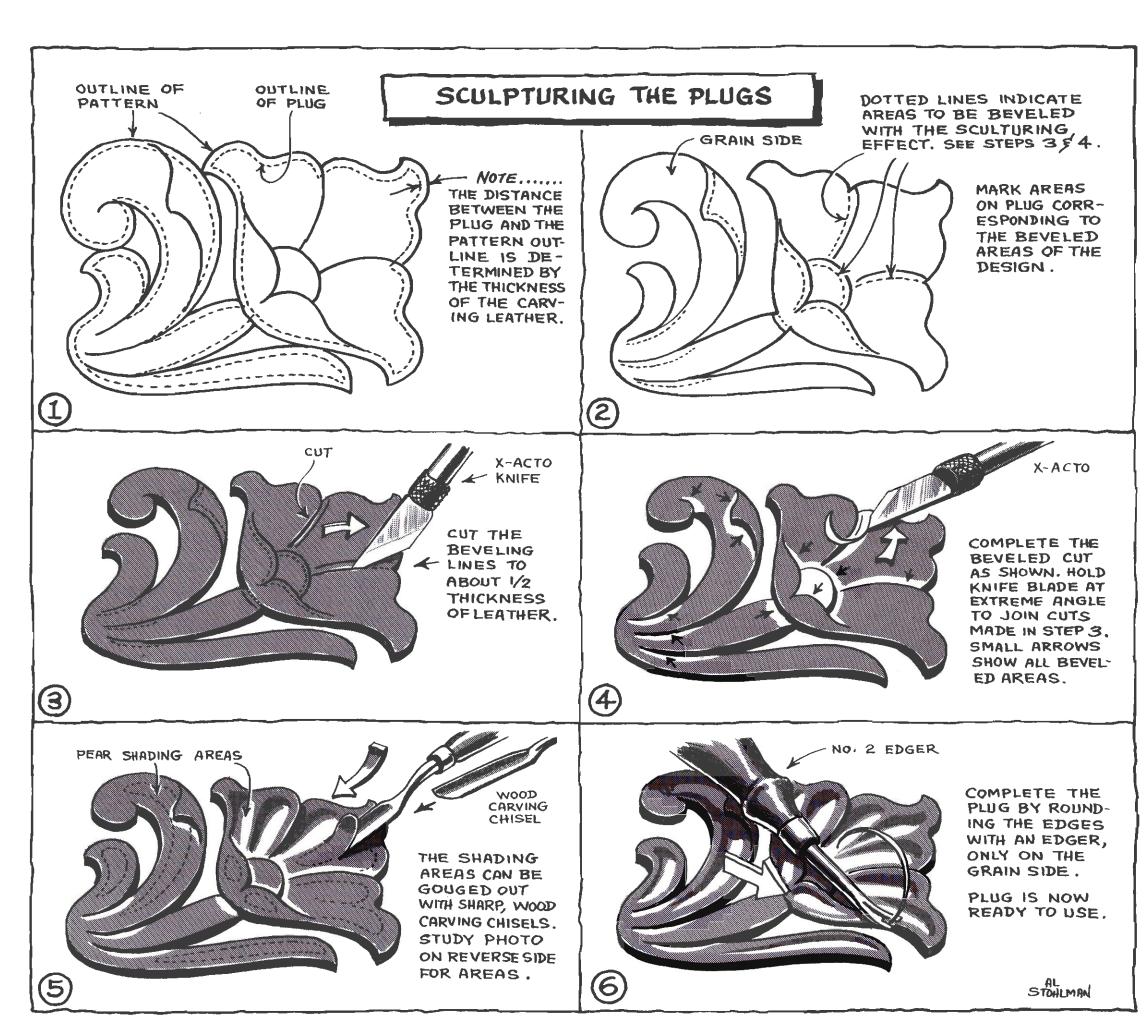
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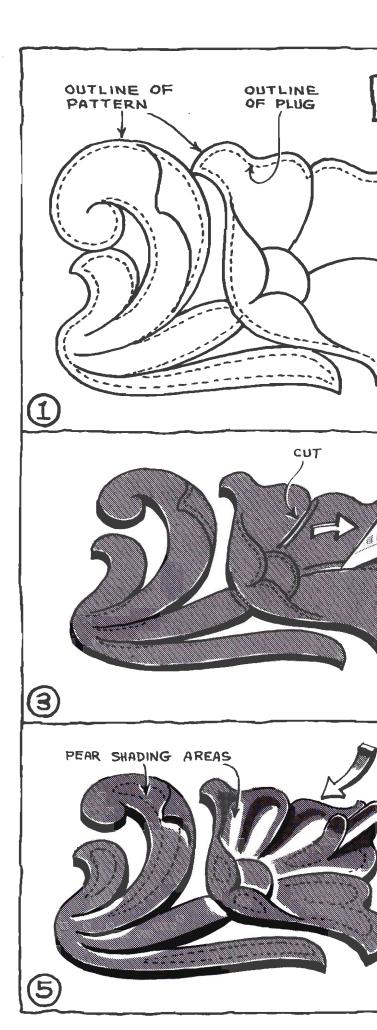
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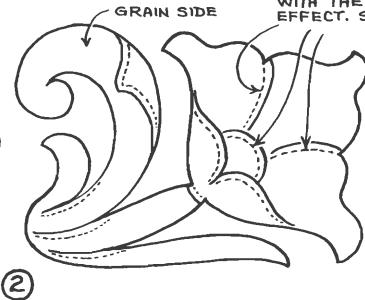




SCULPTURING THE PLUGS

DOTTED LINES INDICATE AREAS TO BE BEVELED WITH THE SCULTURING, EFFECT. SEE STEPS 3 5 4.

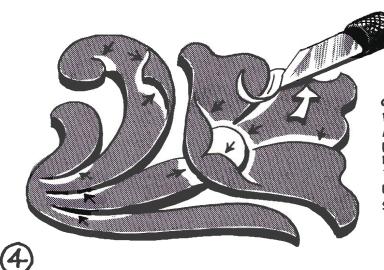
THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN THE
PLUG AND THE
PATTERN OUTLINE IS DETERMINED BY
THE THICKNESS
OF THE CARVING LEATHER.



MARK AREAS ON PLUG CORR-ESPONDING TO THE BEVELED AREAS OF THE DESIGN.

X-ACTO KNIFE

CUT THE
BEVELING
LINES TO
ABOUT 1/2
THICKNESS
OF LEATHER.

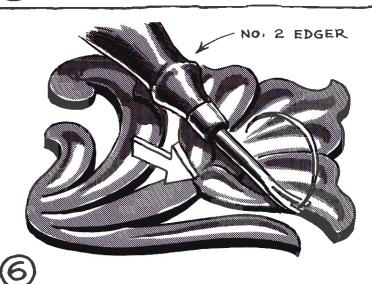


COMPLETE THE
BEVELED CUT
AS SHOWN, HOLD
KNIFE BLADE AT
EXTREME ANGLE
TO JOIN CUTS
MADE IN STEP 3.
SMALL ARROWS
SHOW ALL BEVELED AREAS.

X-ACTO

WOOD CARVING CHISEL

THE SHADING AREAS CAN BE GOUGED OUT WITH SHARP, WOOD CARVING CHISELS. STUDY PHOTO ON REVERSE SIDE FOR AREAS.



COMPLETE THE PLUG BY ROUND-ING THE EDGES WITH AN EDGER, ONLY ON THE GRAIN SIDE.

PLUG IS NOW READY TO USE.

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