



Doodle Page Digital Download

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1) Full Size

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2) Tiled

The tiled pages give you the option of printing the full sized Doodle Pages at home. You print the tiled pages and then assemble them to make the larger patterns.

The Doodle Page PDF files are typically laid out like this:

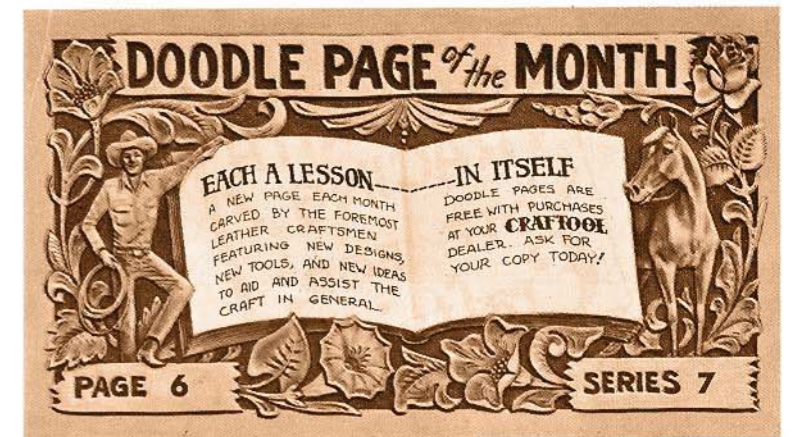
Front – full sized, front – tiled, back – full sized, back – tiled

(Some Doodle Pages do not have backs)

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HOW AND WHY

By Ray Pohja

QUESTION:

I am a former Art teacher now teaching leather carving, and would like to see a Doodle Page showing how a flower is properly placed on the stem. Why are the stems in most of the designs wider at the base of the flowers? This is contrary to nature.

ANSWER:

The dotted lines on the plain flower show how to properly center the flower in relation to the stem line. Also shown are the dotted lines of the stem and leaves of the flower above. Notice how the decorative cuts follow the same pattern, all flowing towards a common point.

We agree that nature does not make flower stems thicker at the top. But in this case we are supposedly looking **down** into the centers of the flower and/or **down** on the stems, consequently the stems should become smaller as they recede into the distance. To get the right perspective have the class study this from a distance. This can easily be accomplished by using the Craftfool Blackboard Stencils on the blackboard.

QUESTION:

How do I decorate the stems, and where is the Mule Foot tool used?

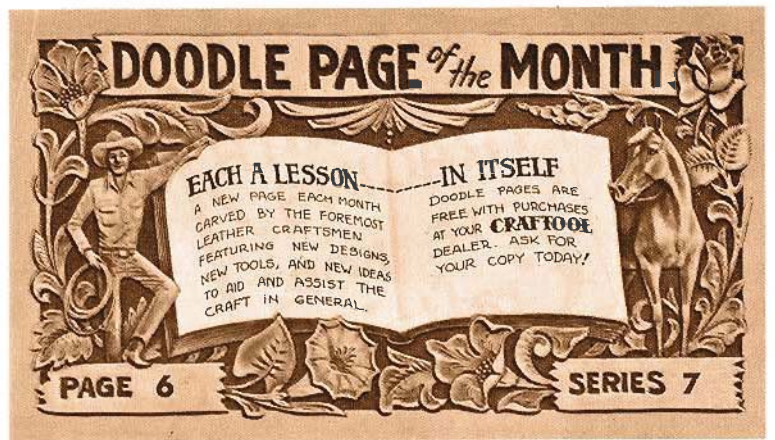
ANSWER:

Use the "Cam" lightly (as shown on flower in lower left corner), then use the Mule Foot and Seeder. Last the tiny decorative cuts. The flower petals, and the acanthus leaf border of this design offer a fine example of where to use the "Mule." Watch for next month's Doodle Page with each stem and flower decorated differently, and some real doodling with the tools.

ED. NOTE: If you have questions on leathercraft that you would like answered by the professional carvers please send them in. We will do our best to have them answered, and if you have trouble getting your Doodle Pages each month please drop us a card. We want your ballot on "The Flower of the Month." The contest rules are printed on the reverse of this page. Please vote early. Results will be announced on Doodle Page 9 of this series.

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