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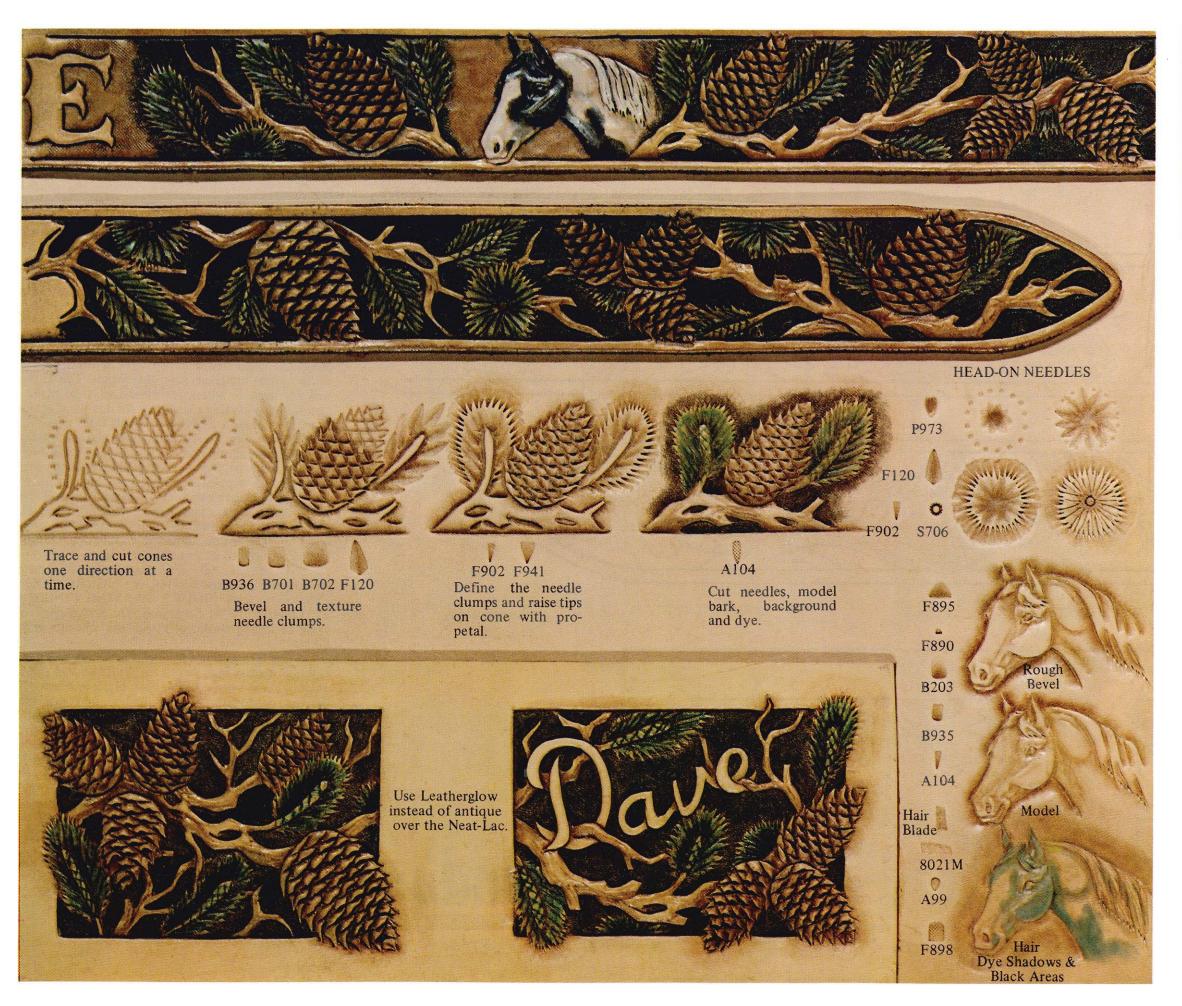
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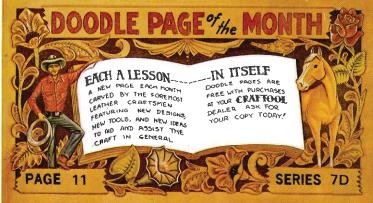
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PINE CONES by Judy James

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So here is a non-symetrical, essentially non-repeating pattern for a 1½" belt. Flip it over for the other half of the belt. With a 5½" space for name or initials and two 2½" spaces for items of special interest (I used horse heads, dyed to match specific animals) the pattern is long enough for a 34-36" waist measurement. To make it longer, increase the length of the spaces and/or join the patterns at "X" and "Y", starting over again from "X". To shorten, carry the border around the end of the belt and take the pattern up to the border. You may want to do some rearranging to make it more pleasing, depending on where the end comes in the design.

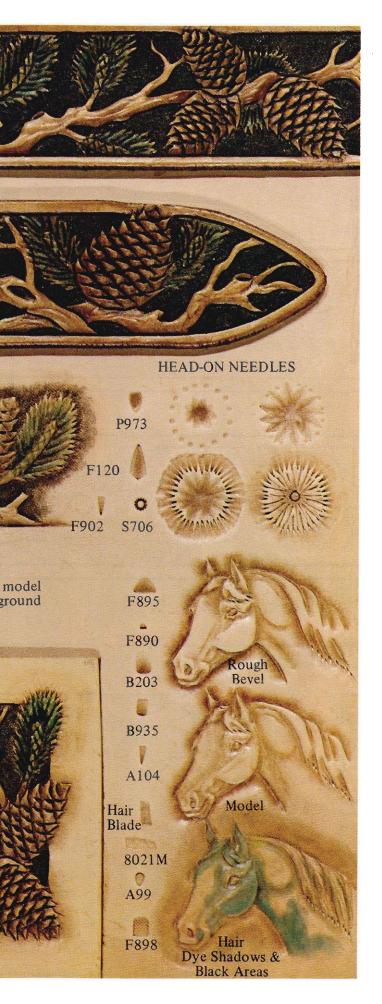
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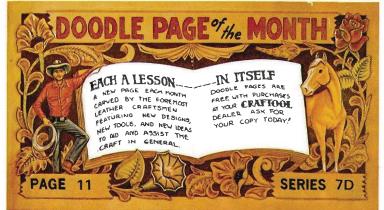
TOOLING: Case or dampen your leather. When it still looks damp, but not wet, trace and cut the solid lines. Do the cones in two steps. Trace and cut the lines going in one direction; then trace and cut the others.

When the leather looks dry, but is still damp inside, it is correct for tooling. Bevel all the cut lines with whichever checked beveler fits. Bevel the cones from the bottoms up, a point at a time. Don't forget F976 to get into the corners. Then use the undercut bevel (B892) or the smaller pro-petal tool to raise the points in the cones, again from the base up towards the tip. I prefer the pro-petal tool. Since you are not using a mallet, the leather under the tool is not compressed as it is with a regular undercut beveler.









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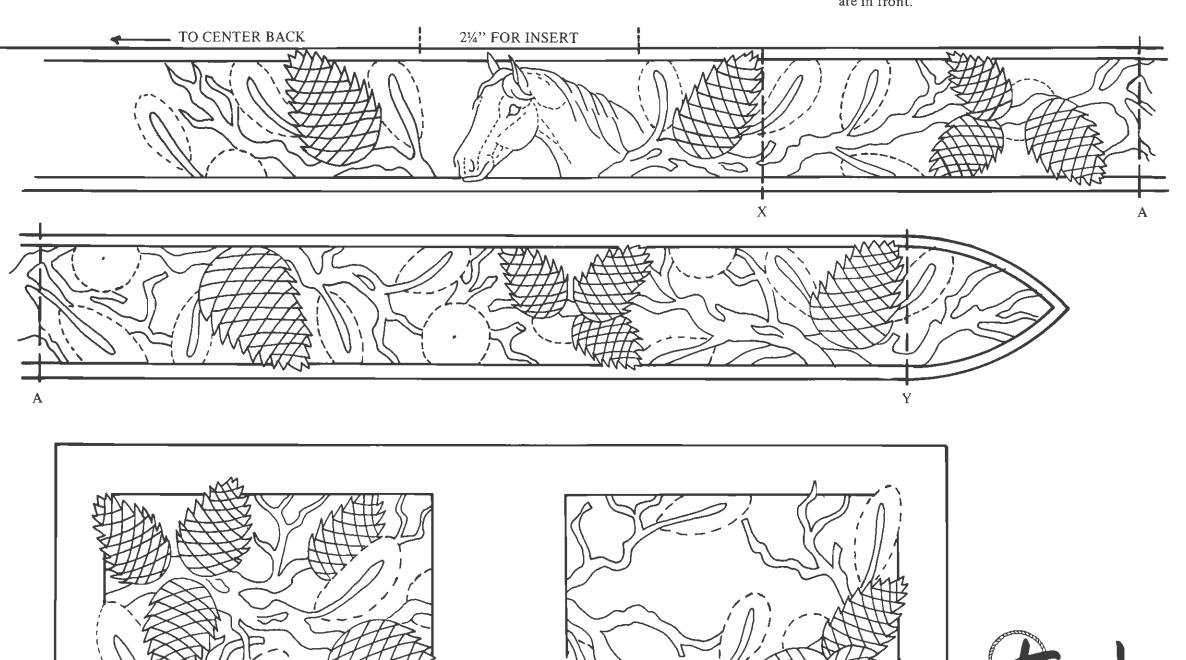
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Use modeling tools to round all branches and bottoms of cones and to scratch in bark.

Background with A104 using A98 and A99 to get in corners and small areas.

DYEING is actually fairly minimal, but accounts for the striking quality of the design. I use the antique resist method to accentuate the undercuts and tooling. Even without any other dyes, this would be effective.

If you do want to add color, I used Tandy Pro Dyes. Mix green and dark brown and dilute to various shades for the foliage. With a dilute mixture, dye the needles, Then really darken towards the centers of the clumps. Streak the twigs in the centers of the clumps with green; do not dye a solid green. A diluted yellow or yellow-green can be used over the needle ends to brighten them a bit. Use medium and light browns to round and shade the branches and cones by making them darker on the edges with the darkest edge on the bottom. It is the suggestion of depth and contour that is important. Dye the background with dark brown being careful not to bleed into the needles and branches.

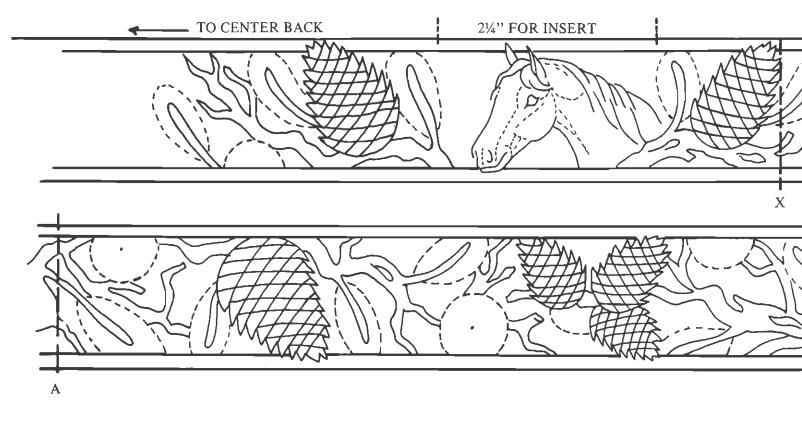
Tool and dye the horses or items of your choice. Bevel the edges of the belt. Neat-Lac the whole thing, or for more contrast, just the design. The antiquing will not soak in where the Neat-Lac is, so make sure you cover everything that you do not want antiqued. (Two thin coats are better than ont thick one.)

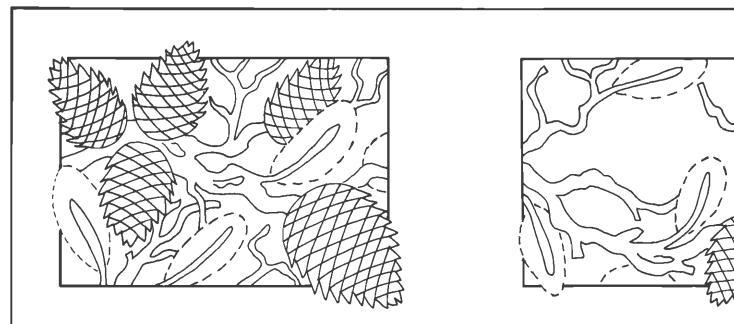
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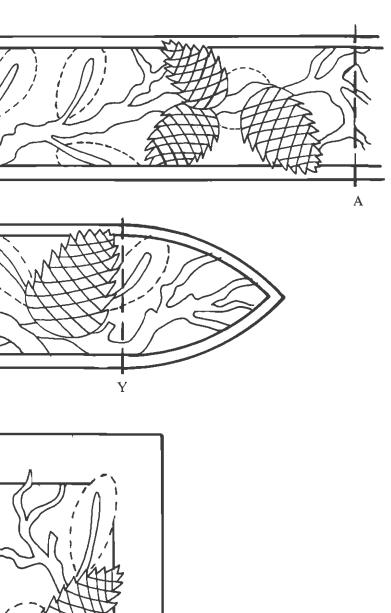
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