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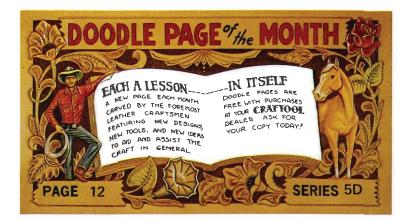
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Begin by tracing all lines and cutting solid lines with the swivel knife. Cut the heavy lines deepest. Do not cut the dotted lines. Starting with the foremost objects, stamp all heavy lines with smooth bevelers. I used B197 for most of the picture, using B935 for the tight spots.

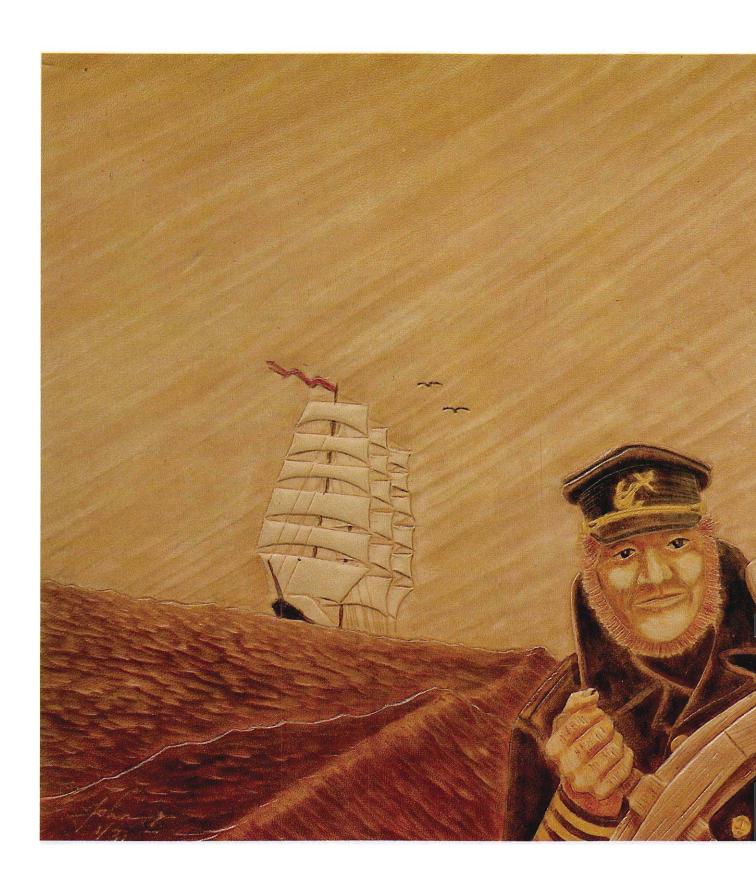
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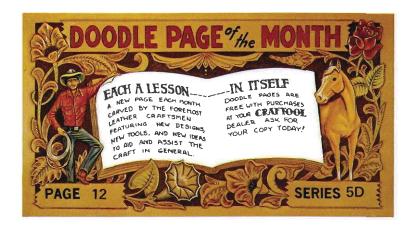
Keeping this in mind, model the ship's wheel, the captain's coat sleeve and seams. Shape the face, being careful to round the eyeballs and to form the nose. Model all rope links rounding the twists as well as the rope itself. Round the edges of the pulley block and model the brass strap. Round all edges on the clipper's sails, giving them a billowing appearance.

To model the sky, start in the lower right corner at the horizon. With your modeling tool pointing toward the top of the picture, sweep back and forth in graceful lines. Your sweeps should start and end right at the edge of each figure in order to remove the bevel indents. Ensure that all lines are parallel, particularly between the ropes, sails, and wheel spokes. With the pointed end of the modeler, open up the seagull cuts and the stay lines between the sails.

Form the surface of the sea by starting at the horizon. With your modeling tool pointing toward the bottom of the picture, scar the surface of the leather with '4" long sweeping gouges. Follow the direction of the sweeps as shown by the dotted lines on the tracing pattern. Always move the tool in the same direction. As you work toward the front of the picture, gradually enlarge the gouges to '2". After completely gouging the sea, go over it with the bevelers, moving around randomly, but always with the bevel face parallel to your gouge lines. Use the small beveler near the skyline.







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With many leather carvings, you can achieve extra depth by raising the foremost objects. In this picture, the captain and the wheel are perfect for this technique. To raise the captain's face, place a finger on each side of his face and rub your modeler back and forth in back of the head, hollowing it out. Give an extra push to the back of the nose, cheeks and cap brim. Do the same to both fists and the center handle on the wheel. On the front, remodel anything that was pushed out of

shape. The carving is now ready for coloring.

COLORING - All colors are Tandy's Super Dyes. I use the water colorist's technique of letting whites and reflected light come through from the natural color of the canvas or, in this case, the leather. On each object to be colored, first go over it with a dilute solution of dye, followed by repeated applications of the same solution in shadow areas, and finally using the same color full-strength for the darkest shadows. The dilute solutions should be around 15 parts solvent to 1 part dye. This is approximate, so pour the dye into the solvent in small amounts and experiment on a piece of scrap.

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Use the same colors on the pulley block and rope, but finish the rope with full-strength medium brown. Color the weathered brass strap on the pulley with dilute green, and dry brush down the center of the strap and around the center nut with a solution of 1 part green and 2 parts solvent.

Use full strength yellow for all of the brass on the captain's coat

Color the captain's coat and cap with one application of dilute dark brown followed by full-strength dark brown leaving high lights by dry brushing at seams and shoulders, around the collar edges, cap peak, etc. Don't forget to color his left elbow (under the wheel rim).

Color his throat scarf with full-strength medium brown.

Use diluted tan to color the captain's skin and beard, dry brushing his knuckles, tops of his thumbs, nose, cheeks, chin, and lower lip. Build up layers, then go over crevases, upper lip and shadowed areas with full strength light tan. With your smallest brush and full-strength dark brown, color his upper eyelashes and pupils. Leave the whites and catch-lights in his eyes unstained. While you have dark brown on a small brush, paint the dirt under his thumb nails; the seagulls; and the clipper's hull, bowsprit, and masts. Do not dye the clipper's sails. Go over the captain's beard with red using the dry brush technique. (Use the red brush to color the clipper's pennant.) Touch up his beard with more tan on a dry brush to subdue any unruly reds.

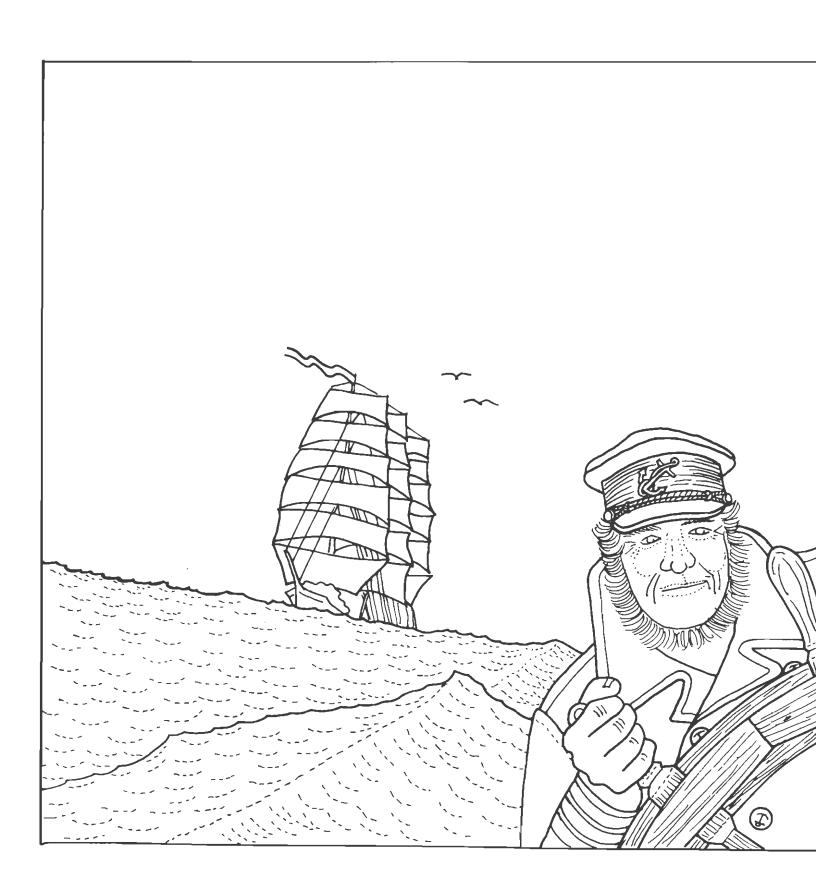
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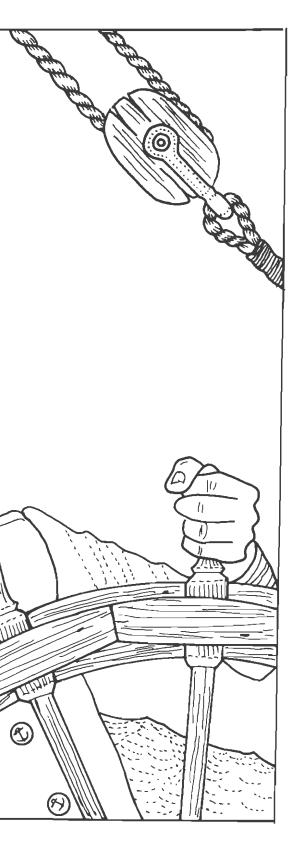
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