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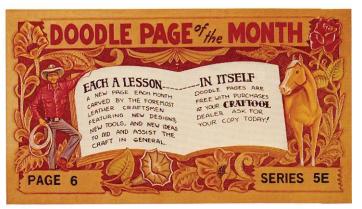
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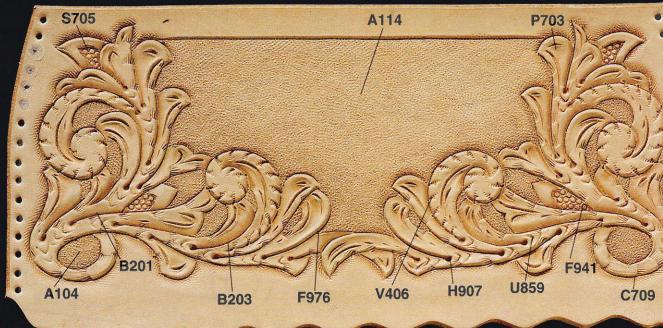
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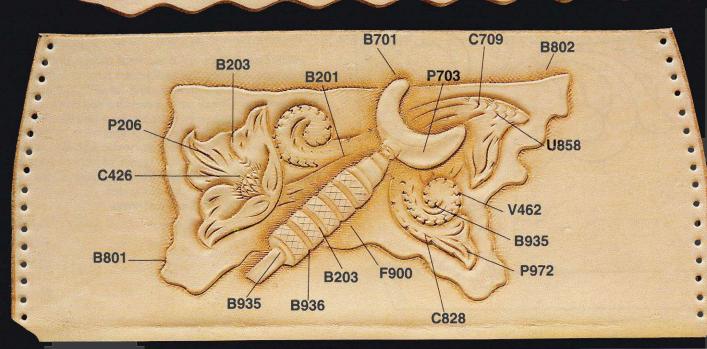
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I have on my work table a handcrafted tool rack that will hold 250 leather stamps and it has two drawers in the bottom for holding modeling spoons, swivel knifes, and an assortment of other tools. I absolutely love this rack (my thanks to Ronnie Peck of Lubbock, Tx.). But when I start to tool a project I do not want to sort through the cornucopia of stamps that I have accumulated over the years. So I will pick the tools that I think I will need for each design ahead of time and place them on one of these plastic racks. However, I hate that plastic rack. It is really hard to look at and not cringe, no matter how functional it is. So one night I decided to dress up my racks. The following patterns are what I came up with. They are fairly basic tooling designs, and require simple hole punching and stitching techniques. All holes were punched with a size 00 hole punch and then each sample was stitched with waxed thread using the baseball stitch technique which is fully explained in Al Stohlman's **The Art of Hand Sewing Leather.**

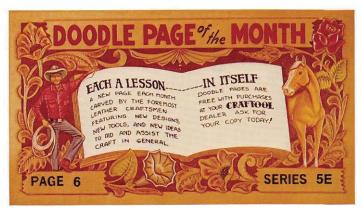
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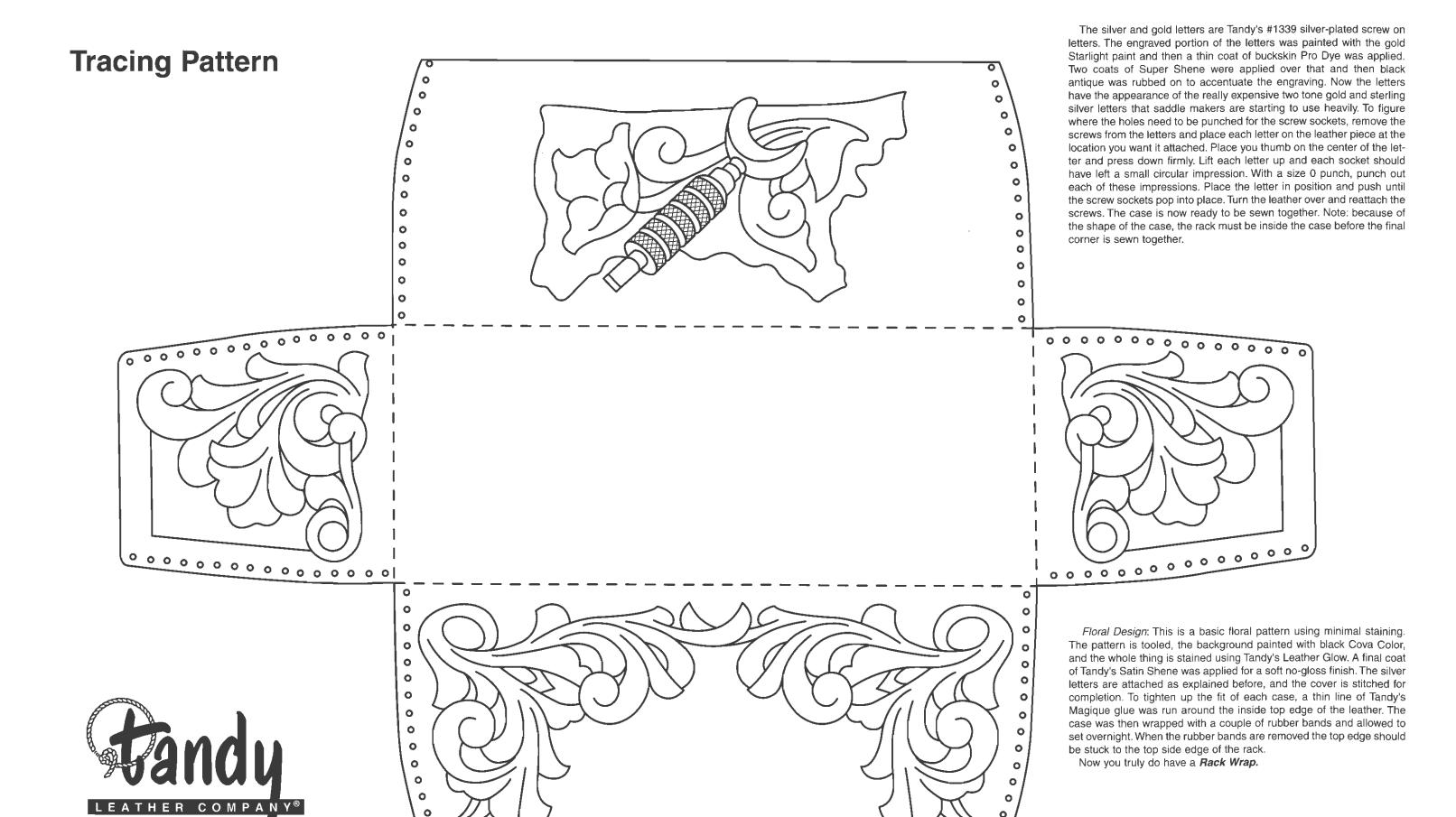
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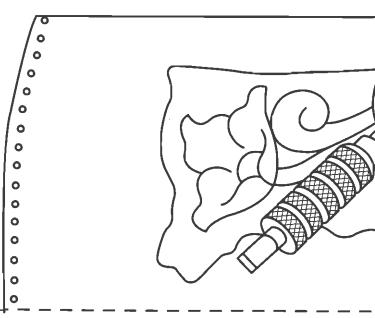
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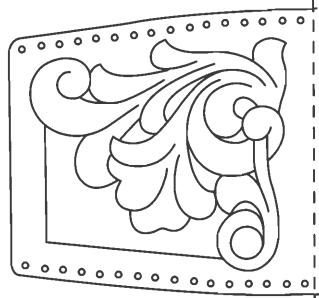
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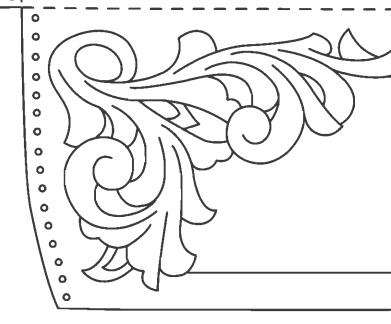
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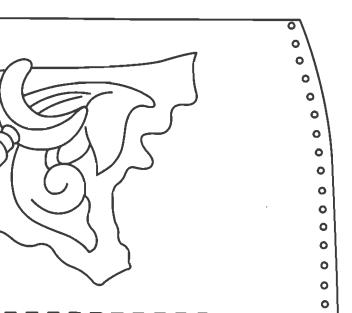




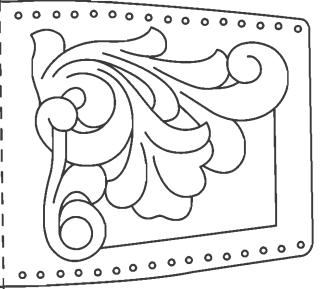


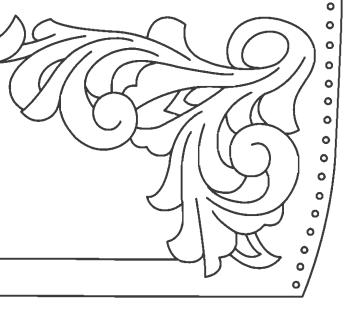
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The silver and gold letters are Tandy's #1339 silver-plated screw on letters. The engraved portion of the letters was painted with the gold Starlight paint and then a thin coat of buckskin Pro Dye was applied. Two coats of Super Shene were applied over that and then black antique was rubbed on to accentuate the engraving. Now the letters have the appearance of the really expensive two tone gold and sterling silver letters that saddle makers are starting to use heavily. To figure where the holes need to be punched for the screw sockets, remove the screws from the letters and place each letter on the leather piece at the location you want it attached. Place you thumb on the center of the letter and press down firmly. Lift each letter up and each socket should have left a small circular impression. With a size 0 punch, punch out each of these impressions. Place the letter in position and push until the screw sockets pop into place. Turn the leather over and reattach the screws. The case is now ready to be sewn together. Note: because of the shape of the case, the rack must be inside the case before the final corner is sewn together.





Floral Design: This is a basic floral pattern using minimal staining. The pattern is tooled, the background painted with black Cova Color, and the whole thing is stained using Tandy's Leather Glow. A final coat of Tandy's Satin Shene was applied for a soft no-gloss finish. The silver letters are attached as explained before, and the cover is stitched for completion. To tighten up the fit of each case, a thin line of Tandy's Magique glue was run around the inside top edge of the leather. The case was then wrapped with a couple of rubber bands and allowed to set overnight. When the rubber bands are removed the top edge should be stuck to the top side edge of the rack.

Now you truly do have a Rack Wrap.