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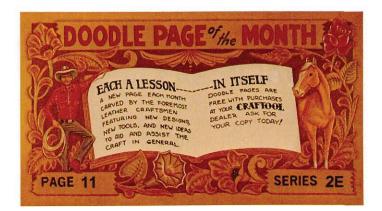
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SEEDS WEEDS

by Terry King

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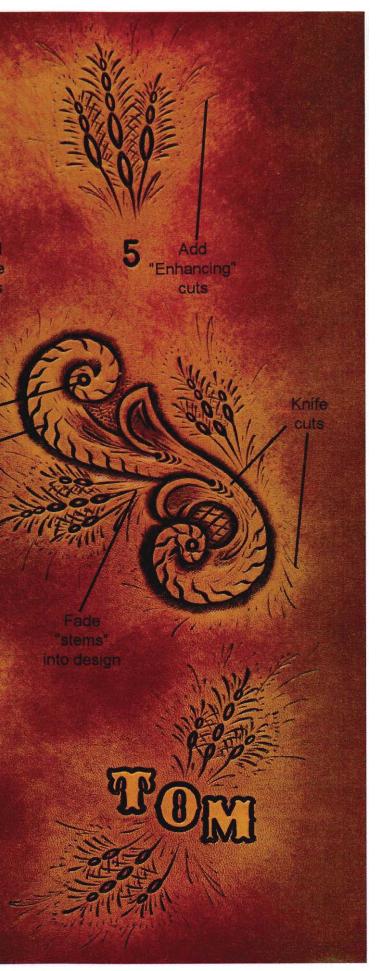
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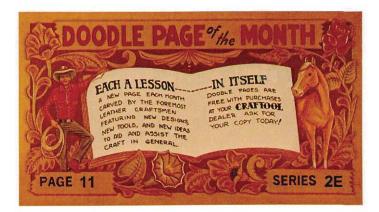
To achieve this "weed" effect, first carve and complete the carving pattern as usual, except for any background matting that you would do. Leave all of the background area clear and free. After you have completed the normal carving pattern, outside beveling and all, begin your "weed" making by following the step-by-step instructions found at the top of the photograph (steps 1,2,3,4 and 5).

It is important that all of your "seeds 'n weeds" flow smoothly, with all of them seeming to begin and/or end from an imagined central point. Always begin with the biggest tool first, reducing as you go, and ending with your swivel knife cuts.

Notice that, after beveling the insides of the leaves with a B701, the "veins" of the leaves are made with the swivel knife, by cutting from the inside out. For added texture to the leaf and flower stems, the heel of Craftool F916







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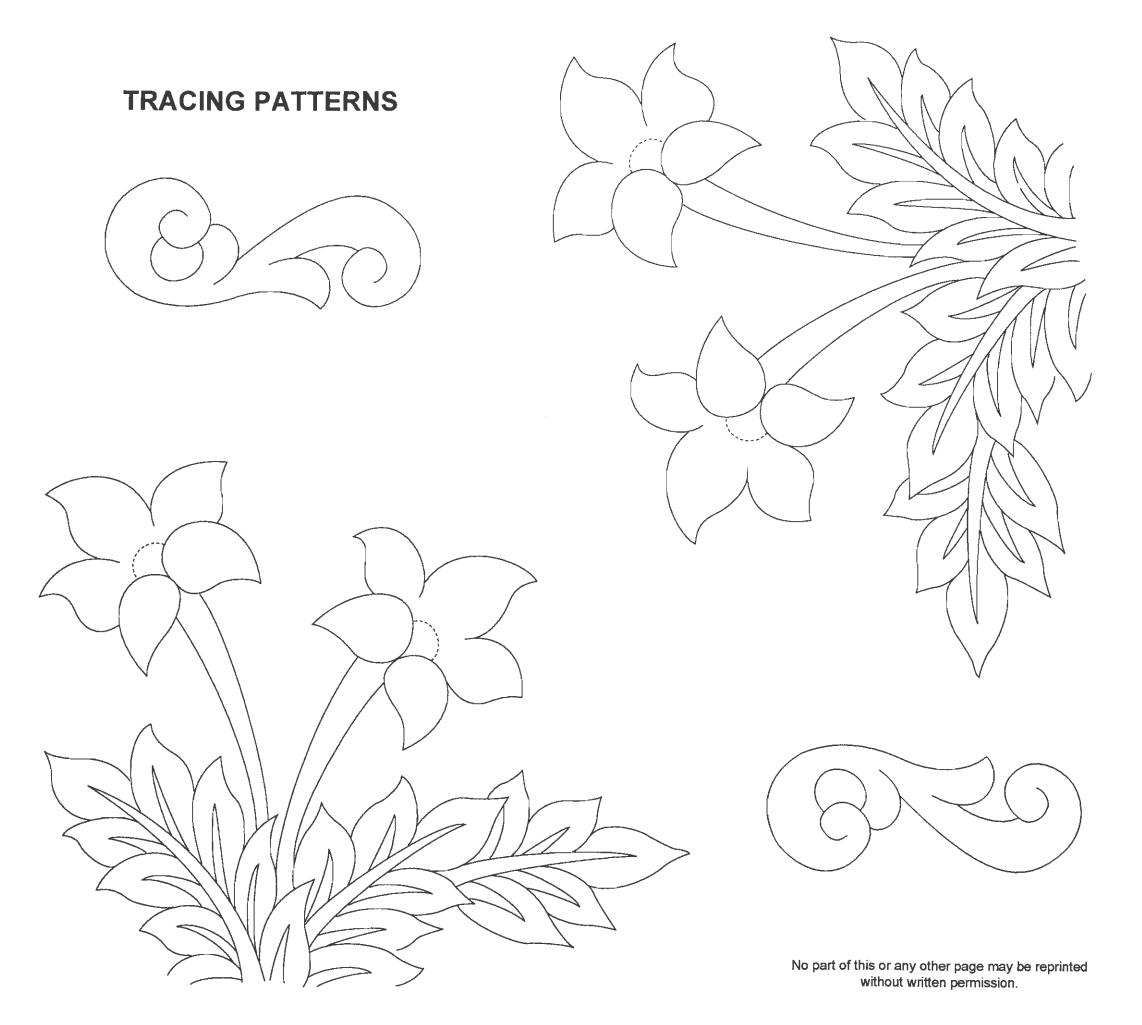
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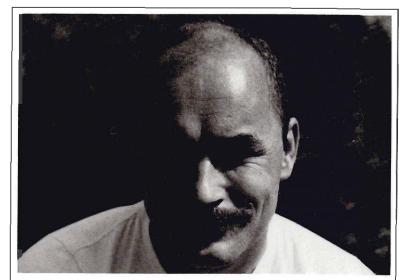


was dragged from one end to the other, causing the "wood grain" effect. The Craftool Hair Blade, #8020L, will also achieve this effect.

A name can be enhanced with a minimal amount of trouble, by using this same "weeds 'n seeds" technique. Just stamp in the name, then stamp in the seeding tools and make your cuts, as shown in the 5 step example I have given.

This project was dyed with Fiebings medium brown dye, rubbed on with a wadded cloth, then Tandy's Hi-Liter finish was applied over this with a damp sponge. After the Hi-Liter finish had dried, the excess was removed with a clean damp sponge. I allowed the surface to dry thoroughly, and then sealed the project with Fiebing's Saddle-Lac. Fiebings Tan-Kote could have also been used, because it is a great finish for sealing, and enhancing carved leather surfaces. The edges were finished with Tandy's Edge Coat, which is a nice flexible edge finish that I use on most of my projects.

For further instructions on using Craftool and swivel knife combinations, refer to Craftool Tech-Tips, #6056, by Al Stohlman. For further instruction on dyeing leather, refer to "Coloring Leather", #1942, also by Al Stohlman.



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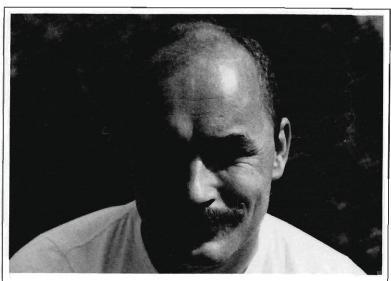
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