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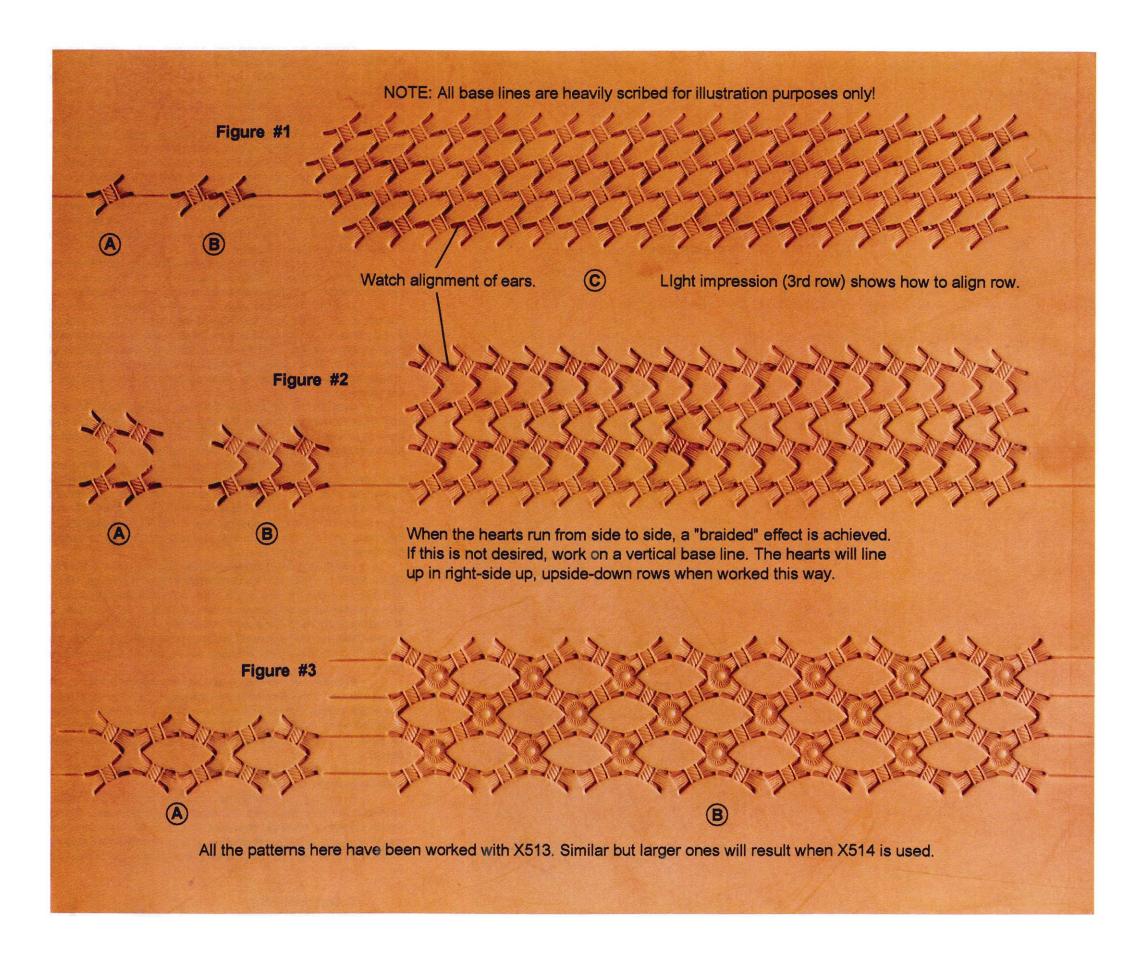
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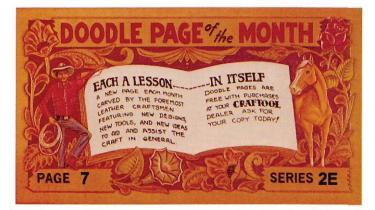
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S P L A Y E D 'BASKETWEAVES

by Karla VanHorne

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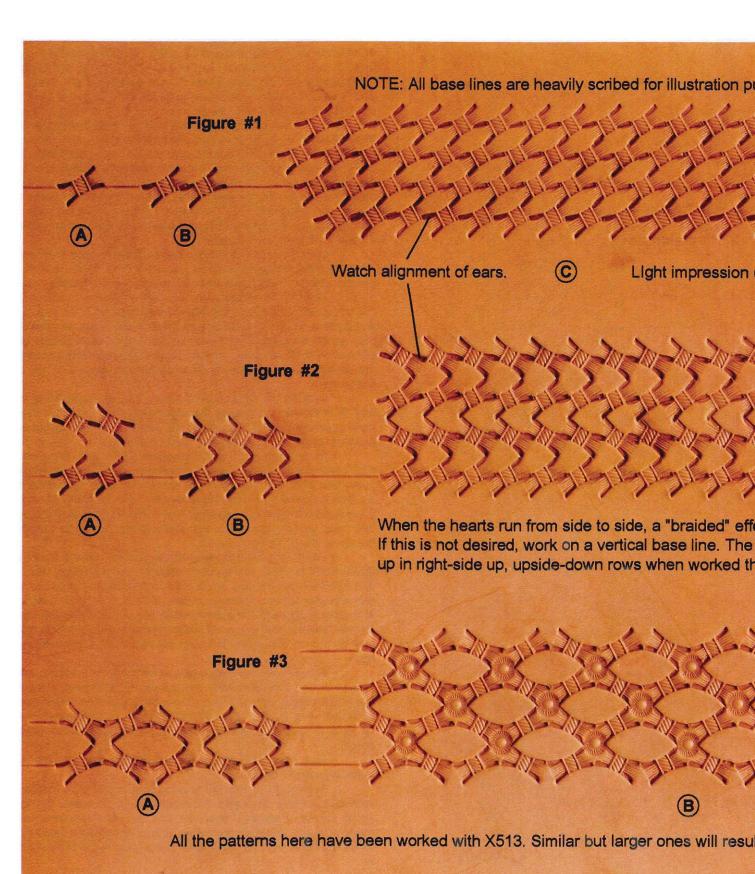
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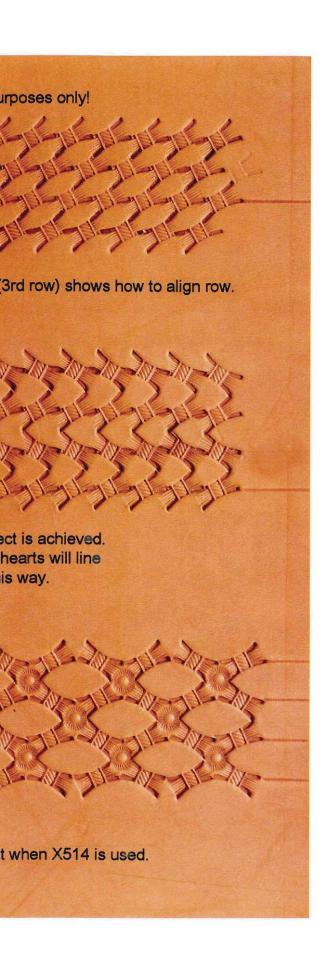
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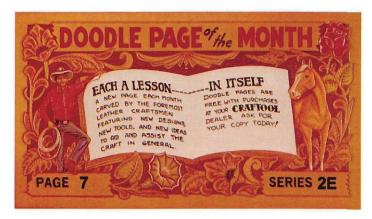
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NOTE: If you are unsure of yourself, use a straight edge to check each row. Don't forget about tipping the tool in corners and along borders in order to avoid slopping over formal border lines!

FIGURE #2: The heart pattern: Believe it or not, the alignment of the tool is exactly identical to that of Figure #1. The exception is that your initial row slopes in one direction and the next row slopes in the OPPOSITE direction. This is simply a matter of aligning one slash of the "X" on one row and aligning the other slash in the next one. Take a look at Fig. #1, "A". I have split the rows in the first part and then put them together in Part "B". Part "C" shows the overall effect of the alternating rows. Also, take note that this weave looks different when it's worked on the horizontal than on the vertical. If you







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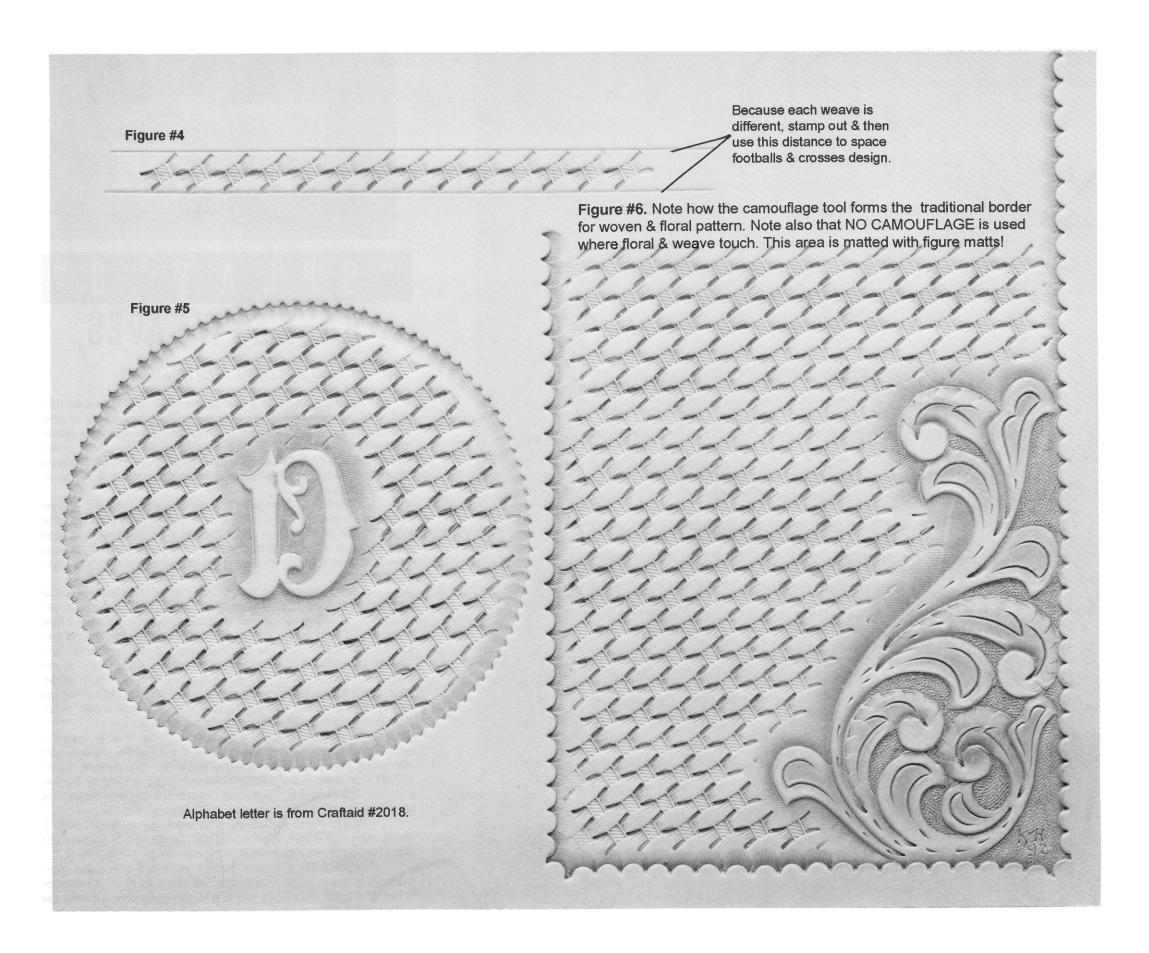
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Once your alignment lines are drawn, lay down your initial line of impressions. As usual, you are aligning slashes, but in this case, you are turning the tool exactly one half impression each time. (Slash right, slash left, etc.) The overall pattern can be left as is, or a second tool can be inserted into the crosses or footballs for variation. (I used S349 for this example.)

Once you get the hang of these patterns, you may care to integrate other elements, such as carved figures, florals, initials, 3-D pictorial stamps, or alphabet stamps into your woven designs.

FIGURE #5: If you wish to isolate an element, draw a base line about 3/8" - 1/2" from the TOP of the figure or initial. Place your first impression on the base line as close to the figure as possible. It may be necessary to lean the tool a little if you can't get the entire impression in. That's okay, as long as you have the ears showing on the baseline, you'll be able to place all the impressions on the base line property.

Next, fill the area above the base line, as usual. Then, carefully fill in the sides. Keeping the alignment of the individual impressions is critical here. If in doubt, check each line with a straight edge, and true things up before they get totally out of whack.

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When you have completed the pattern, take a figure matt (F898, F899 or F900) and go completely around the figure. Use F976 and A98 for small, pointed areas. Also, note that you only need to go one impression deep. There is no need to feather out your matting, as in traditional figure or floral work, since all you are using the matting for is to take the hard edges off the surrounding weave, and to make it look as though the weave is fading out slightly as it approaches the figure.

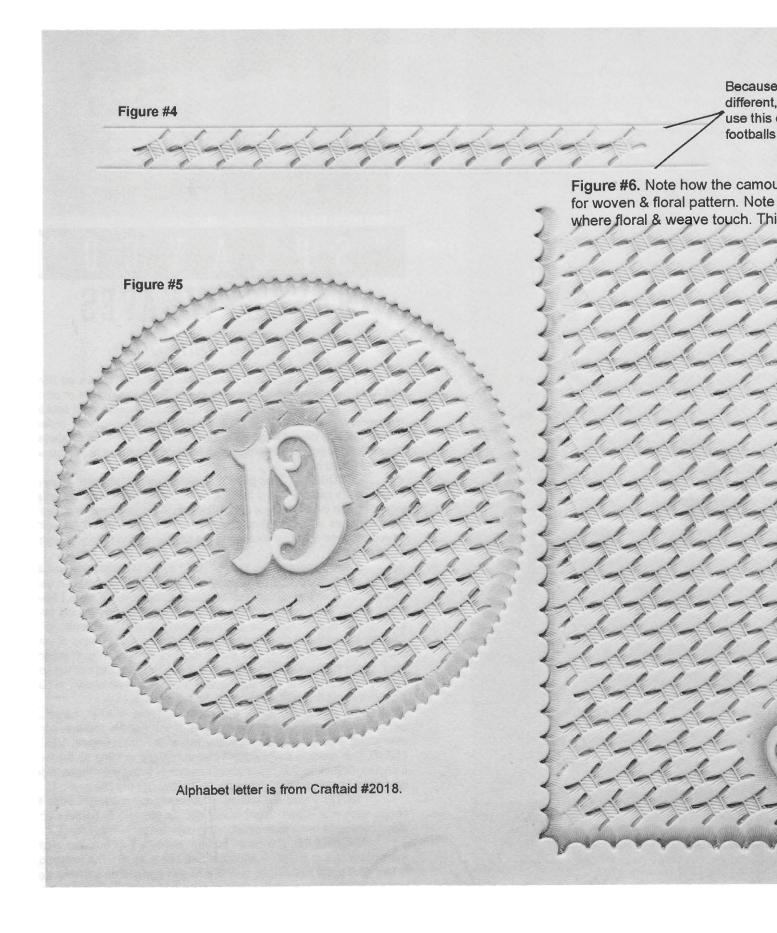
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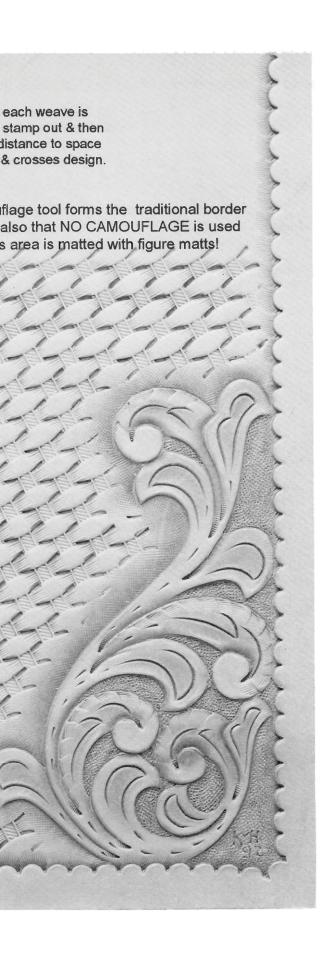
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