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FORWARD

Like STAMPING STEP II, this book was made for the beginning leathercrafter for ease of design and for professional leather workers, because of the speed with which the patterns can be completed.

STAMPING STEP III takes advantage of recently introduced Craftool® stamping tools and Craftool® 3-D stamps. The new pin oak leaf, birch leaf and pine cone stamps are really nice. Fresh new designs are available quickly and easily with professional results. They are especially suited for use with the many 3-D wildlife stamps available.

A few ideas for the use of buckstitching and applique lacing are illustrated on pages 12 and 18. These are designed to stimulate your imagination to create many, many more designs. As with stamping in general, you are only limited by your own imagination.

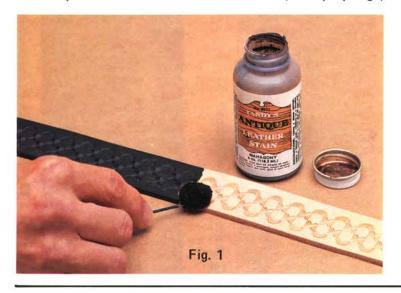
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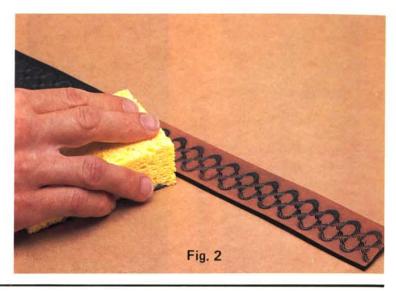
George Hurst

HELPFUL HINTS FOR BETTER STAMPING

- 1. When stamping on light weight leather, be sure to cement your leather to cardboard with rubber cement. Be careful to use cardboard with a slick surface. If you only have cardboard with a rough surface, apply Neat-Lac before cementing. CAUTION—do not use corrugated cardboard!
- 2. Water content is important for sharp, clean impressions. Your leather should be damp all the way through, but not soggy. Practice on scrap leather for best results.
- Use a solid stamping surface. Marble is best, especially if it is 2" or more thick. Other surfaces such as masonite or hardwood will work, but most are noisy. Your best bet is obtain a smooth piece of marble or granite.
 - 4. Use a good mallet. A poly or rawhide mallet is best. Wood and others are ok as long as they are rated at 10 ounces or more.

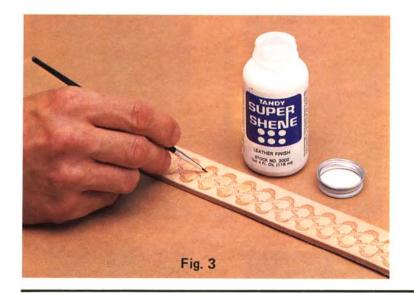
HOW TO ANTIQUE—Apply Tandy Leather's Antique Leather Stain liberally over entire project with wool dauber or damp sponge (Fig. 1). Allow to set a few minutes and then wipe off excess Stain with a clean, damp sponge, leaving the stain down in the cuts and impressions (Fig. 2). When dry, apply Super Shene with a damp sponge to seal the leather.





HOW TO RESIST—To add another dimension to antiquing resist part of the design by carefully applying two coats of Super Shene to a part of the design you wish to remain natural (Fig. 3). The Super Shene seals the leather and

won't allow the stain to penetrate (Fig. 4). Allow Super Shene to dry and then antique as in instructions above.





HOW TO BLOCK DYE—Block dyeing gives just the opposite effect of antiquing. The tool impressions are left light and the raised areas are darkened. Any spirit dyeing should be done before block dyeing your project. Any Cova dyeing should be done after block dyeing. Wrap a length of cloth around a sponge or wooden block several times. Apply Pro Dye to cloth and blot on a paper towel until cloth has enough dye remaining to color only the surface of the leather. If too much dye remains it may run into the impressions. With cloth, apply the dye to the surface of the leather, rubbing briskly so a burnished effect is achieved. Apply more dye to cloth as needed, always blotting before applying to leather. When dry you can further enhance your design with Cova dye. Apply Super Shene as a final finish.



COVA DYEING

DYEING AND FINISHING **TECHNIQUES**



1. Stamp leather.



2. Brush on yellow Cova Dye.



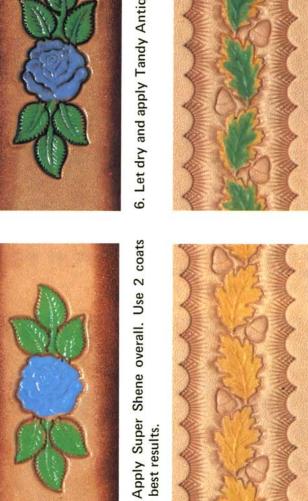


6. Let dry and apply Tandy Antique Stain.





Brush on green Pro Dye.



for best results.

4. Block dye edges with Pro Dye.

SPIRIT DYEING

2. Brush on yellow Pro Dye.

1. Stamp leather.



6. Let dry and apply Tandy Antique Stain.

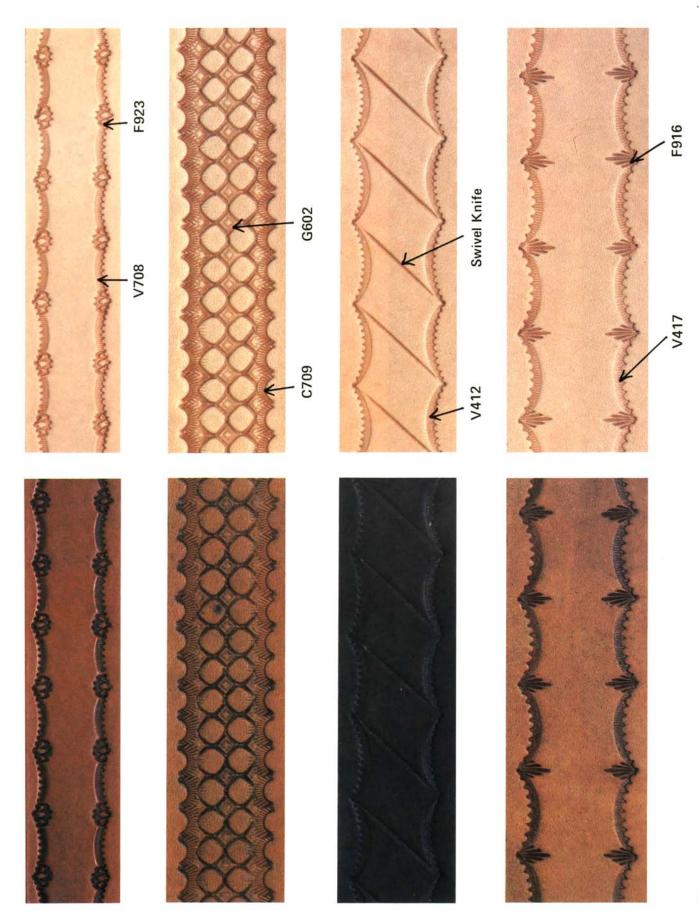


5. Brush on Super Shene. Two coats over part of design you want to remain light.

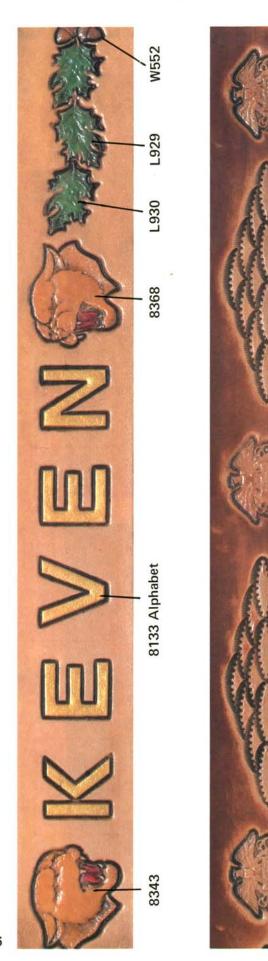


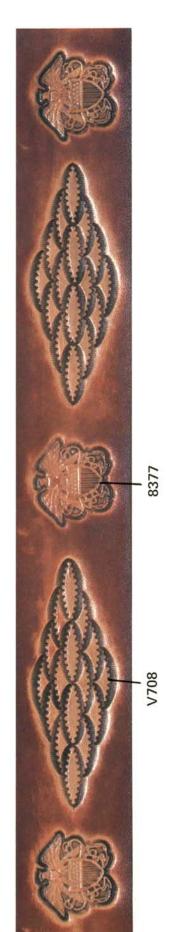
4. Brush on light brown Pro Dye.

SPECIAL DRESS BELT DESIGNS FOR SOLID COLOR DYEING

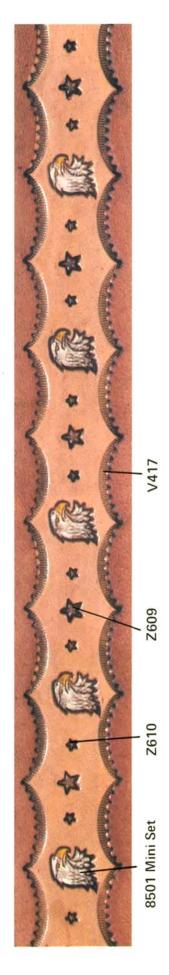


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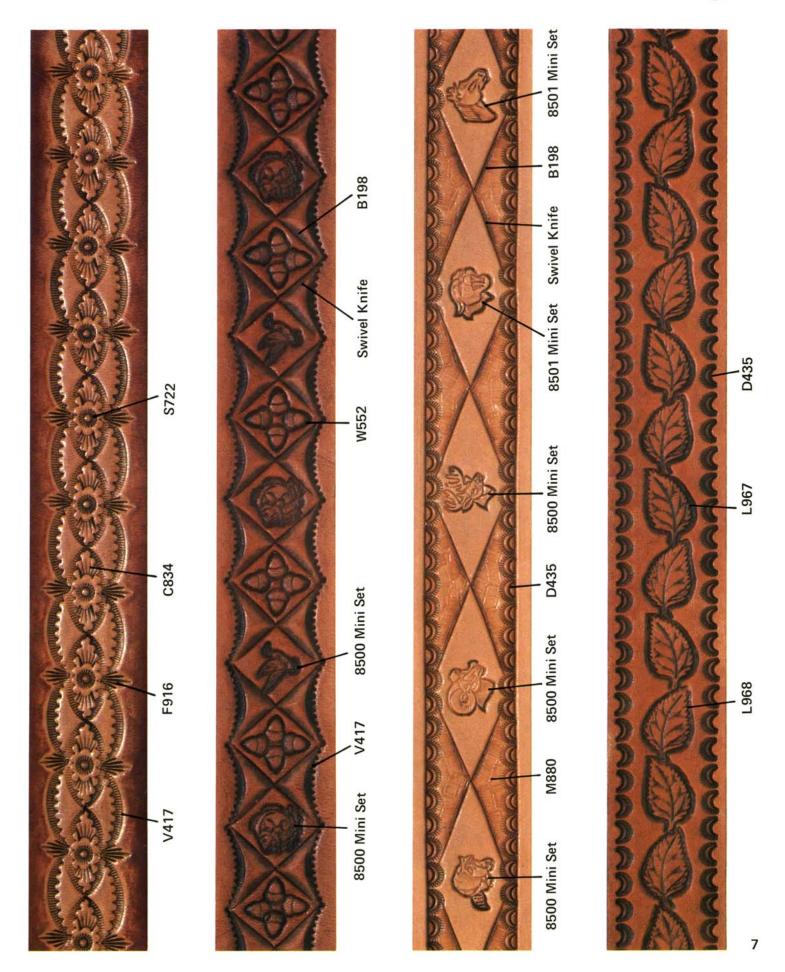




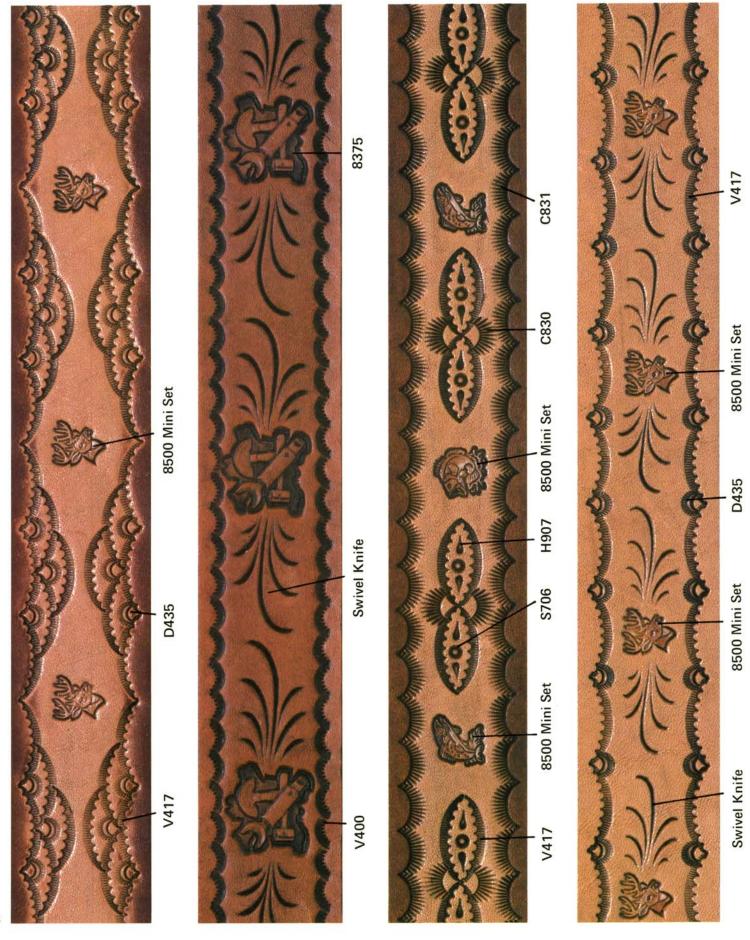




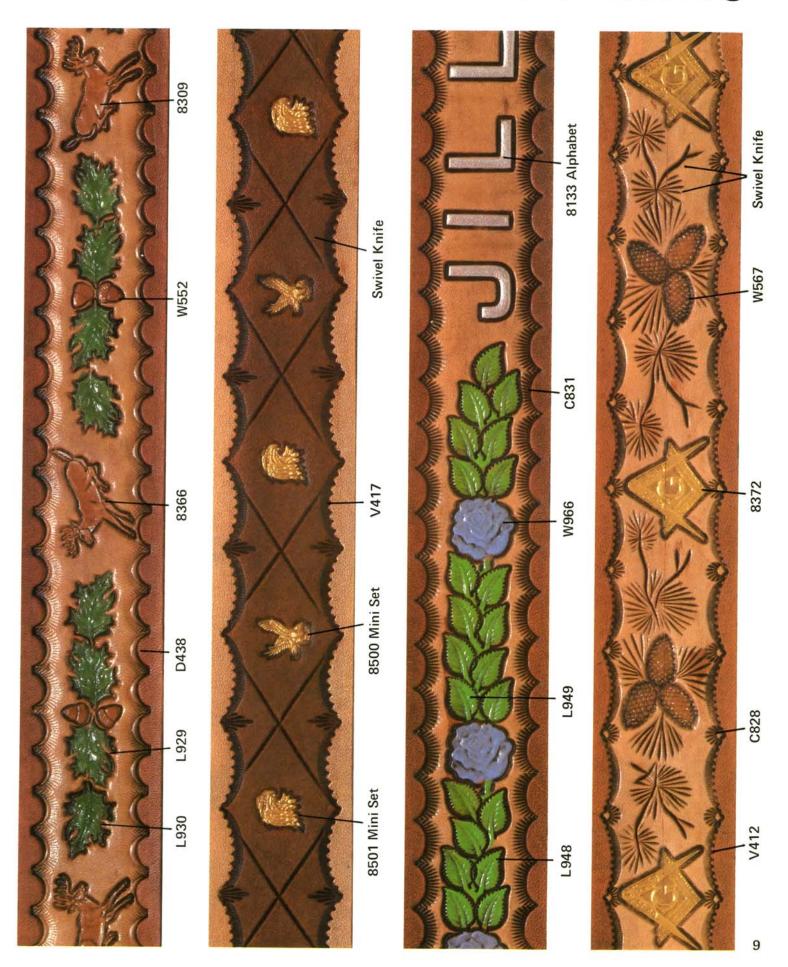
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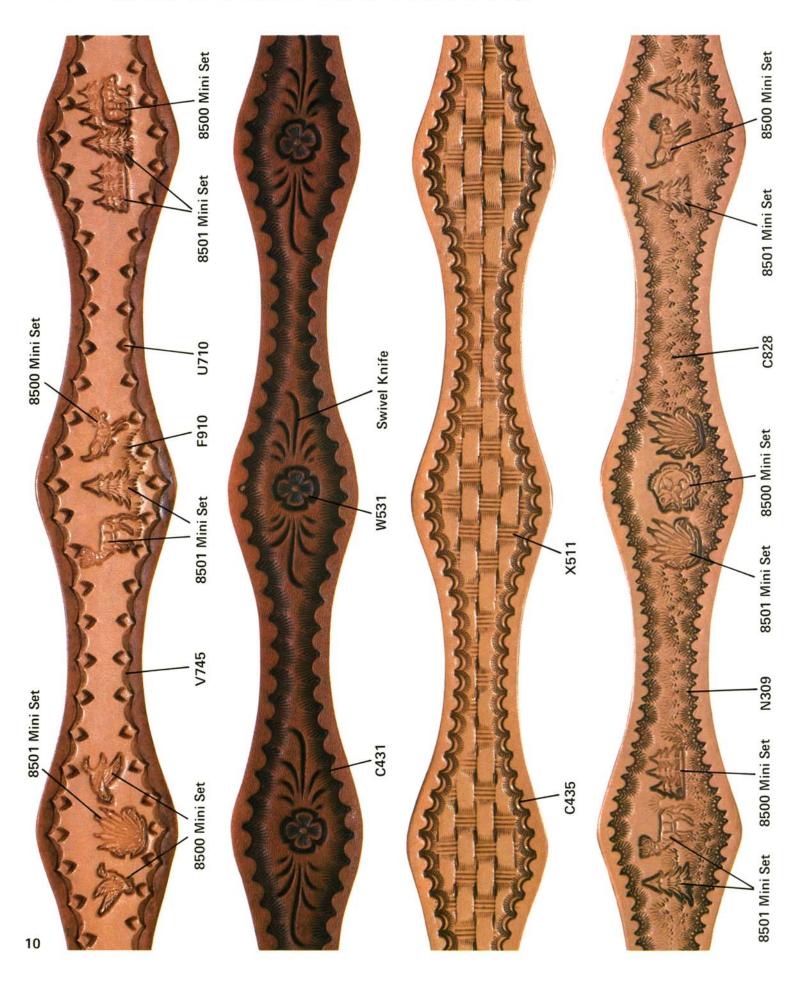
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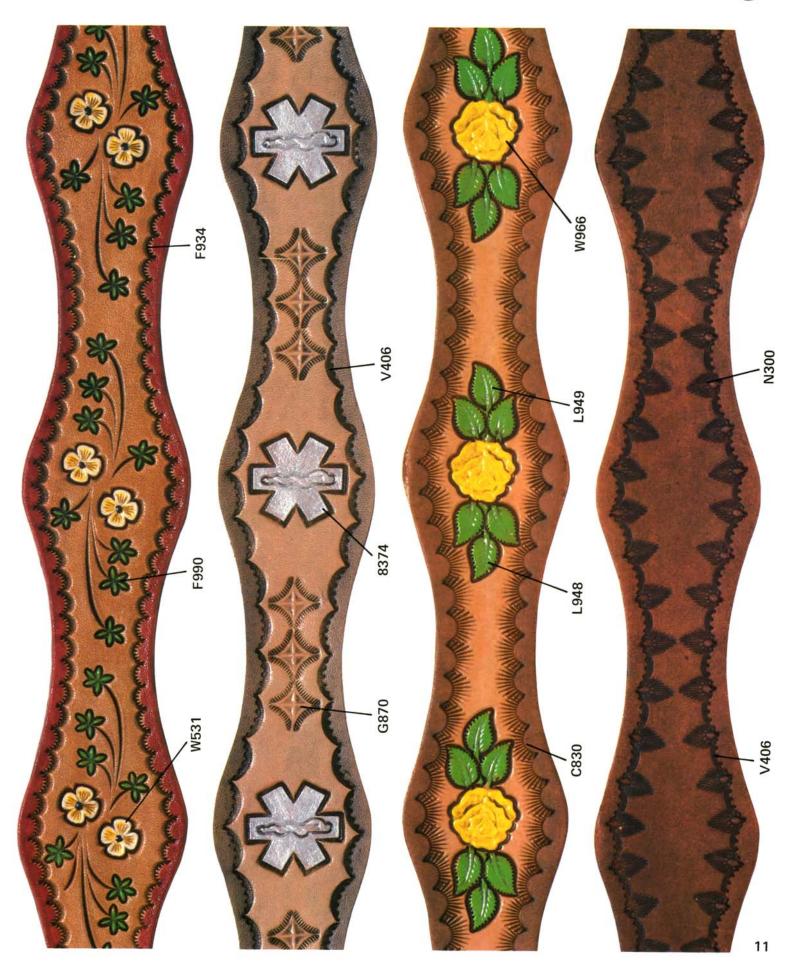
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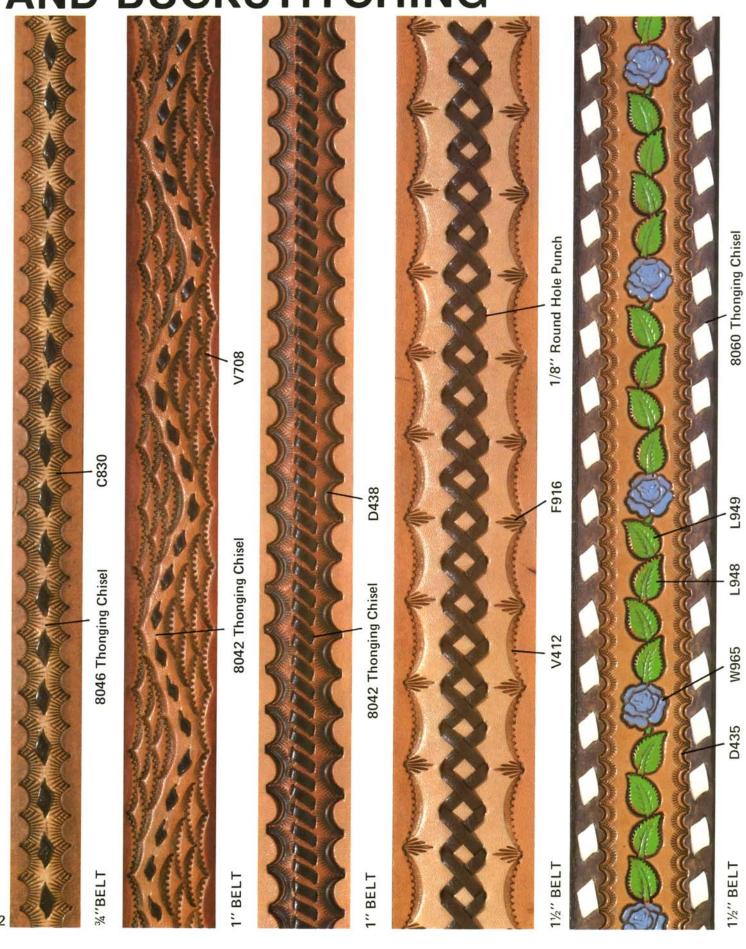
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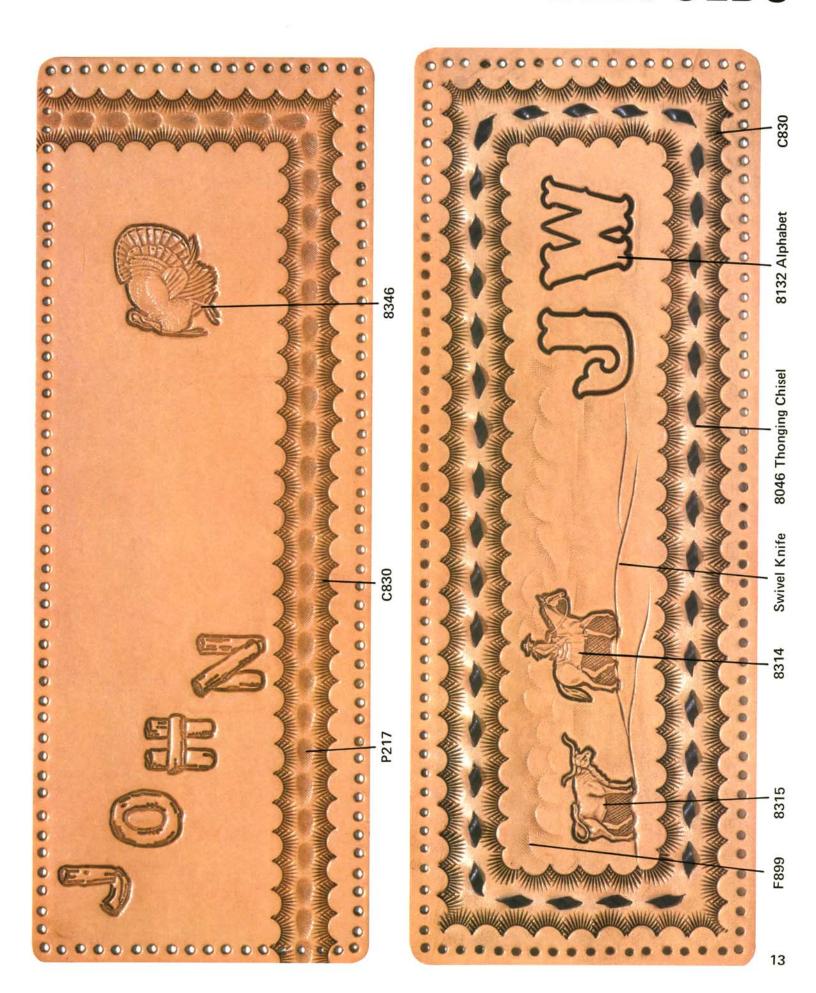


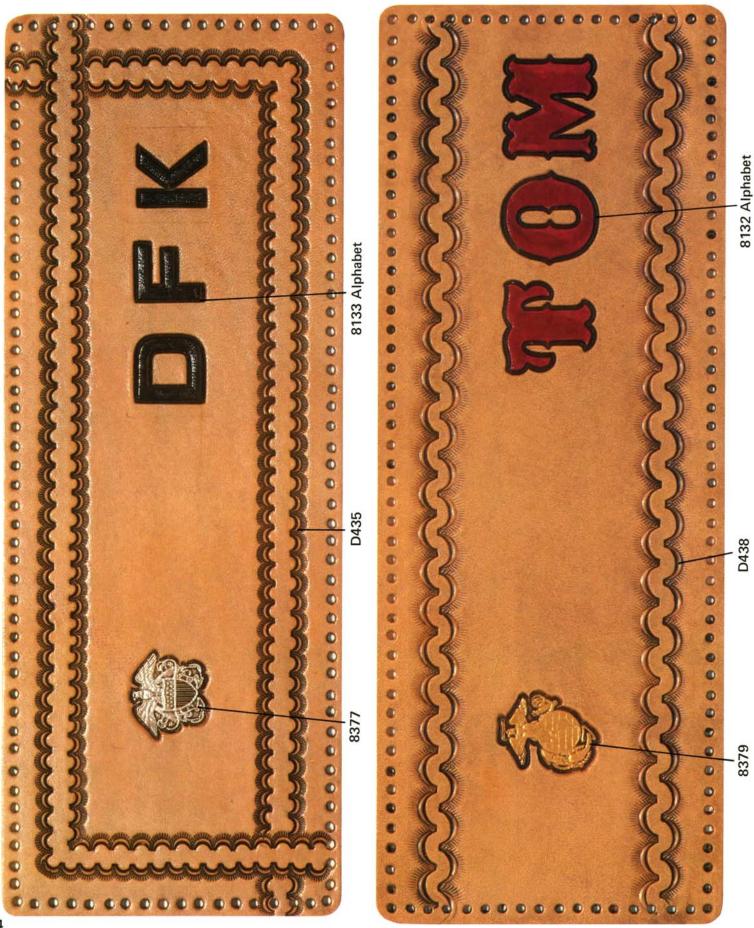
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DECORATIVE APPLIQUE AND BUCKSTITCHING







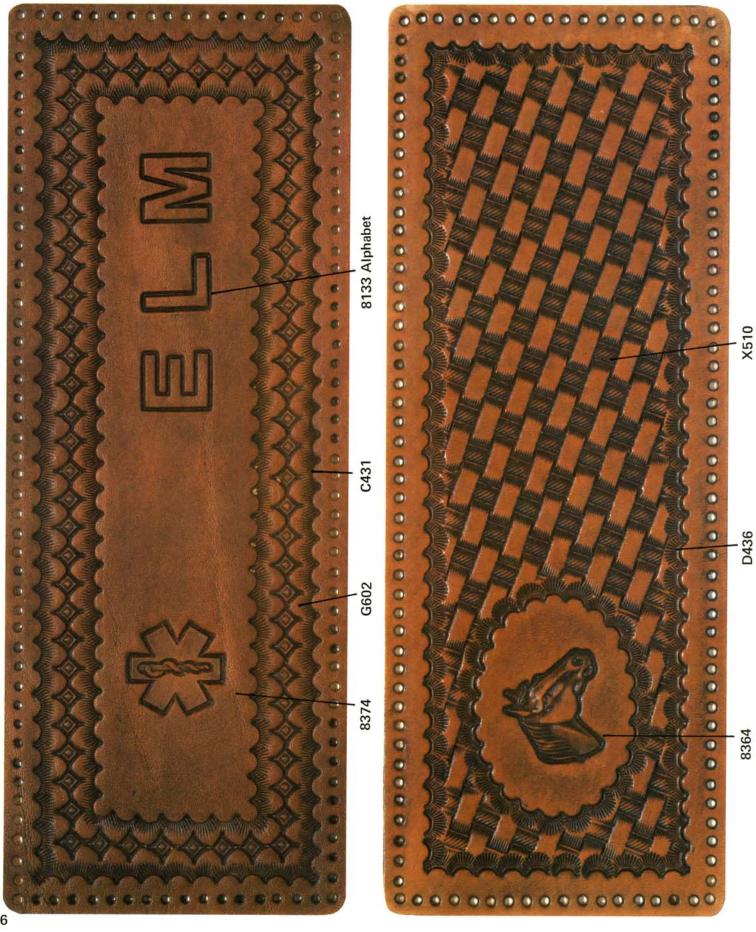


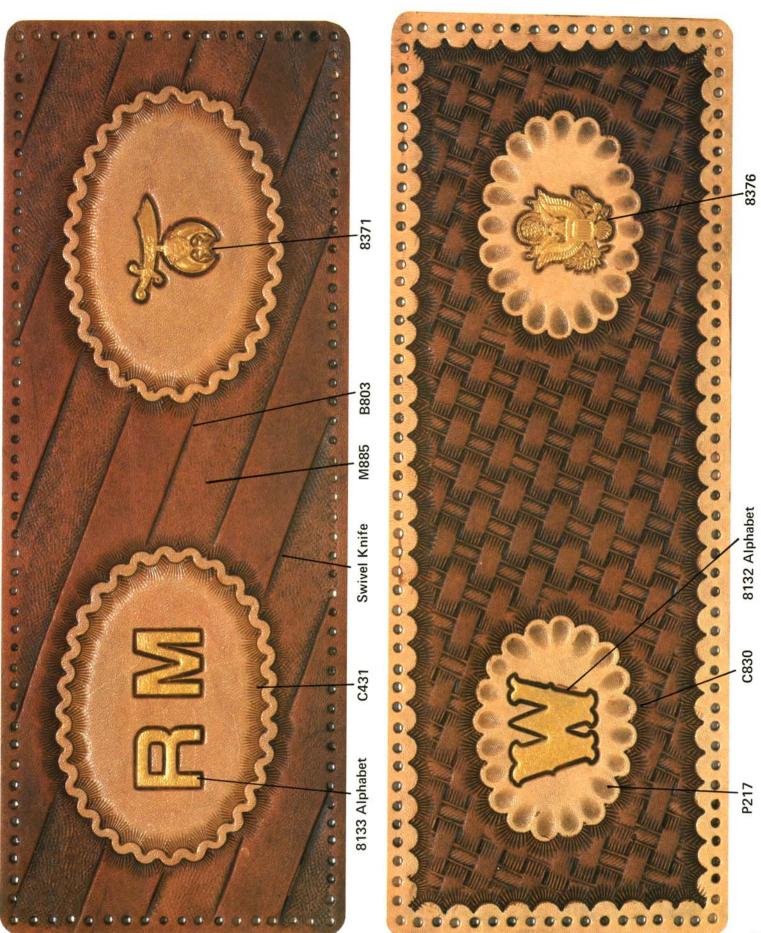
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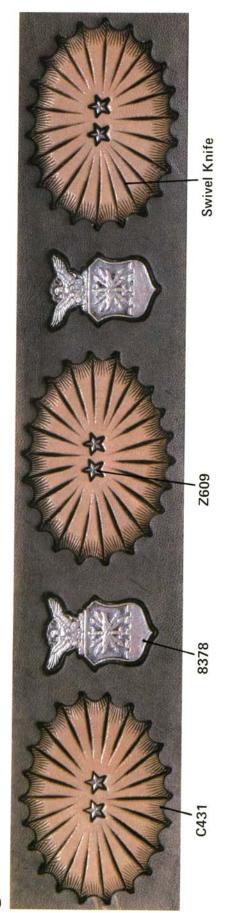


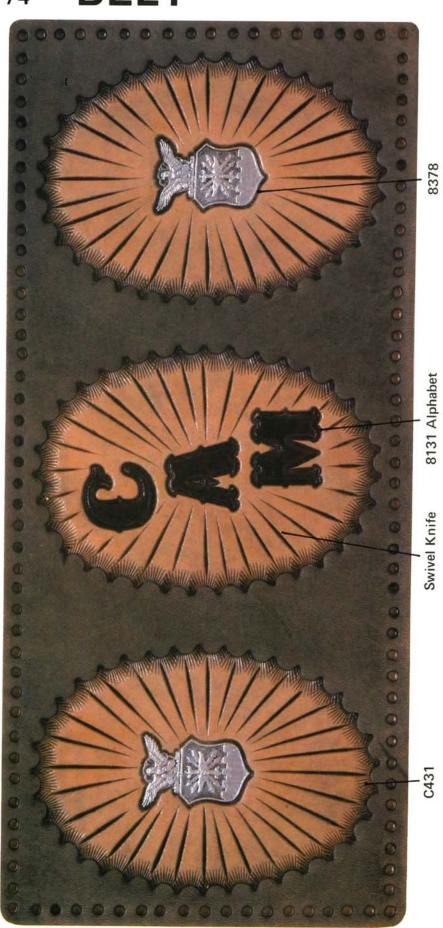


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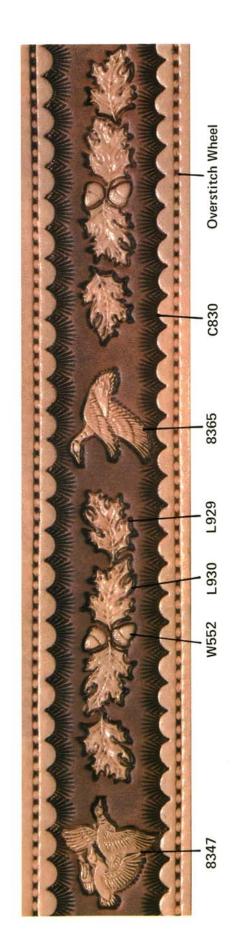


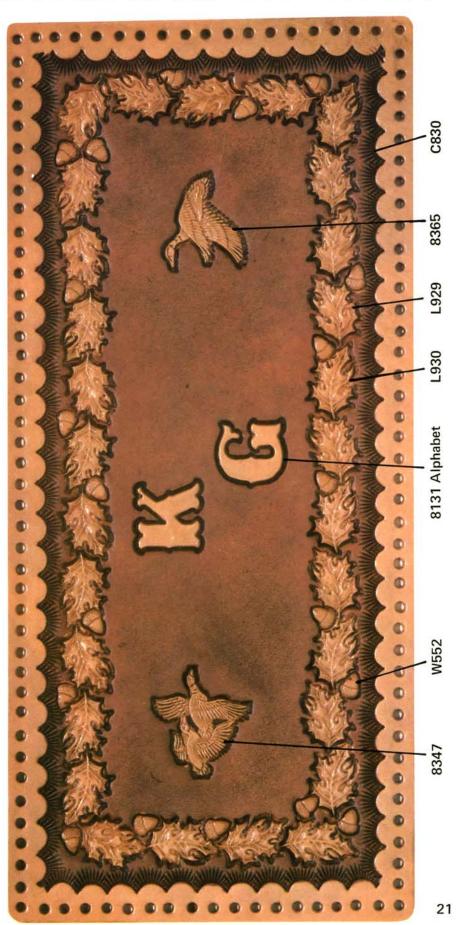
TRIPLEFOLD WALLET WITH MATCHING 13/4" BELT





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HEXAGON COASTERS



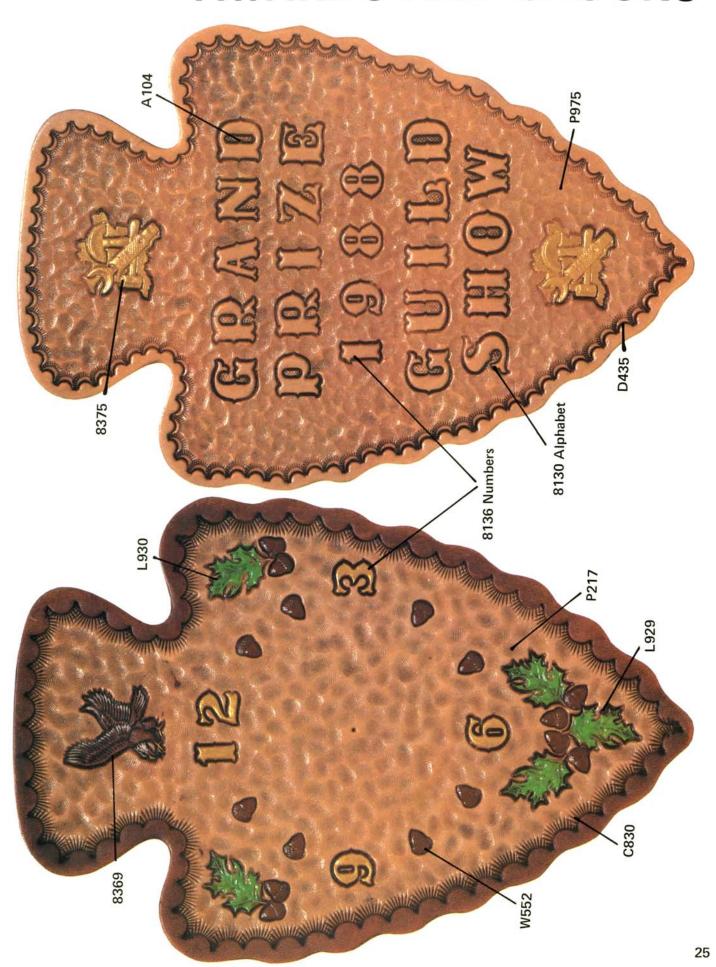
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HANDBAG PATCHES



AWARDS AND CLOCKS



BOLOS AND KNIFE POUCHES



KNIFE SHEATHS



