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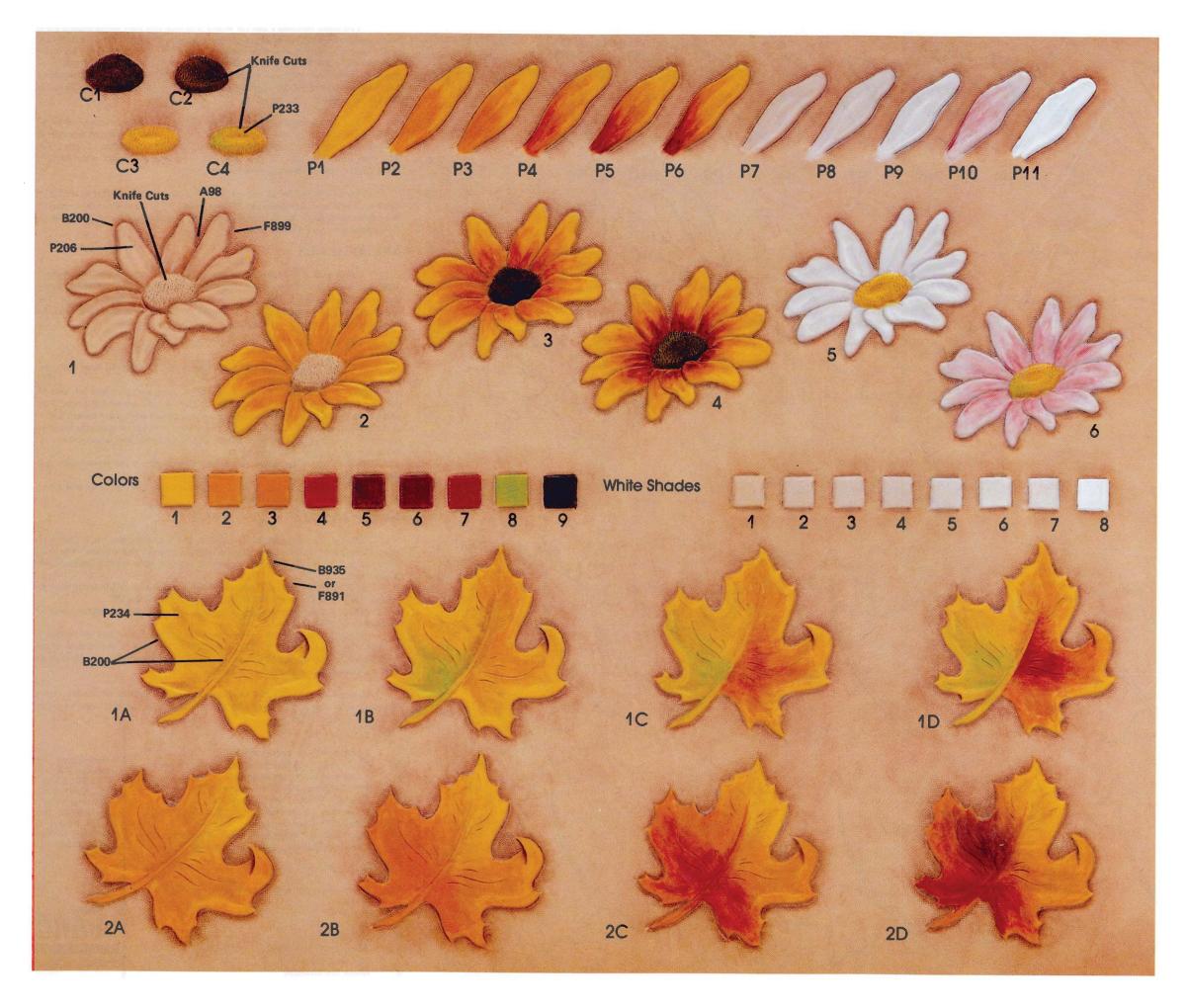
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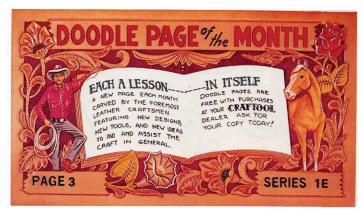
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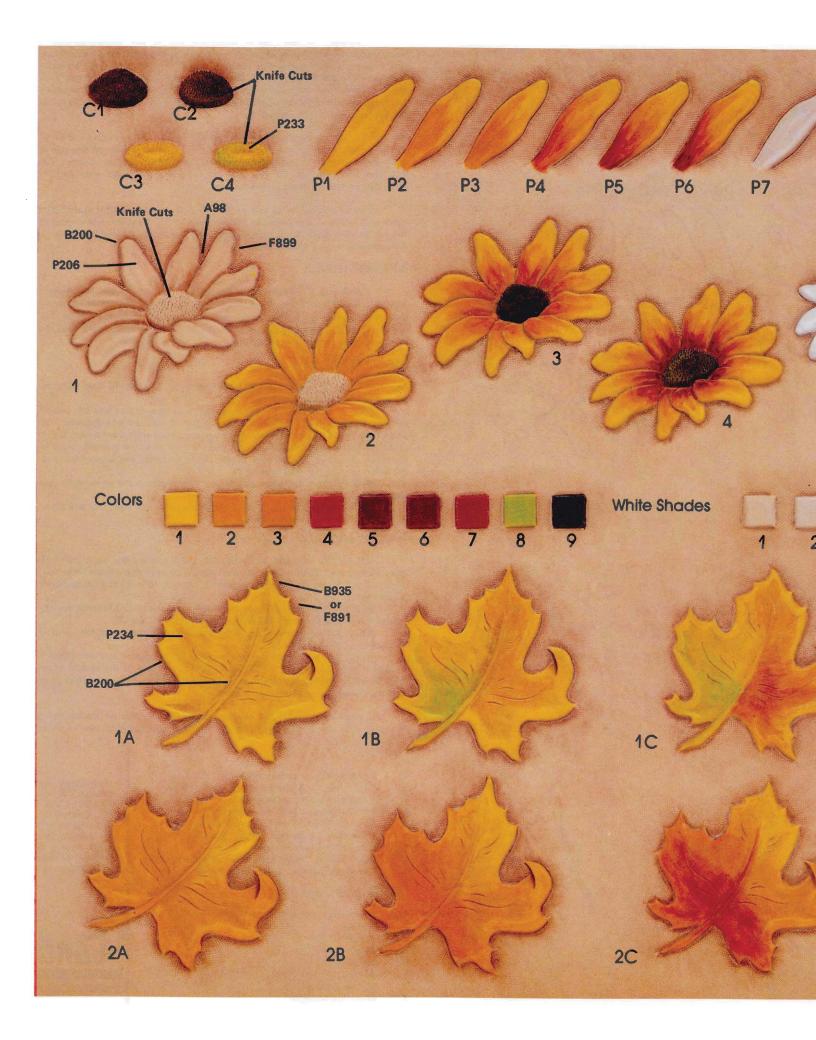
STEP 4. Now your ready to color the center of this flower. Paint the center with color no. 9 (dark brown) overall. See example C1 and flower no. 3.

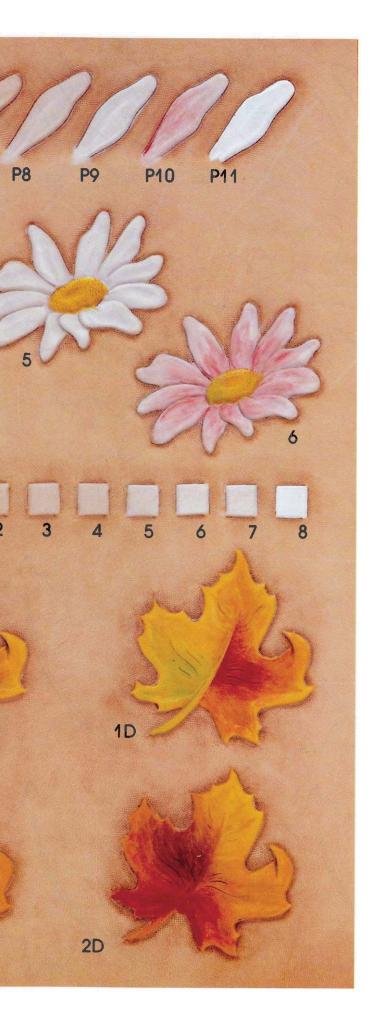
STEP 5. Next dry brush orange and then yellow on the center. See C2 and flower no. 4. To dry brush, you need to put a small amount of paint, full strength, on your brush and then brush nearly all of it off on a paper towel so that if you try to paint, it will barely show. Keep going over the same area and color will begin to build up. The high areas of the flower center will pick up the paint while leaving the rest still dark brown. Keep going over it until you have the effect you want.

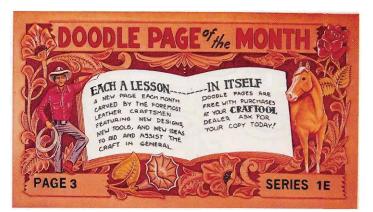
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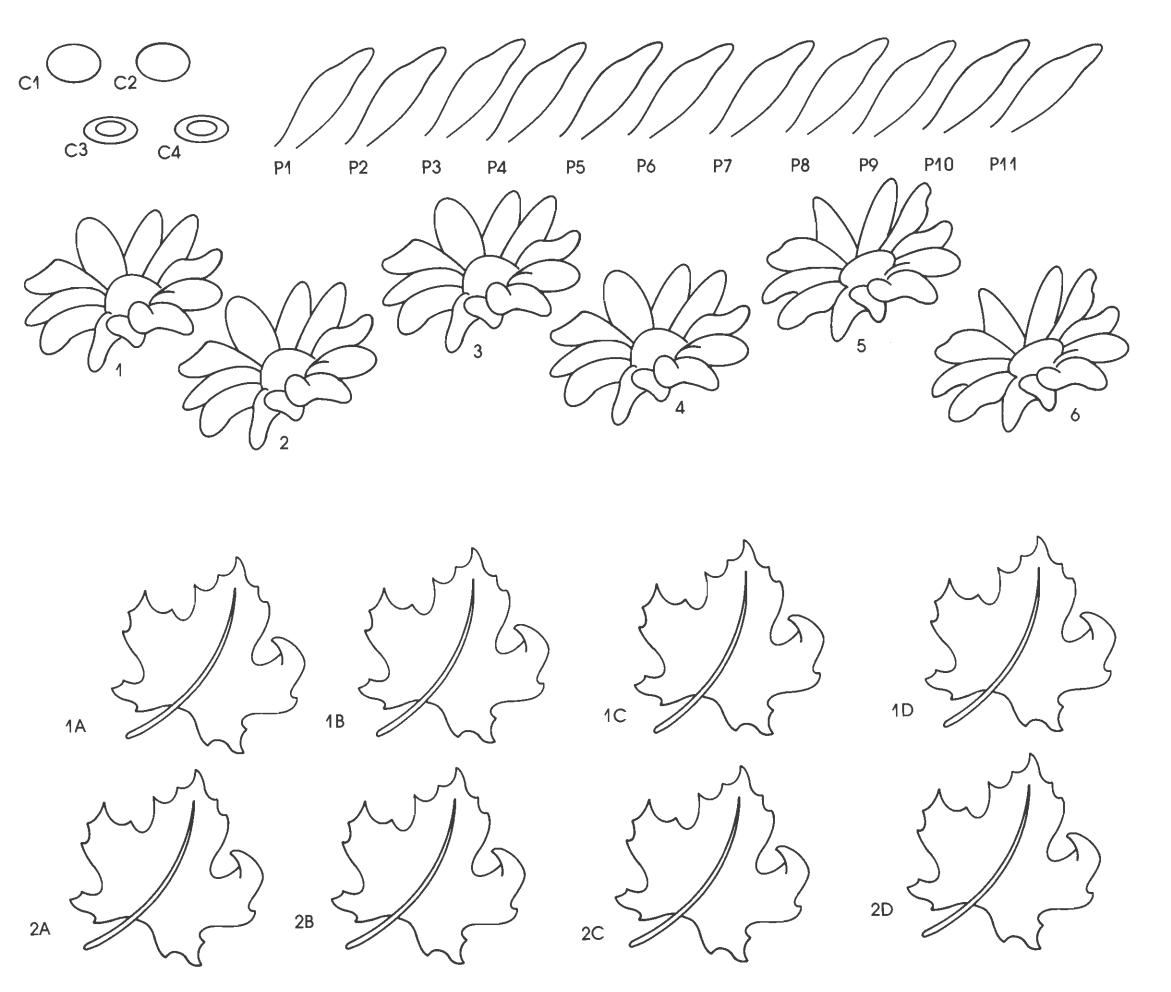
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For the pink daisy I add a bit of red to the white mixture and brush lightly from the center out. Now dip one side of brush in red and one side in white or pink mixture and quickly brush up the petal a couple of times. See P10 and flower no. 6. Or you can add more red and make your painted daisy darker. Use different shades for each flower.

To do the center of this daisy, you will color the center overall with color no.1 (yellow). See examples C3 and flower no.5. Next you will dry brush the center with color no. 8 (yellow and light green). See C4 and flower no. 6. This completes your second daisy.

Maple Leaves

When you dye these maple leaves, don't worry if your leaf doesn't look just like the leaf I've dyed. Remember no two leaves are alike or are colored the same. So however you dye your leaf it's going to be right. I'm just going to give a step by step explanation of how these leaves were dyed. So try it with these colors or any combination of colors you like.

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Maple Leaf #2

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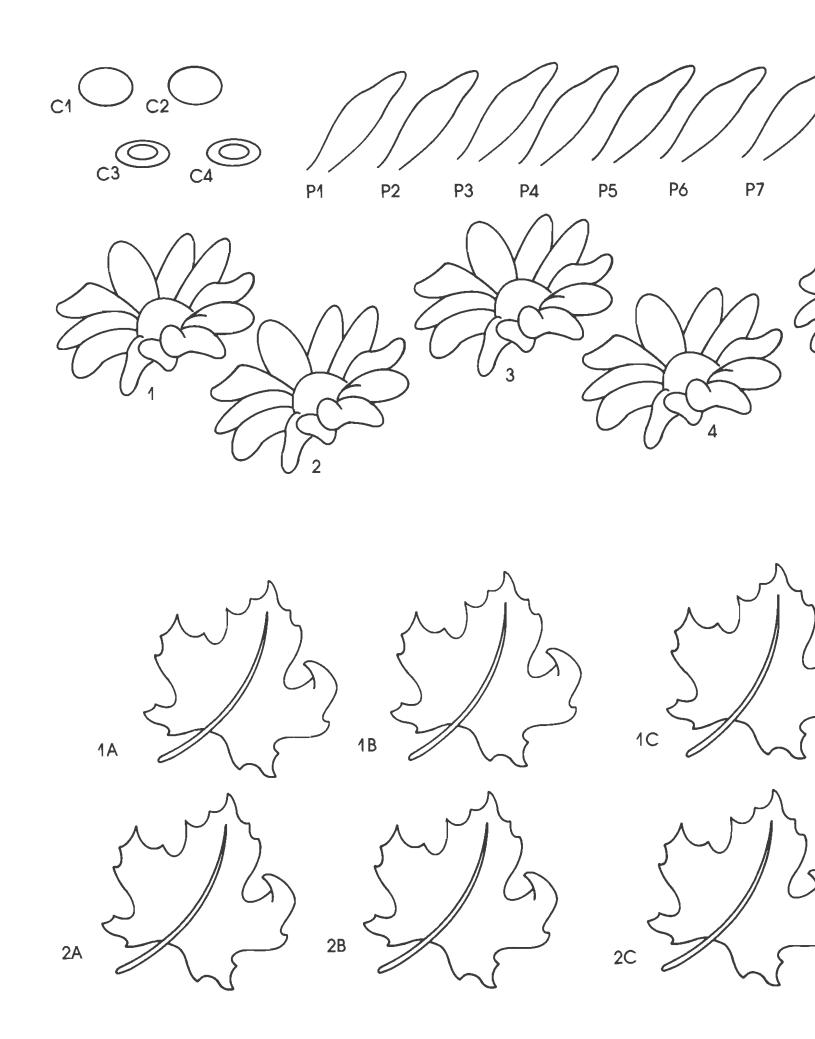
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- 1. 1 coat white mixture (1part white 5 parts water)
- 2. 5 coats
- 3. 10 coats
- 4. 15 coats
- 5. 20 coats
- 6. 30 coats
- 7. 30 coats + pink
- 8. White full strength

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