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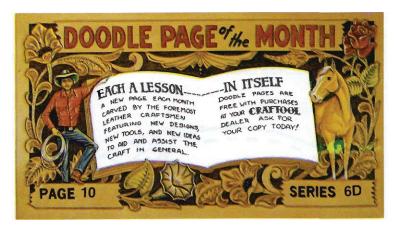
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TAKE TIME TO PRACTICE by Dean Tinker

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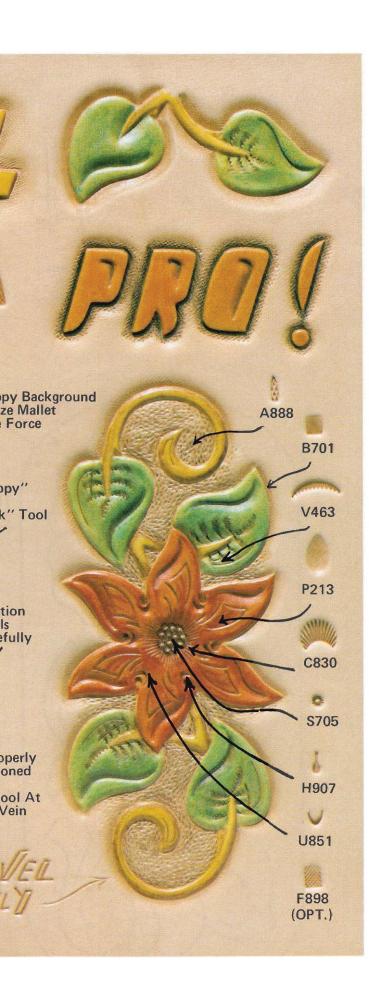
Basic to obtaining good results from this exercise is in the establishing of a good technique in the holding (gripping) of the tool in use. It is important to know that there is no "correct" way to hold the swivel knife, the beveler or other stamping tools. Opinions and holding styles vary with the individual crafter. However, should the student be unfamiliar with or have any questions on the subject, the Tandy publication "Leatherwork Manual" deals with it in depth. Whichever method you favor, remember the key to good work is to take a firm but relaxed hold on the tool being used.

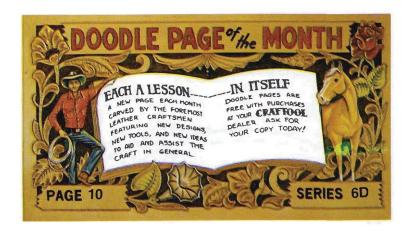
This exercise is designed to familiarize the student early on with; 1. accurately carving a pre-marked pattern, 2. rotation of the blade and beveler through curving lines, 3. a clean, even beveled line by "walking" the beveler, 4. the beveling of uncut, pre-marked lines.

Begin by tracing "exercise" from back of this page onto tracing film. Using any natural vegetable tanned leather (tooling bellies are a good choice for practice), transfer pattern to cased leather. This pattern is carved from right to left. Place blade of swivel knife at top right of "exercise". With index finger apply pressure to yoke (top), with thumb and finger(s) gripping knife barrel, cut leather by drawing knife down marked line. With thumb and finger rotating barrel, turn blade through curves. Turn your leather as necessary. Complete exercise.

Select a beveling tool. The choice is optional but the smooth head may prove the easiest to control as a beginner. Place beveler "toe" to top right carved line. With tool perpendicular to work, strike top of shaft with mallet. The beveler will rebound or "bounce" up to original position.







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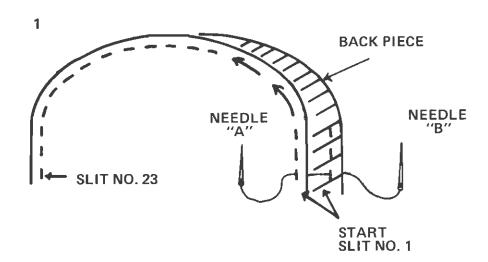
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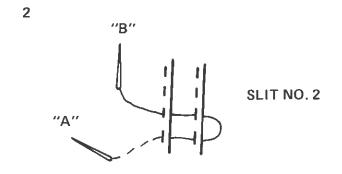
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Push "B" Needle

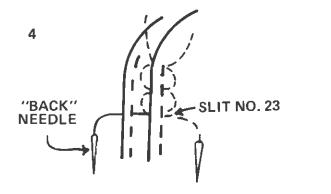
Through Both

Pieces Of Front

At Slit No. 2

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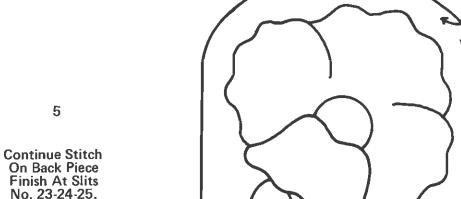
Push "A" Needle Through Front Piece Only Continue To Stitch **And Complete** At Slit No. 23

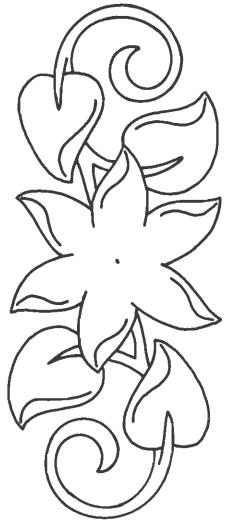


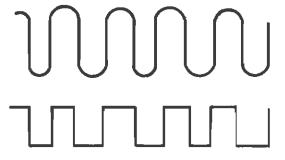
Push "Back" Needle Through Back Piece At Šlit No. 23

Continue Stitch To Slit No. 1

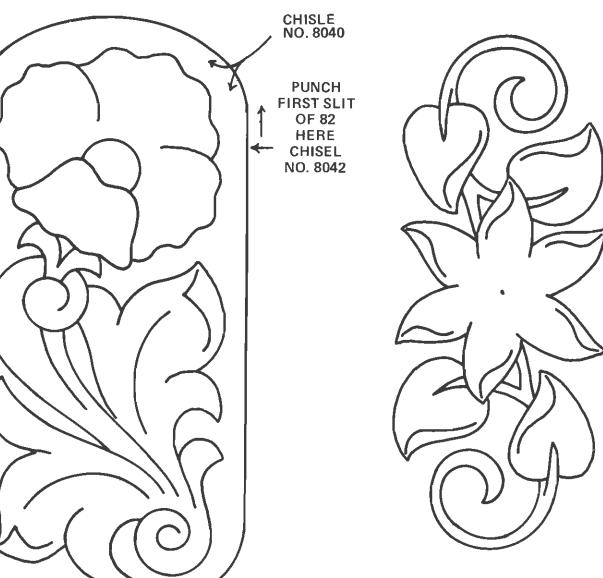
Reverse Step No. 1







BEVEL EXERCISE



Move slightly along cut line and restrike. This sequence (strike, rebound, move, strike, etc.) is known as "walking the tool". Turn tool with thumb and fingers at curves with "toe" remaining over cut line. Complete exercise. Examine work. If "choppy" or uneven the solution is, first, to be sure the tool shaft is straight up and down. Then using uniform force in the mallet strokes, develop a rhythm in the stroke sequence as you "walk the tool".

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Before proceeding, study middle "wrong" pattern. Observe all mistakes while using side notations as a guide. This will help avoid pitfalls. Learn from mistakes.

When choosing your exercise, the pattern directed to "bevel only" is designed to sharpen skills. A swivel knife is not required to complete. Beveling only is especially suited to lighter weight leathers (2-2½ oz.). However, if desired, it is also a good carving exercise.

Trace desired pattern to tracing film. Transfer to cased leather. I suggest that you cement (rubber) to cardboard backing to prevent leather stretching as it is tooled. Complete exercise using tools directed on photo. Note: B893 (not directed) is optional, but is used by dragging tool on finished edges of leaves.

When completing exercise to finished Eyeglass Case it is desirable to line each piece with 1 oz. lining leather. Complete project by sewing with the "saddle stitch" as directed on the back of this page.

When coloring your project, it is suggested that you choose your own color scheme to develop color sense. Due to inherent leather properties it is best to try any color on a piece of scrap leather, preferably from leather used in project, before applying to finished work. Always please your eye.

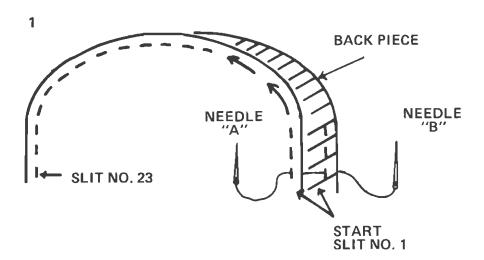
COLORS USED: Carved Pattern: Tandy Super Dye med. brown, dk. brown, Tandy lt. brown antique.

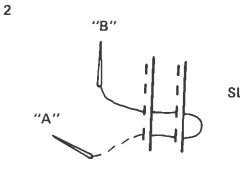
Apply med. brown to case body. Use dk. brown on backgrounding of carving. Brush good quality "sealer" to carving and apply antique overall, wiping excess. Apply final sealer.

Bevel Only Pattern: Tandy Super Dye red, orange, yellow, green, blue, med. brown, Leather Glow.

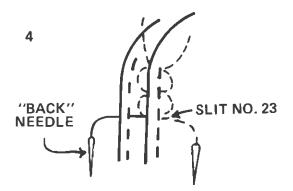
Apply yellow overall (not to background) to pattern. Next reduce orange about 5 to 1 with solvent. Apply over yellow on flower only. Reduce red about 3 to 1. Apply lightly over orange. Prepare green by reducing about 6 to 1. Add blue sparingly 1 drop at a time, remembering that green will change to a different shade when applied over yellow. Now brush med. brown carefully into "deco" cuts and into and around flower center. Highlight leaf tooling and "cuts" and also apply to edges of end swirls. Carefully seal pattern with Super Shene. Apply Leather Glow to backgrounding, preferably with brush.

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Push "B" Needle Through Both Pieces Of Front At Slit No. 2



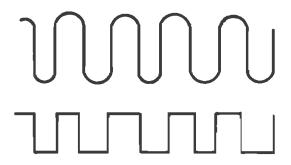
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> Continue Stitch To Slit No. 1

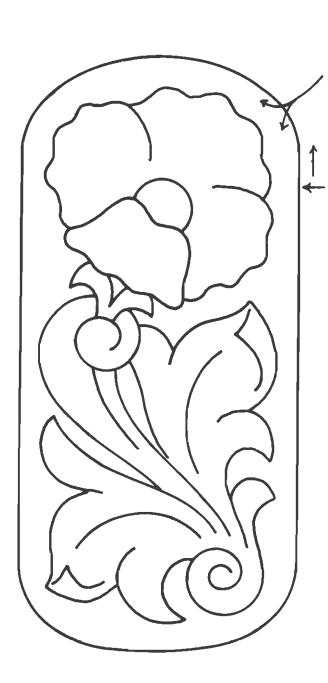
Reverse Step No. 1

Continue Stitch On Back Piece Finish At Slits No. 23-24-25.

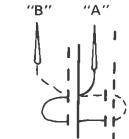
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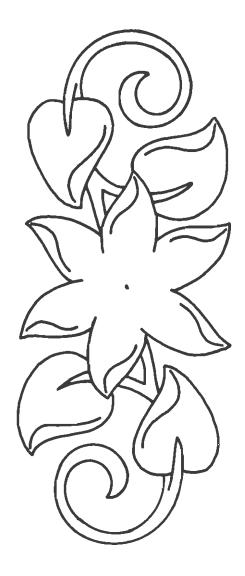


.IT NO. 2

Push "A" Needle
Through Front
Piece Only
Continue To Stitch
And Complete
At Slit No. 23

CHISLE NO. 8040

PUNCH FIRST SLIT OF 82 HERE CHISEL NO. 8042



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