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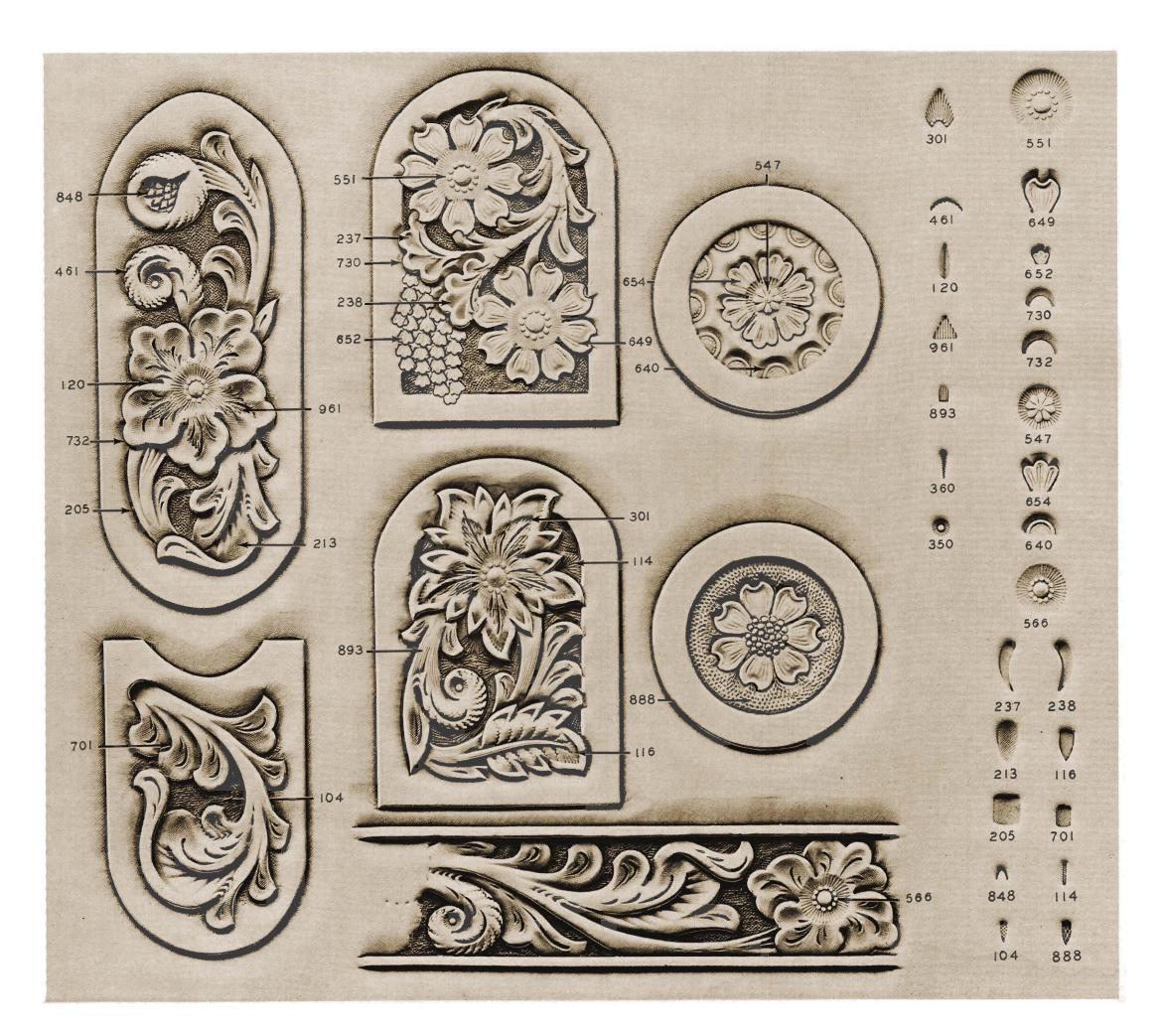
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The rounders demonstrate the same excellent use of tools such as the 547

and 654 to speed up production of a very salable item.

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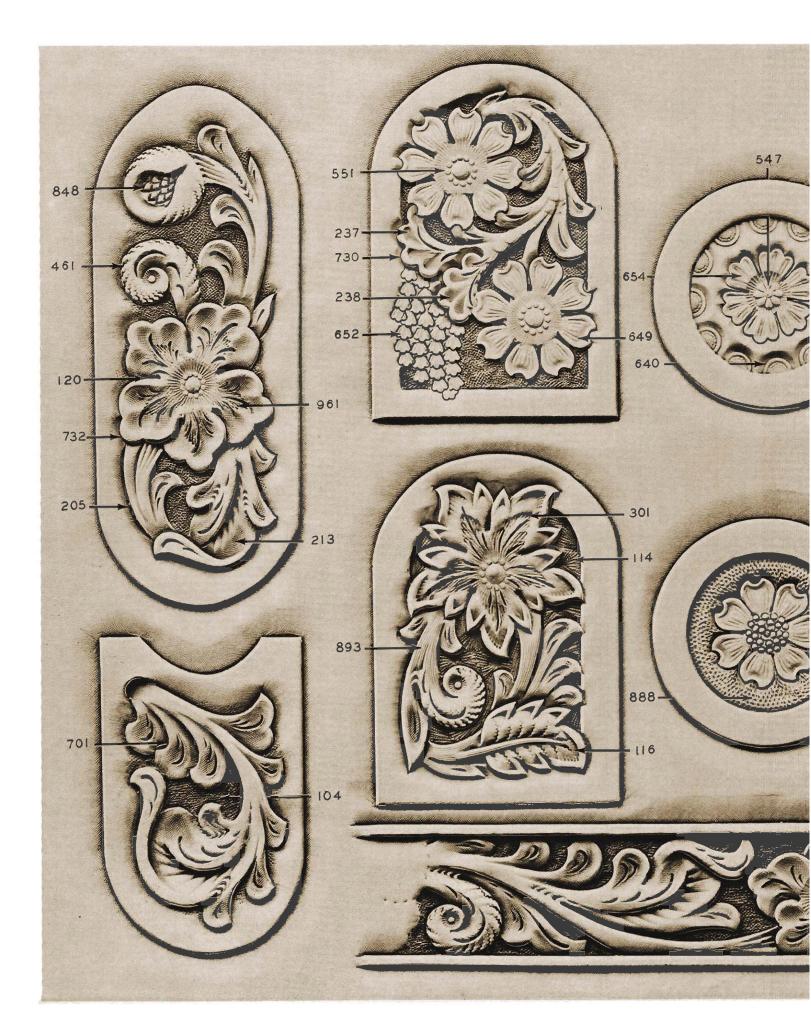
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Depending upon whether the background should be bold or more subdued, the No. 104 or 888 tool will be used. Many times to add texture to flower centers, the No. 961 is used very much like a matting tool as shown in illustration in top left design.

The No. 640 tool used around the inside of the top rounder is a multipurpose tool that is excellent for making borders. As is the case with many of the stamping tools, a well planned design finds one tool used in many different situations.

A real good lesson in carving technique would be to choose a tool from the list shown on the right and carefully study the way it has been used by the designer to create a simple yet attractive leather carving from which any good craftsman can make a fair wage.









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