













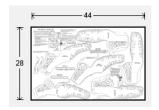


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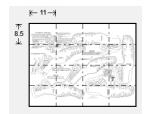
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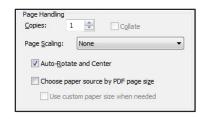
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Notice particularly the use of the turnbacks and flower centers. How the right size tool is used most effectively.



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- 3. The pear shader was hit only once thus adding to the "chopped up" effect.
- 4. The beveling is ragged. Smooth even beveling is a must. The scroll was beveled on the wrong side.
- 5. The seeds are all misplaced.

FLOWER "B"

Note the proper use of mule foot tool.

The decorative cuts should be free flowing and conform to the general outline of the object being decorated.

The backgrounding should be smooth and even. Let your eyes travel back and forth studying the right and wrong method of using the various tools. Particular attention should be directed to the shell tool used to pink around the edge of the scroll and how a common center is used to determine the angle. The impressions should be evenly spaced.

Next month we will review a few more "dos and dont's" to be followed by designs utilizing the undercut beveler, shell tools, set stamps, figure carving, etc.

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STUDY DESIGN A

- Note how the wrong sized pear shader smashed down the edge of the leather thus eliminating most of the third dimensional relief.
- The camouflage tool was hit too hard and off center when decorating the leaf, stem and scroll.
- 3. The beveling is ragged and uneven. The beveler is to be hit evenly, made to "walk" down the cut line with the results shown in "B" and "C."
- 4. Note the excess use of the Mule Foot tool.
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Design "B" clearly demonstrates what can be done when using the smooth crowner, Craftool No. 728, to create a scalloped leaf or scroll, thus eliminating the swivel knife and beveler.

Let your eyes travel back and forth between Design "A," "B," "C," and "D' observing the effect of the proper use of the tools. Note especially the correct angle and even spacing of the veiner.

Proper use of Craftool No. 360 on the stem in Design "C," plus the use of the veiner to separate the petals of the Acanthus, should prove of interest. Much can be gained by studying the uses of the various tools and their proper application.

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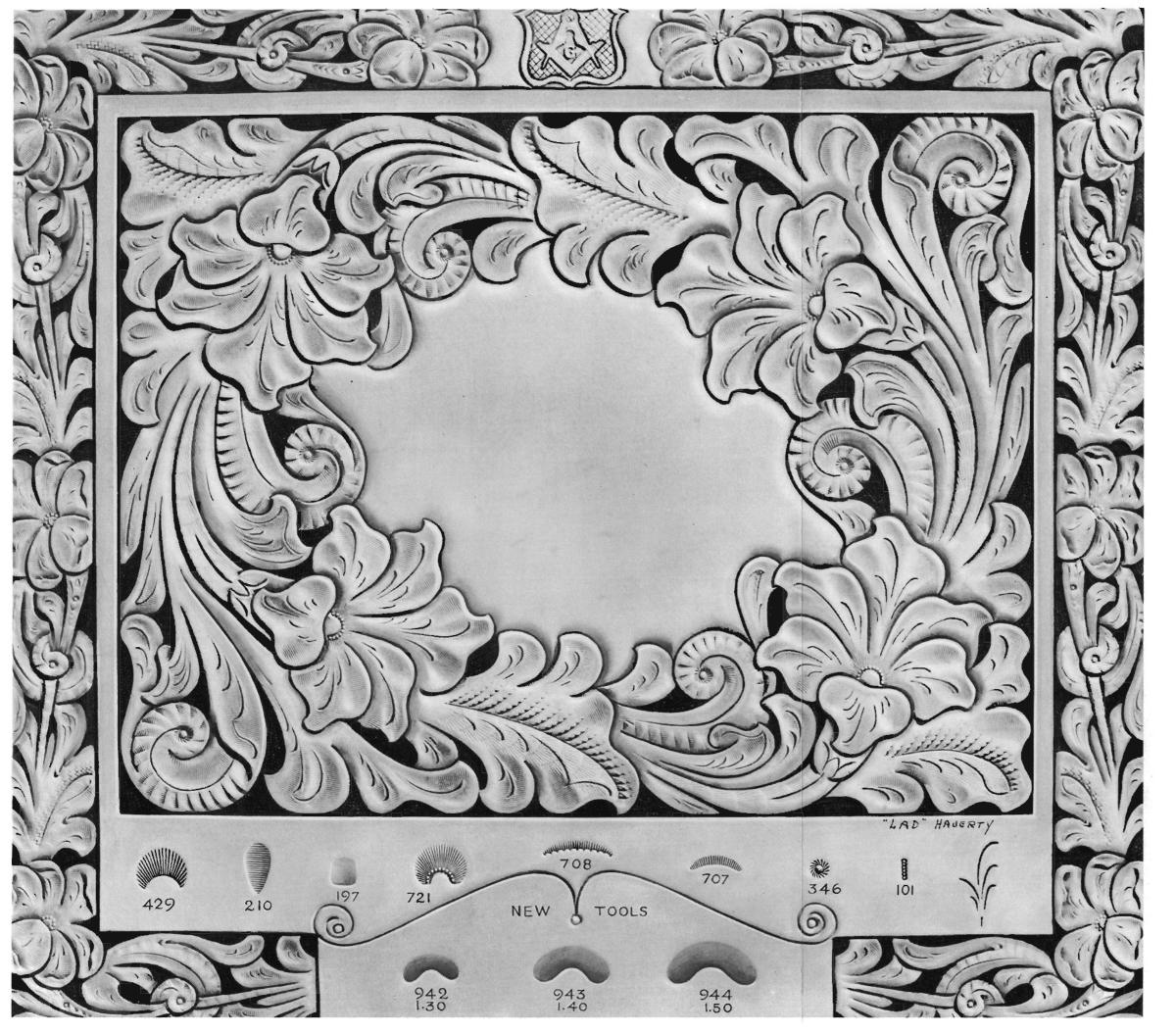
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PRELIMINARY STEPS

- 1. Cut a piece of $5\frac{1}{2}$ oz. leather $11\frac{1}{2}$ " x $20\frac{1}{4}$ ".

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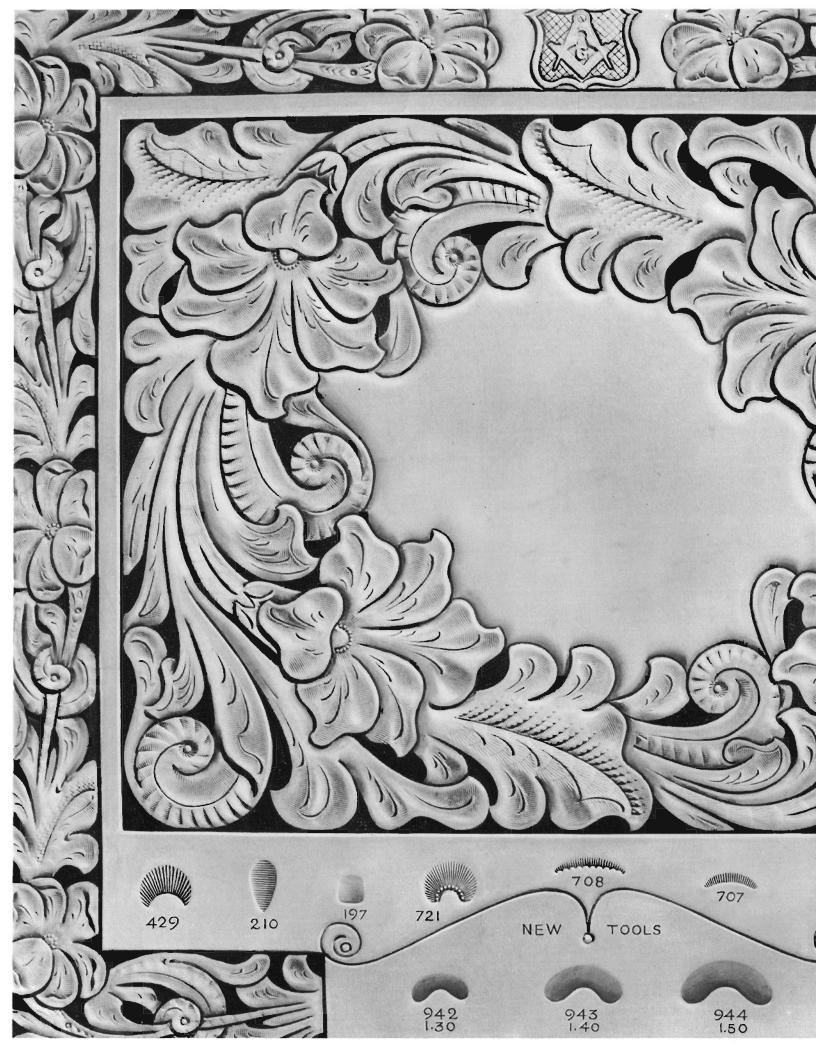
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- 8. Slightly moisten the leather and make the decorative cuts. Remember the moisture content should be: HIGH when cutting; MEDIUM when stamping; LOW when backgrounding.

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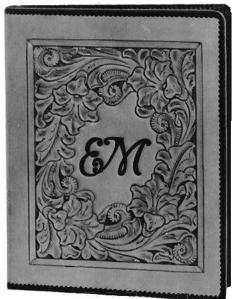
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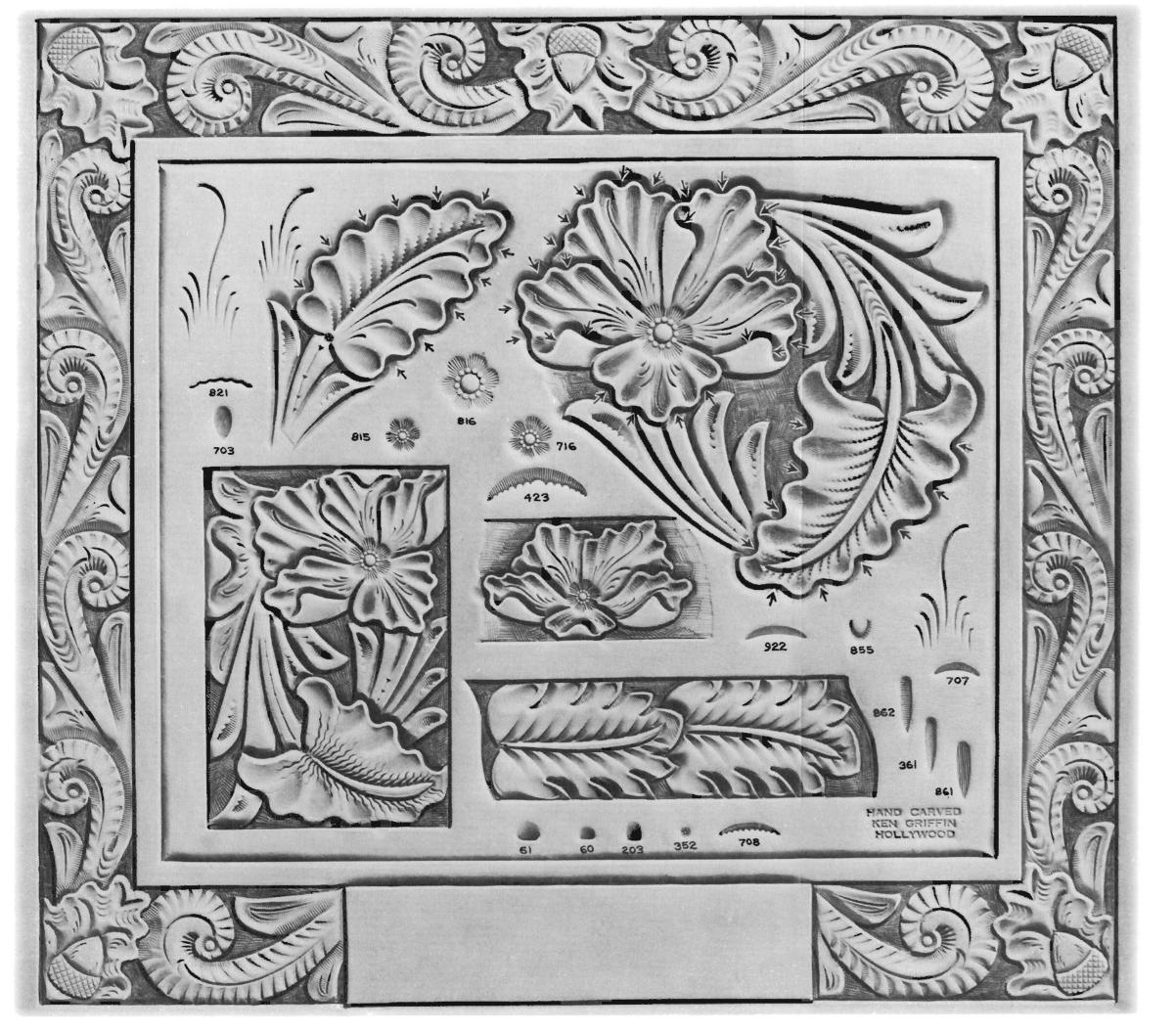
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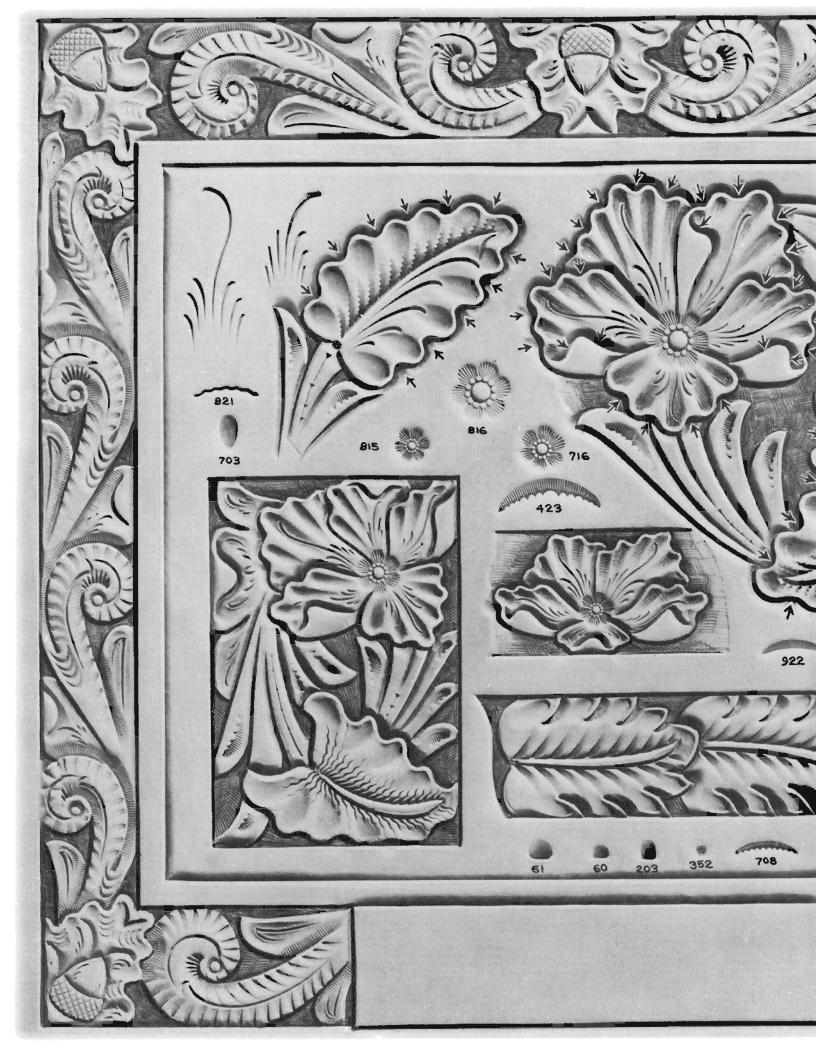
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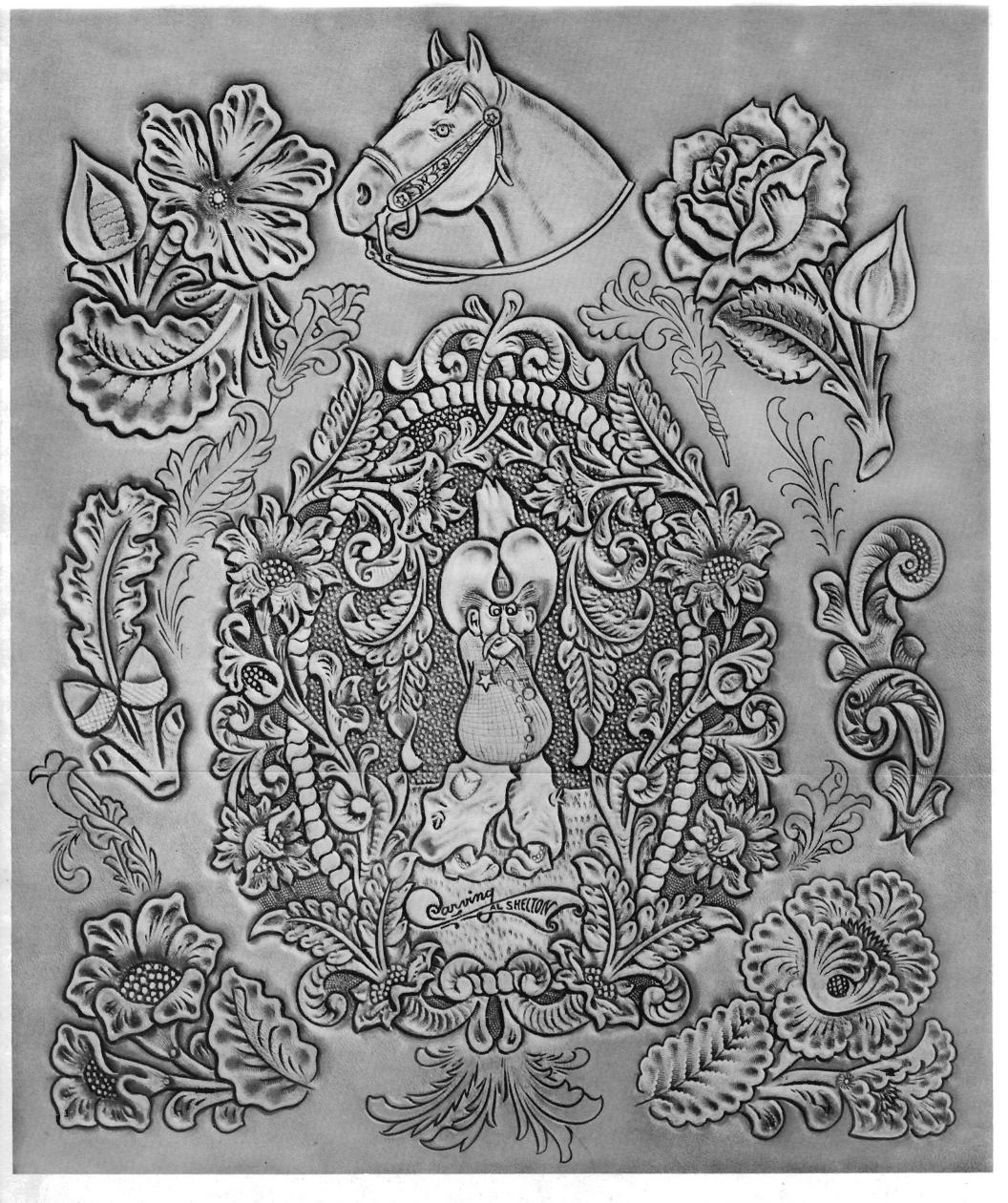
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The use of Craftool No. 726 is shown in the flower, leaf and bud design in the lower right corner where the use of the crowner eliminates the cutting and beveling operations. (See Doodle page No. 3.)

The novel backgrounding is accomplished by using the checked background tool No. 104 to take down the background area to the desired depth and then Craftool's No. 345 and 345 % are used to seed the background.

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HELPFUL HINTS

After the tame rose is cut and stamped, and while the leather is still slightly damp, it should be EMBOSSED. This is done by holding the leather in your hand and working with a smooth shader No. 936 from the **flesh** side and actually making a bulge in the flower center thus creating a repousse or rounded appearance to the flower. This depression may be filled with a mixture of kapok and cement. After the cement has dried clean up the beveled lines with the undercut beveler.

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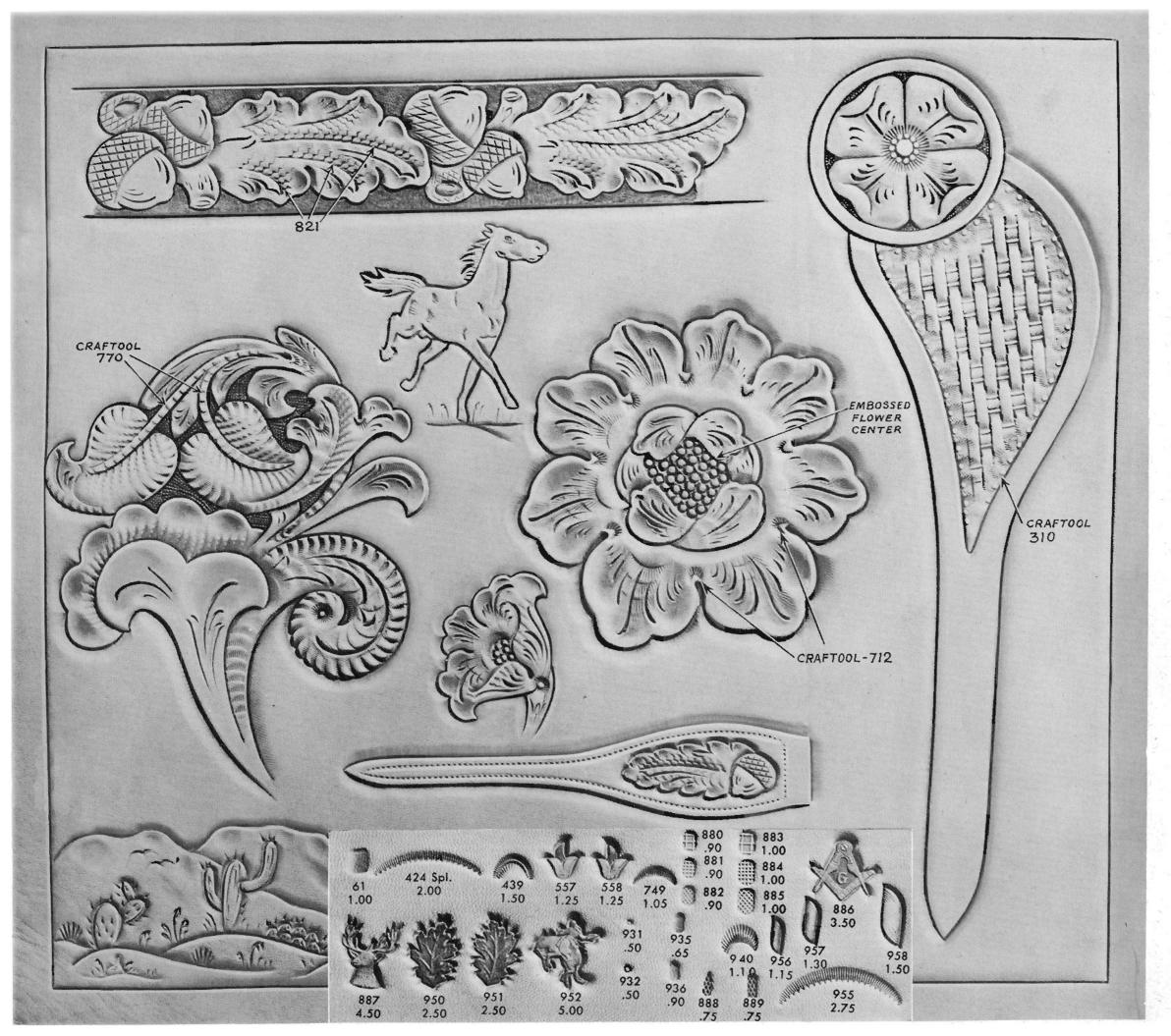
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Note the novel way of handling the embossed flower center as shown in the large flower and the use of Craftool No. 310 to stop the basket stamping on the spur strap.

The new tools shown include new oak leaves that go well with the small acorn, coarse checked back ground tools No. 888 and No. 889, three new ropes and the bucking buckaroo.

The tiny bevelers (No. 935 smooth and No. 936 checked) will come in mighty handy when doing figure carving especially in those hard-to-get-at places. Seeders 931 and 932 were designed for small flower centers.

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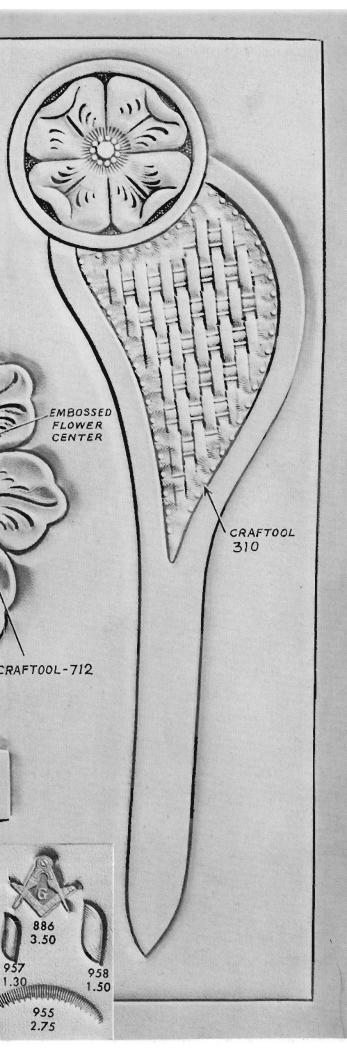
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Note the novel way of handling the embossed flower center as shown in the large flower and the use of Craftool No. 310 to stop the basket stamping on the spur strap.

The new tools shown include new oak leaves that go well with the small acorn, coarse checked back ground tools No. 888 and No. 889, three new ropes and the bucking buckaroo.

The tiny bevelers (No. 935 smooth and No. 936 checked) will come in mighty handy when doing figure carving especially in those hard-to-get-at places. Seeders 931 and 932 were designed for small flower centers.

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- E. Veiner No. 708 was used to add veins to the petals.
- F. Large coarse camouflage tool No. 455 used to form flower center.
- G. The seeds and decorative cuts were then added ready for the backgrounding.

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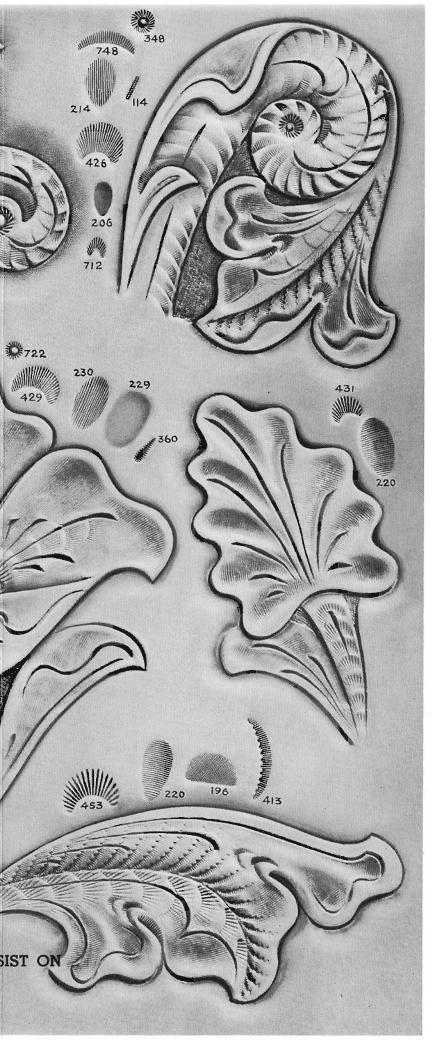
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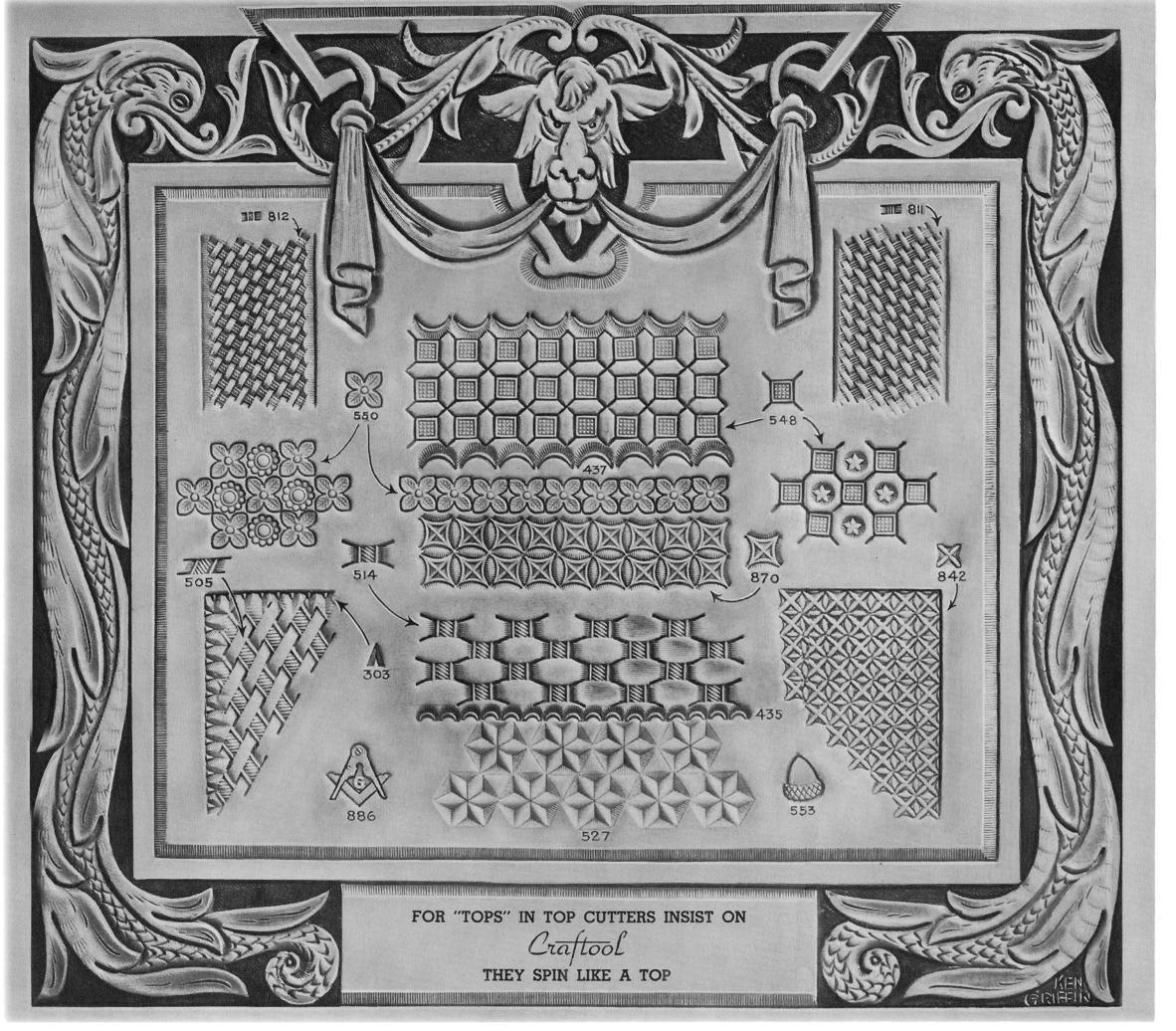
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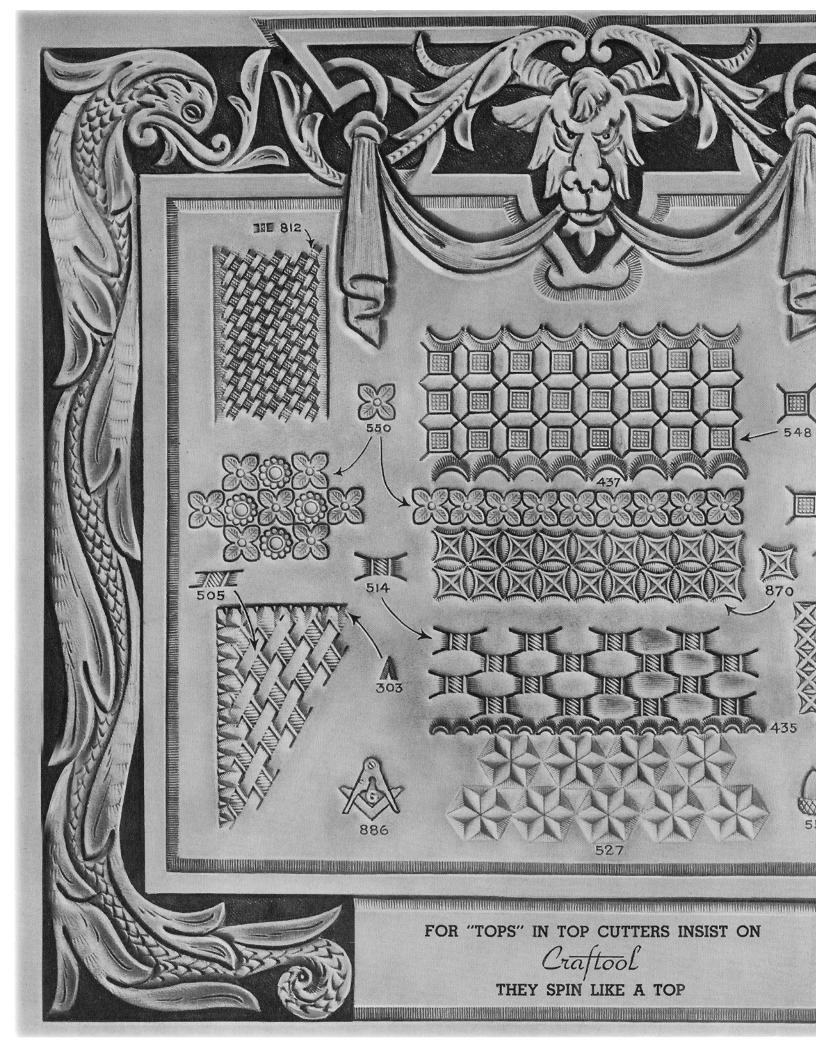


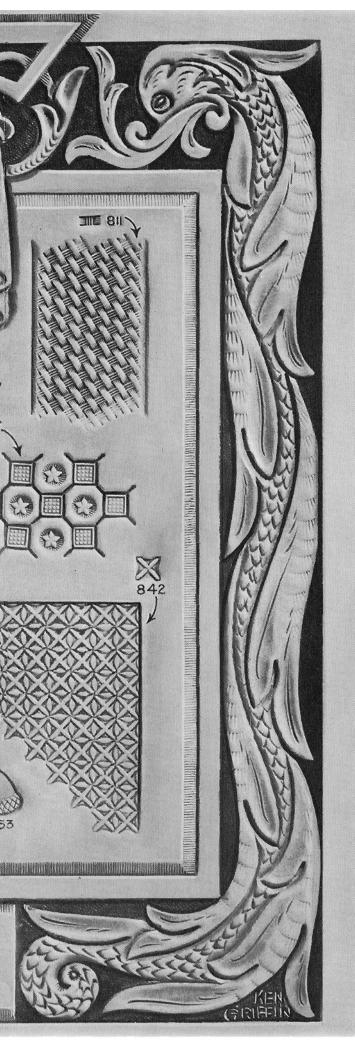
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