

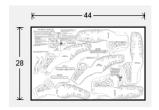






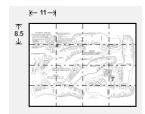
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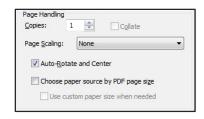
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Study the design, letting your eyes travel back and forth. Although the same basic tools were used it will be easy to see the following:

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- eliminates the swivel knife and beveler.

 2. Compare the pear shading in the two designs. When used properly the shading conforms to the overall shape of the design and should not smash-down the edges.

3. The beveling should be smooth and in places deep so as

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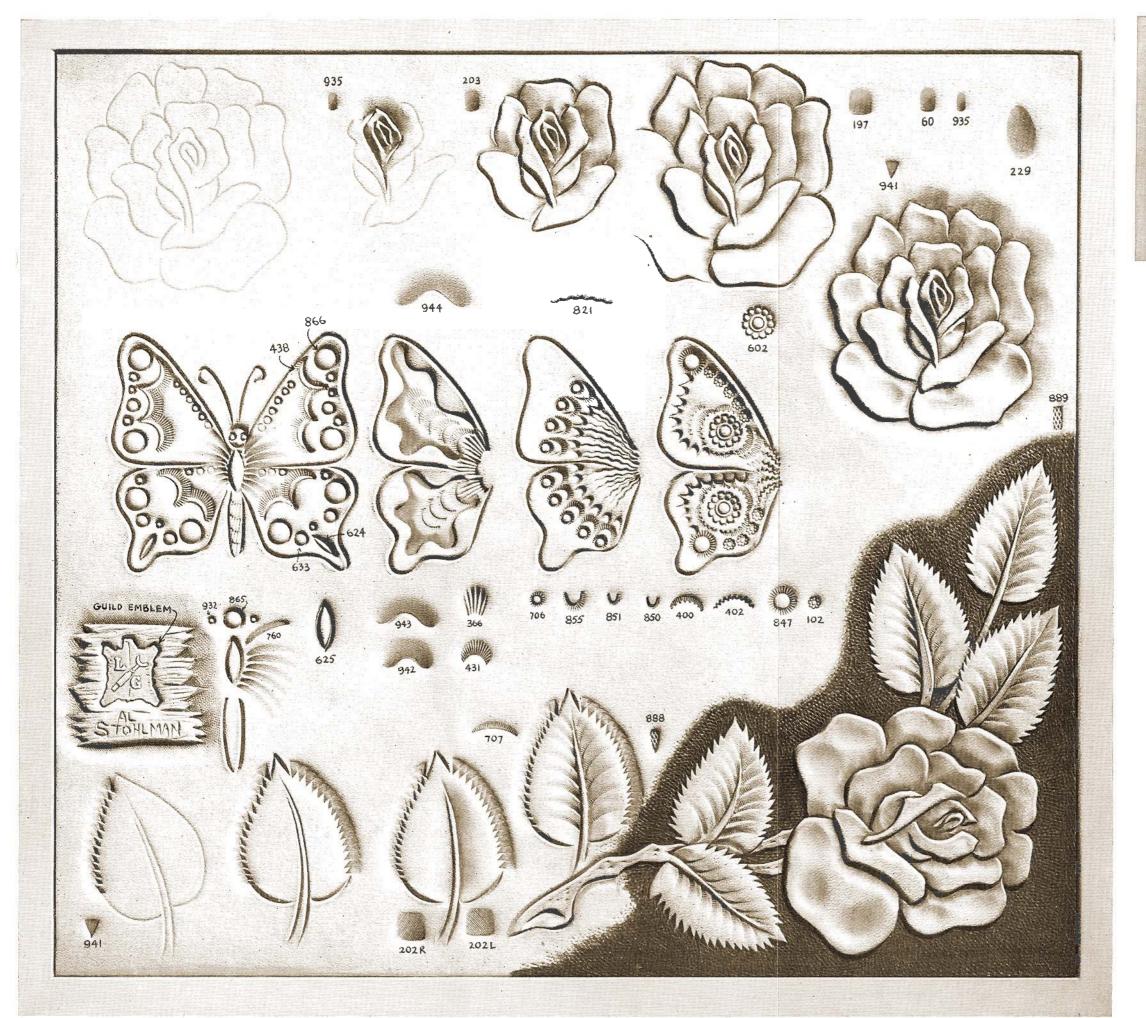
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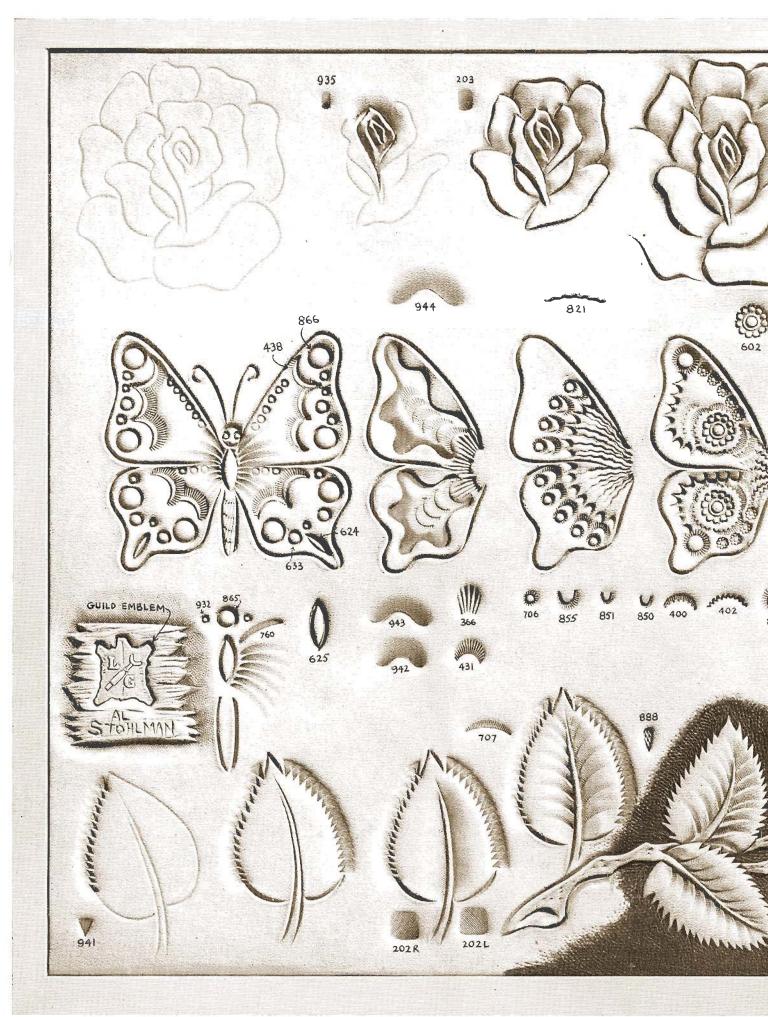
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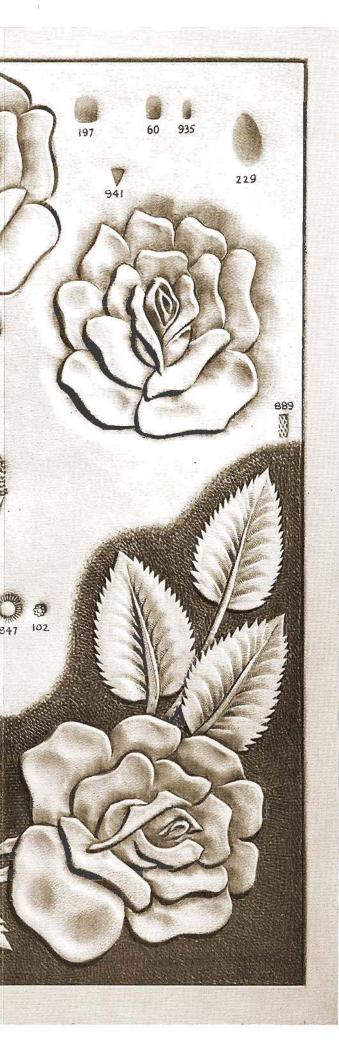
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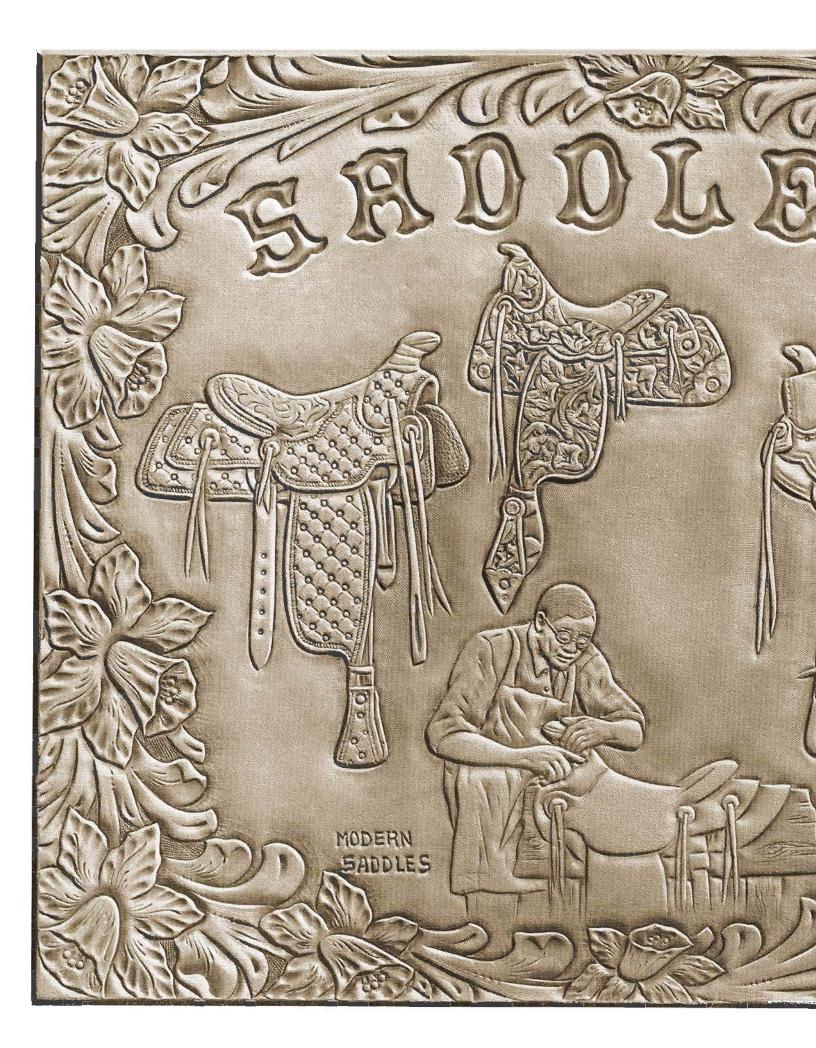
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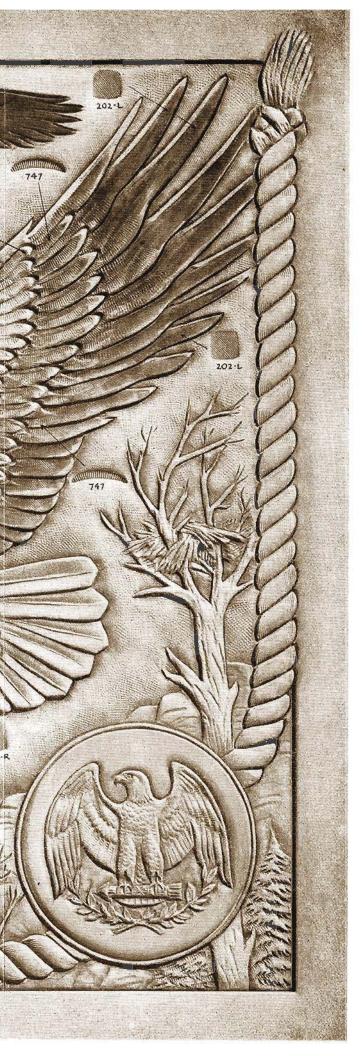
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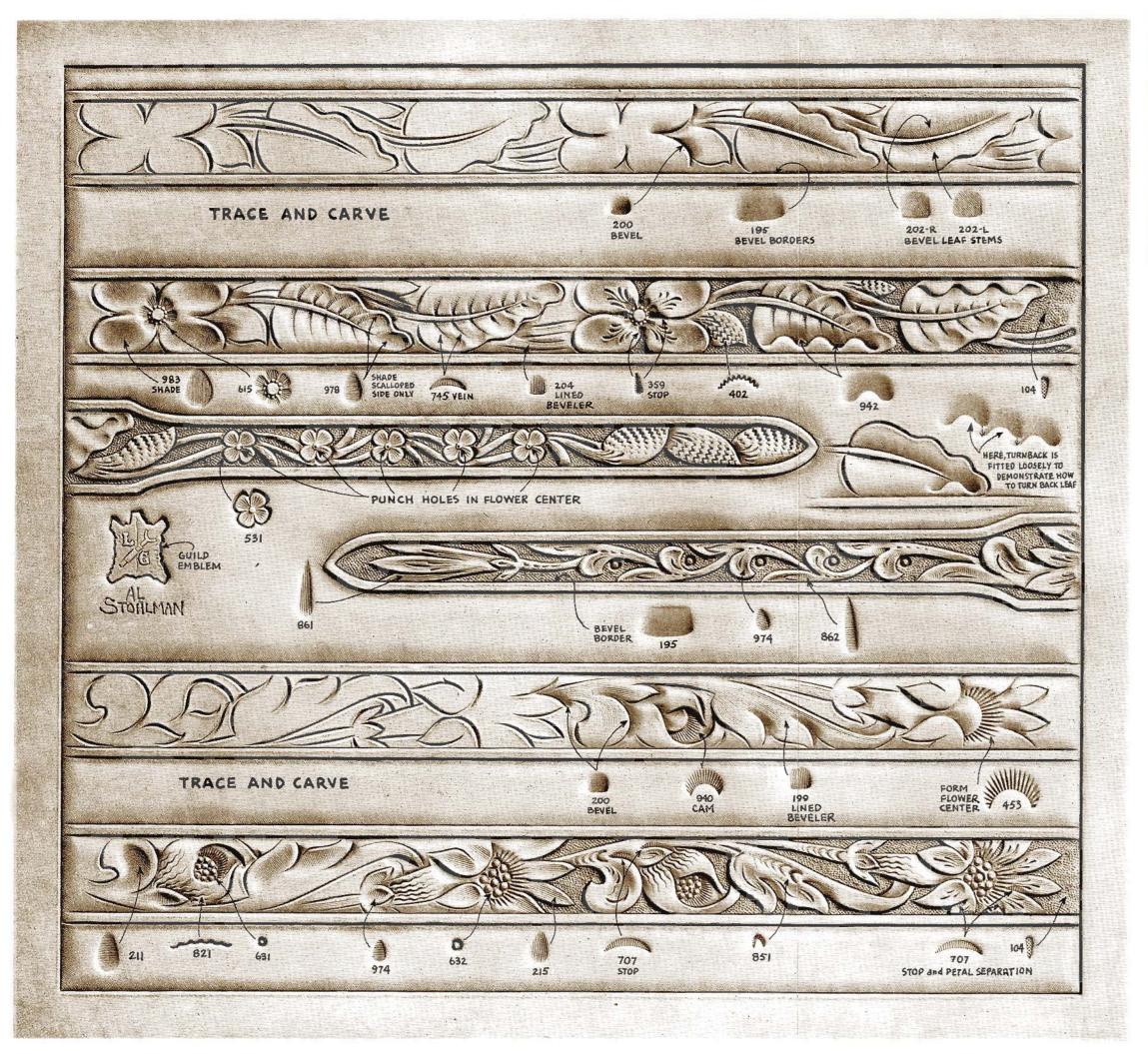
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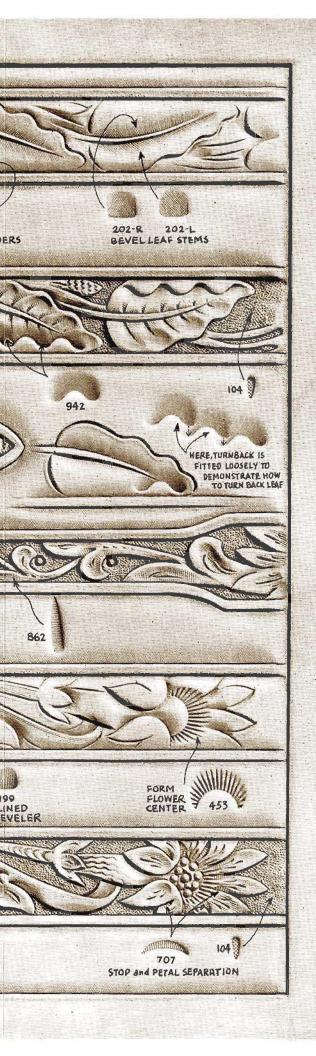


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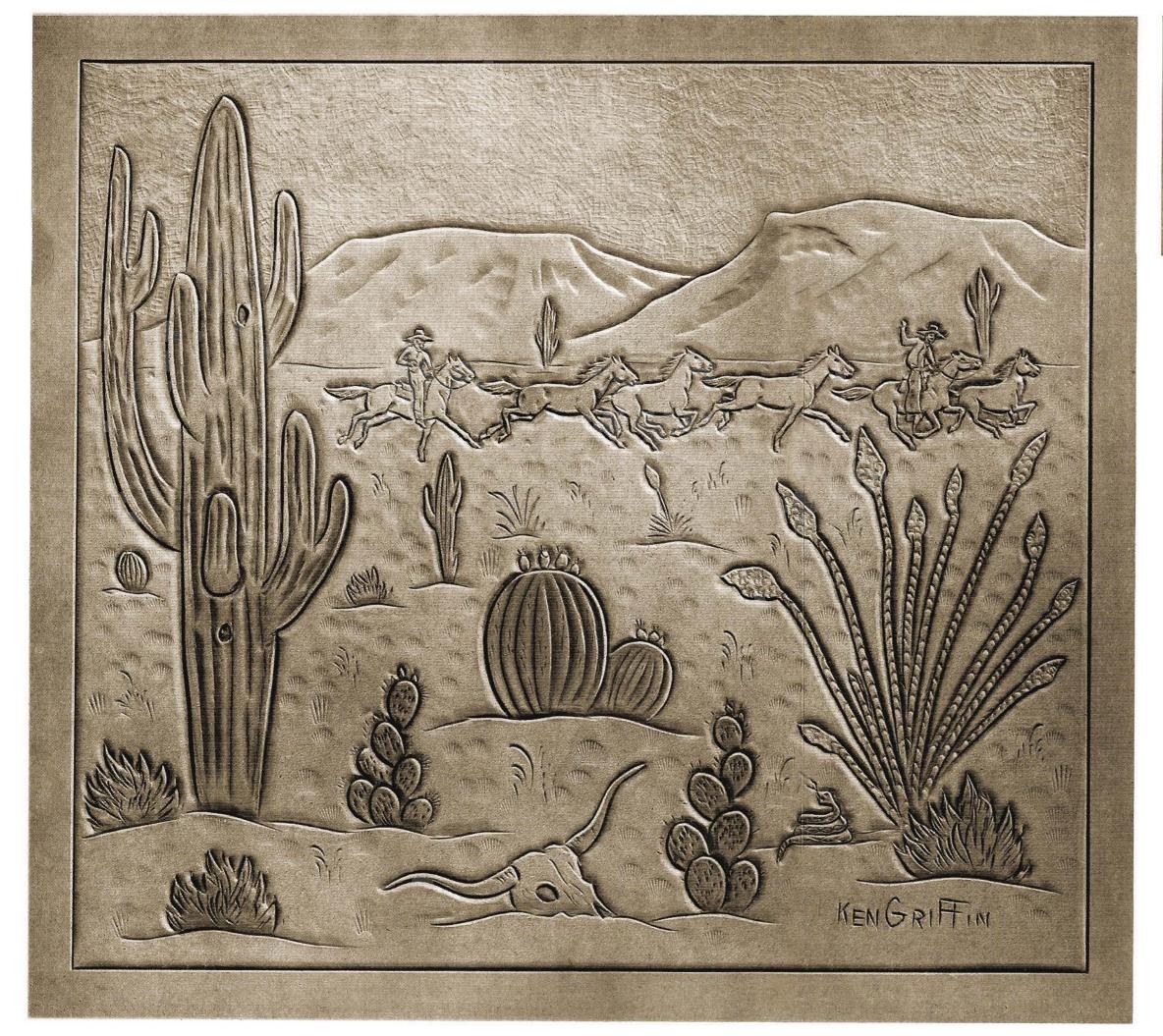
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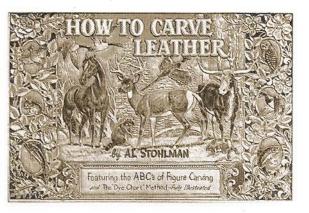
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