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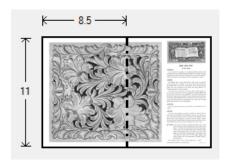
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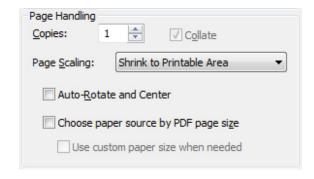
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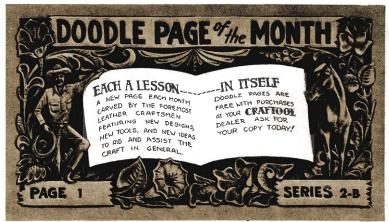
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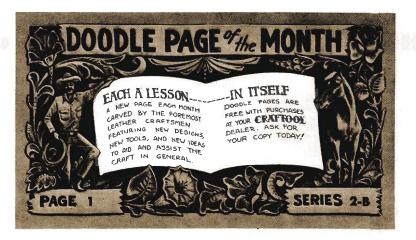
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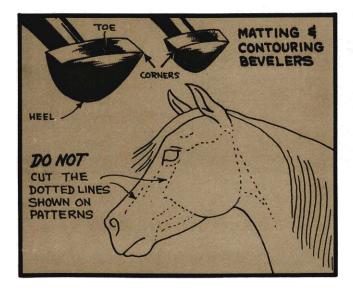
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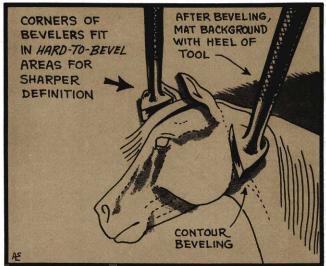


HOW TO USE THE FIGURE CARVING BEVELERS



CUT THE DESIGN

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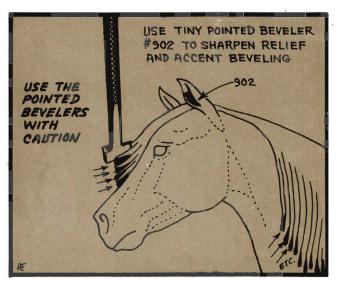
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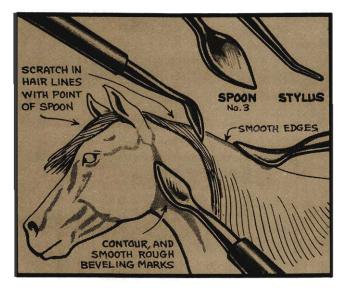
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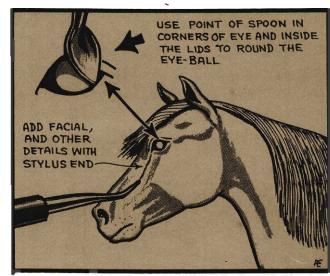
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HOW TO USE THE MODELING TOOL



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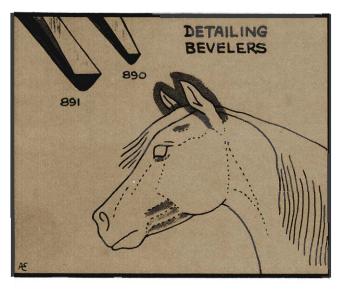
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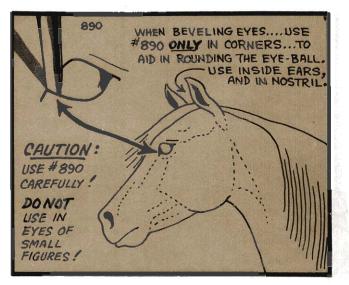
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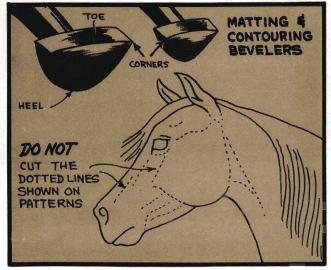
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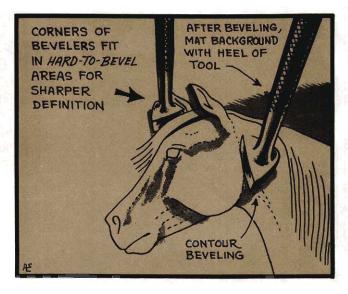
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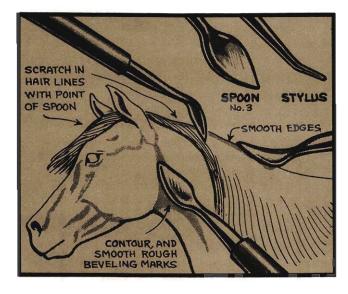
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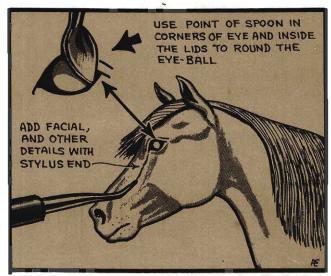
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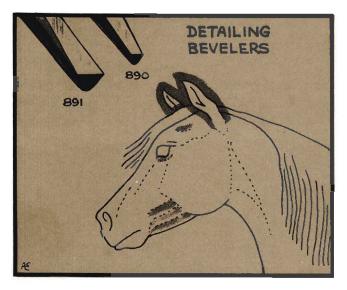
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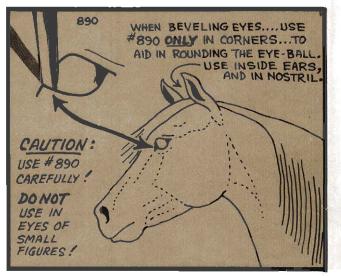
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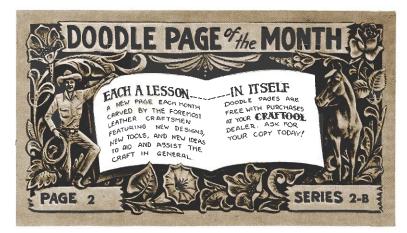
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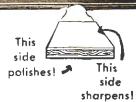
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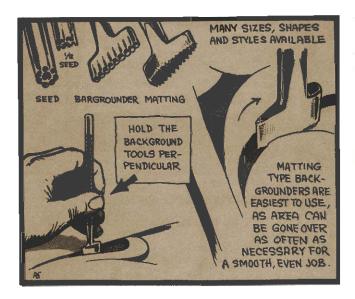


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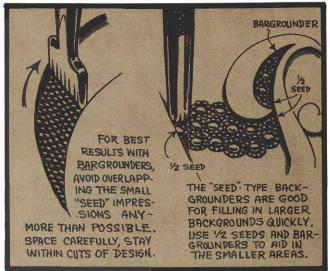


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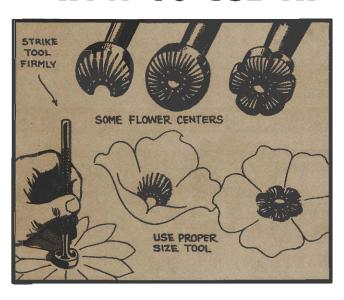
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FILLING IN THE BACKGROUND AREAS

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HOW TO USE THE FLOWER CENTERS



USES OF TOOLS

Flower Center Stamps are available in a wide variety of sizes and shapes, to fit every need. For those who do not desire to stamp in individual seeds ... these tools are ideal. The small sizes are also ideal for tiny flowers where individual seed stamping would become tedious. Flower Centers are a great aid to those in production work, where time is important.



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ONE-CORNER IMPRESSIONS

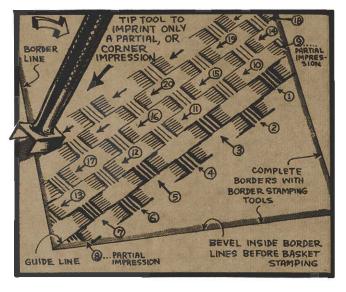
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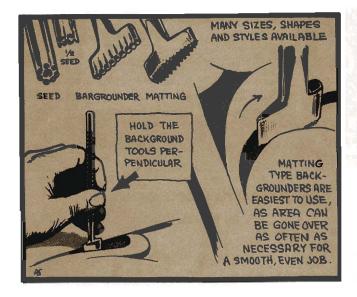
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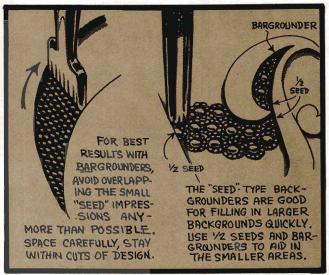
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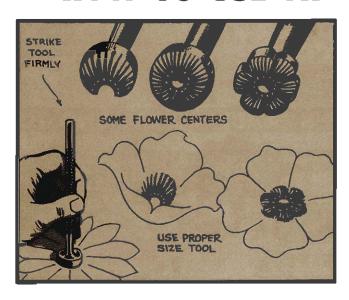
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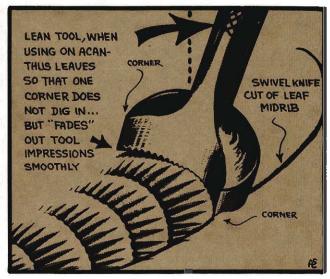
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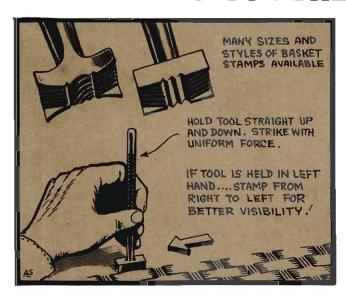
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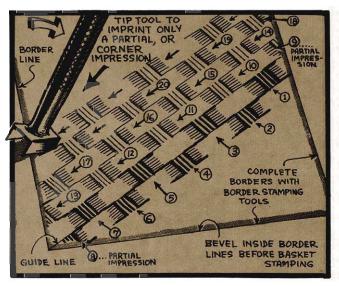
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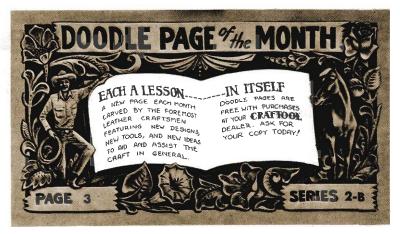
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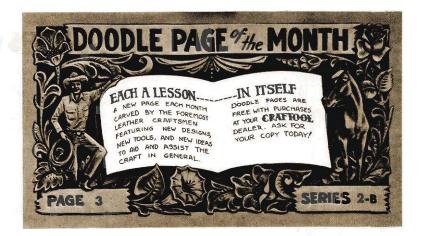
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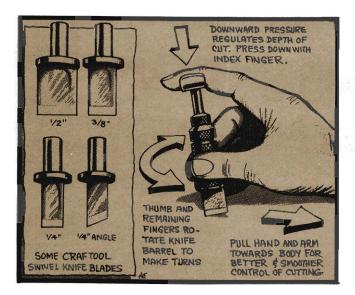
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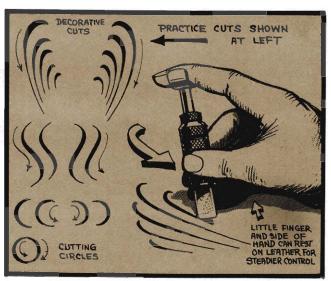


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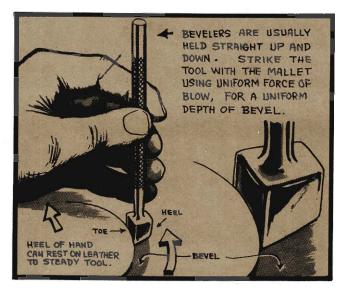
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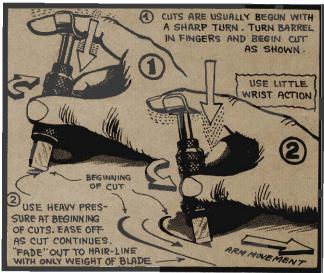
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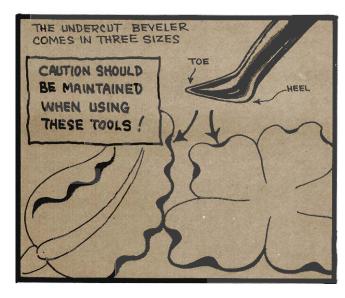
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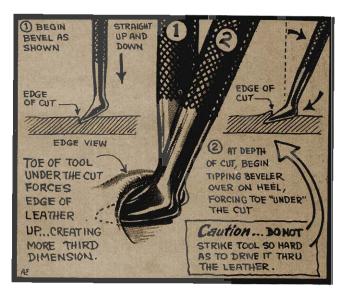
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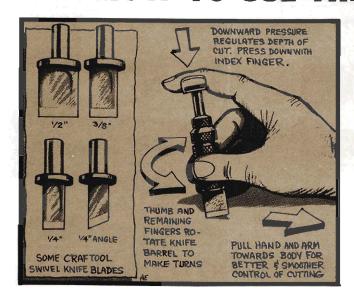
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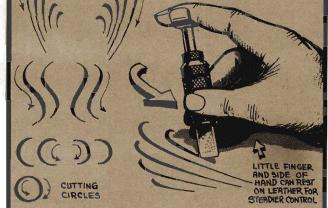


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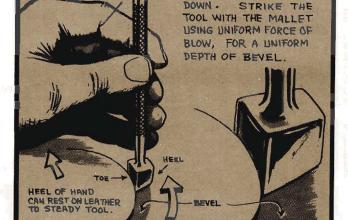
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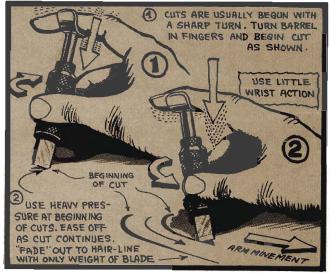
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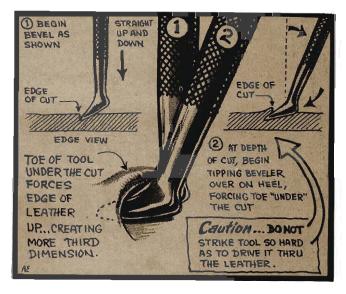
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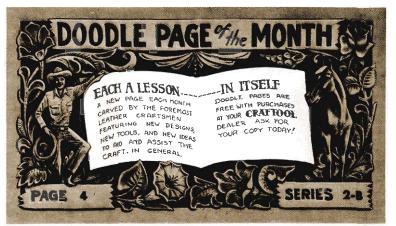
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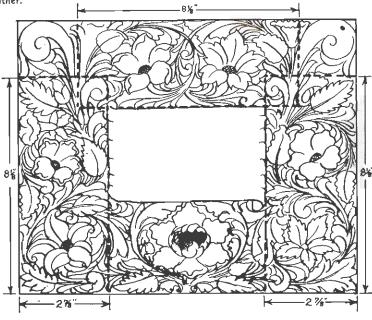
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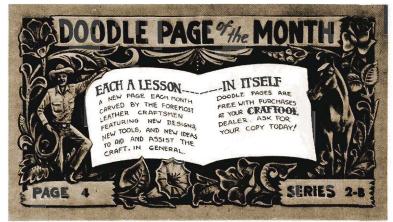
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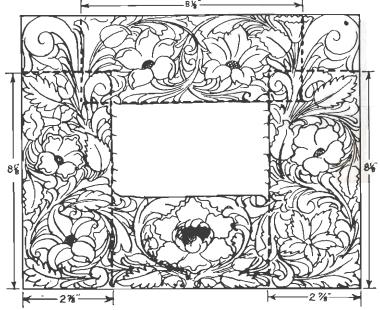
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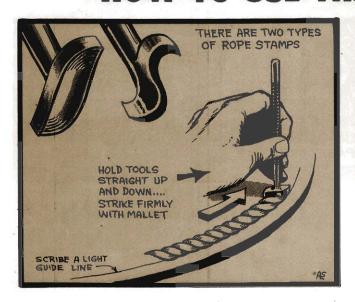
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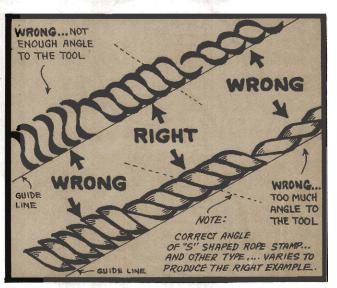


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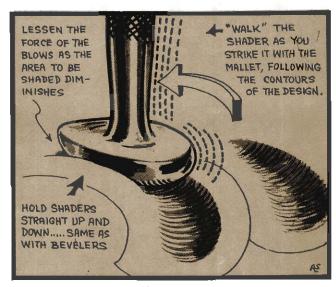
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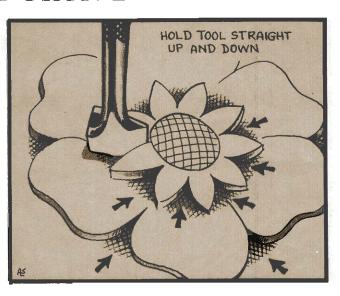
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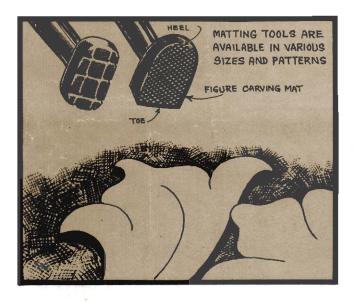
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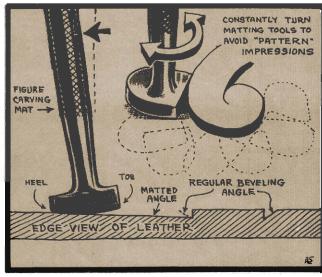
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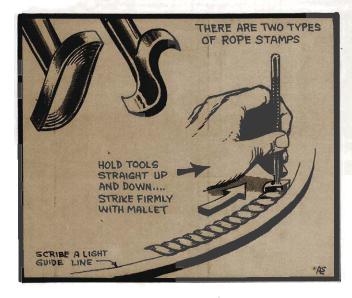
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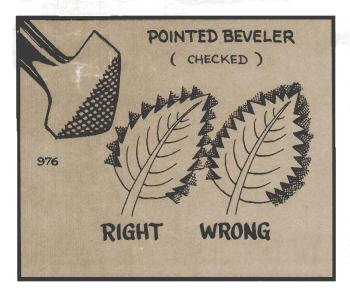
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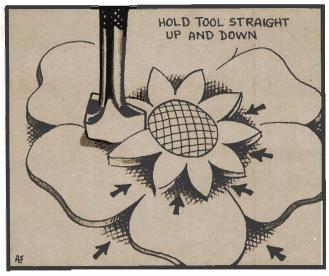
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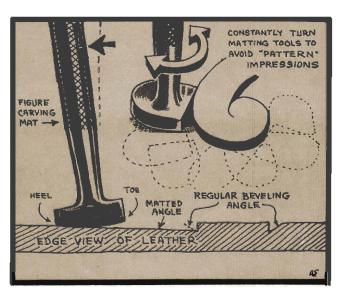
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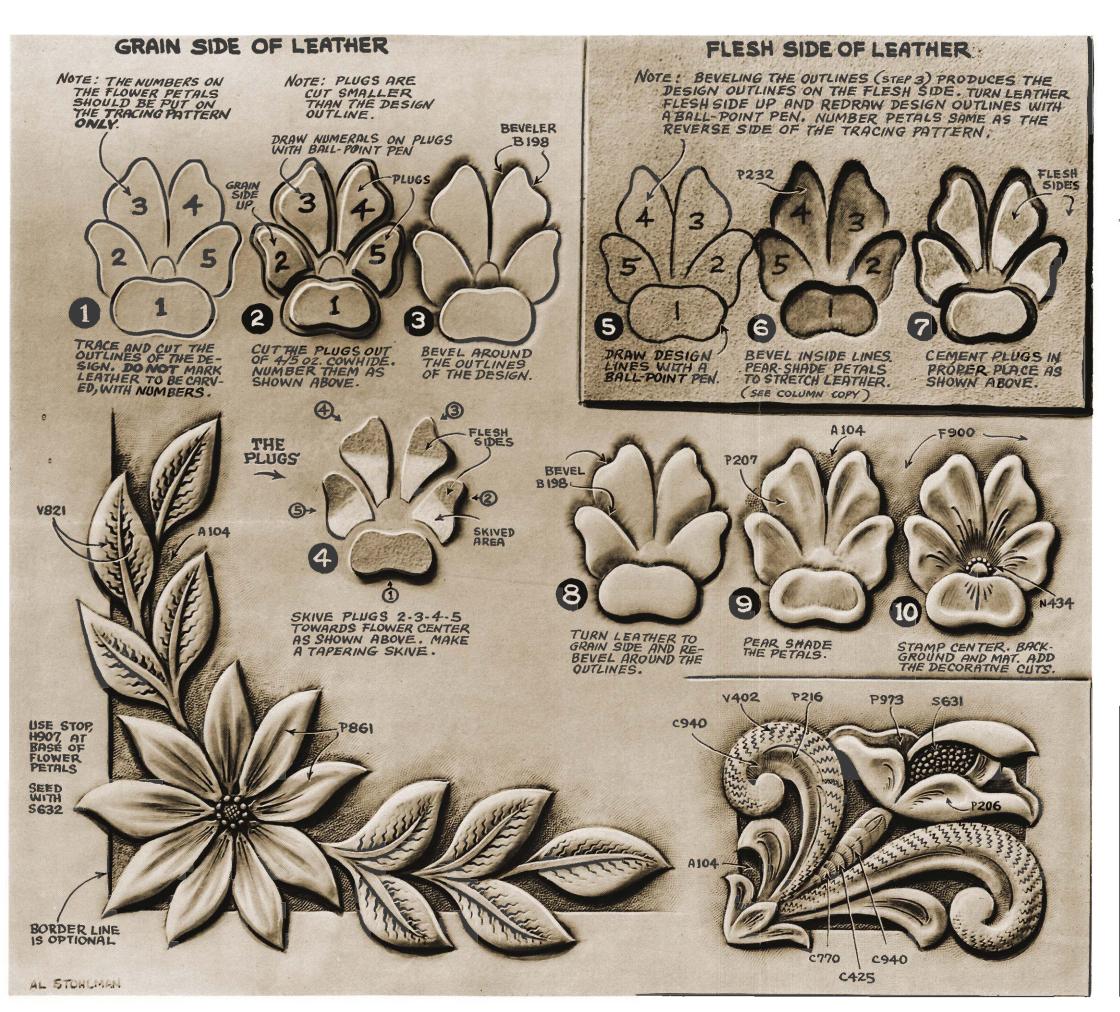
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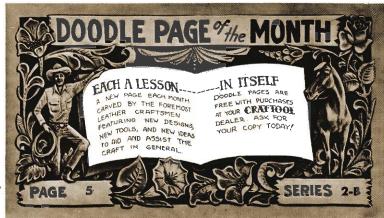
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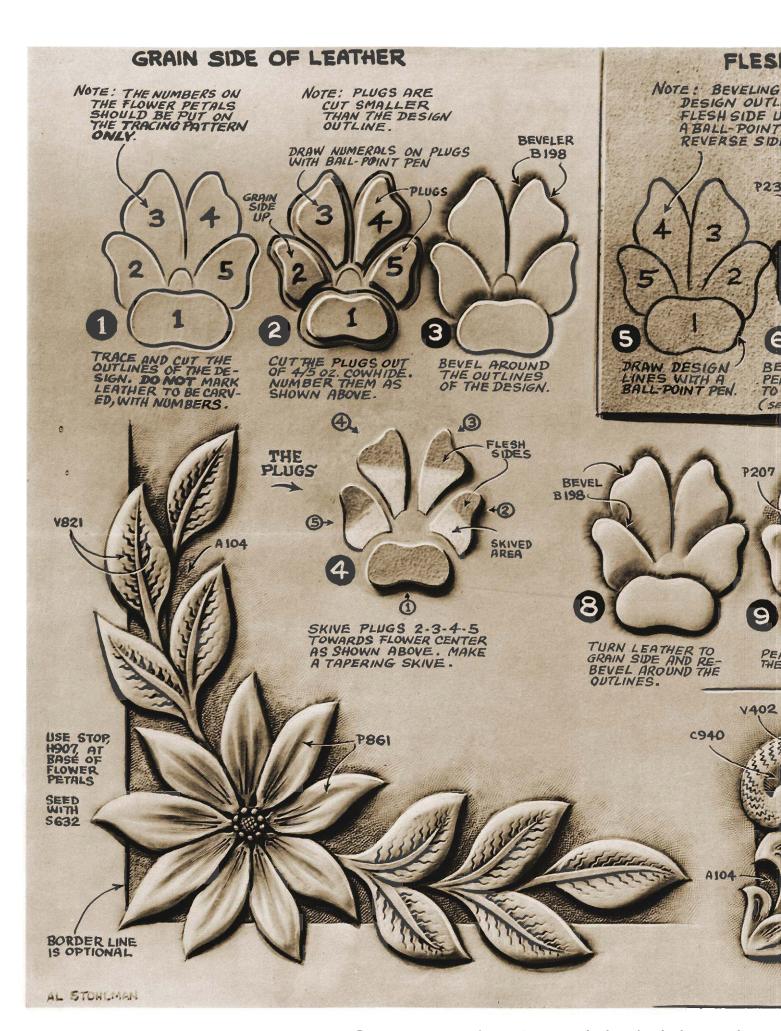
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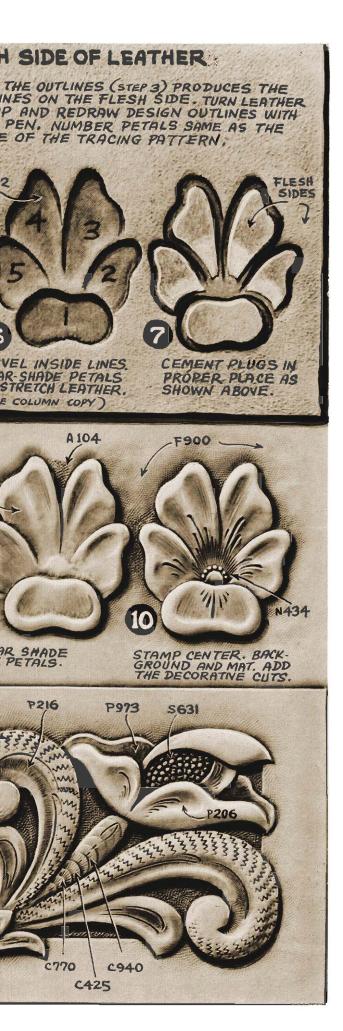
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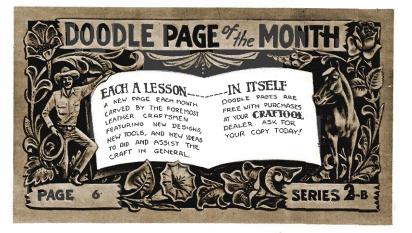
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ARIZONA STYLE WALLETS AND BELT PATTERN by Ken Griffin

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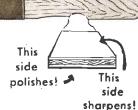
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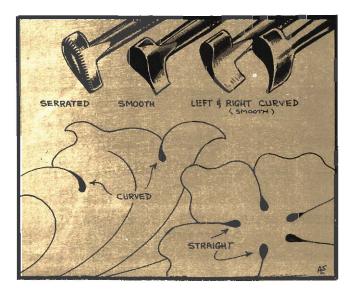
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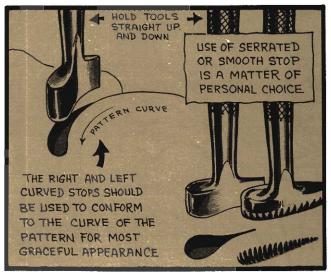


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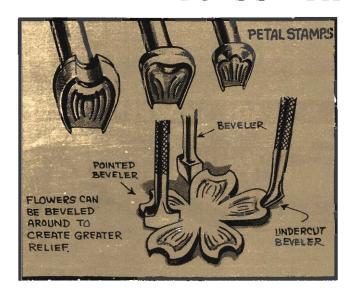
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TWO STYLES

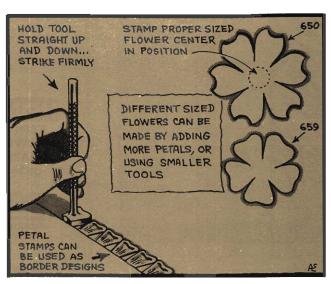
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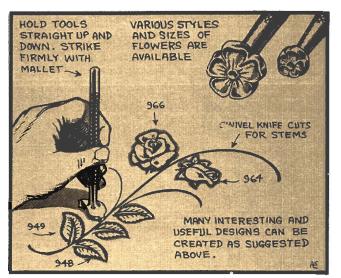
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HOW TO USE THE LEAF & FLOWER STAMPS



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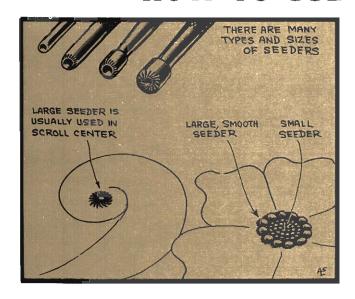
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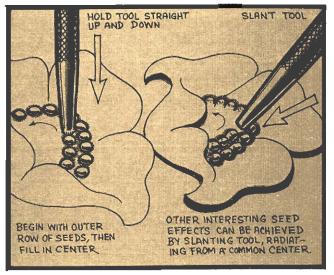
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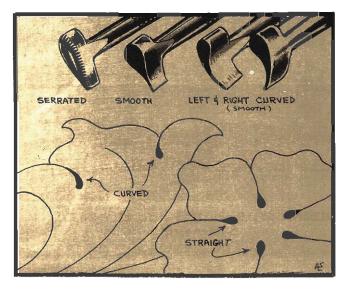
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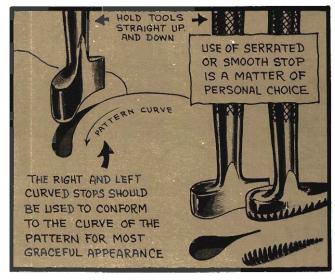
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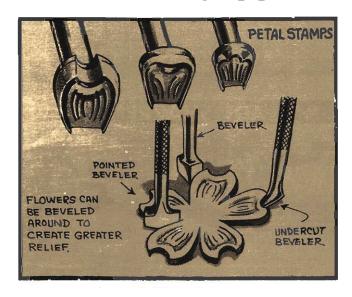
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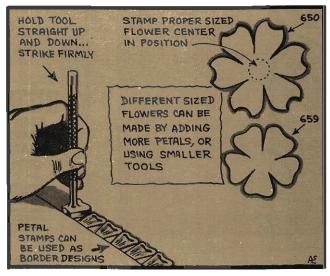
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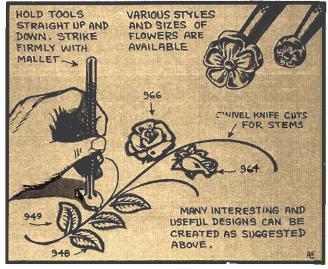


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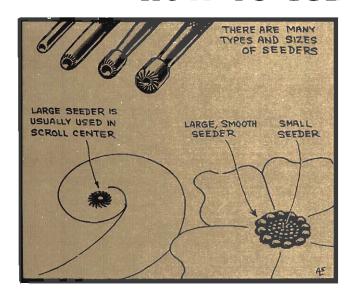
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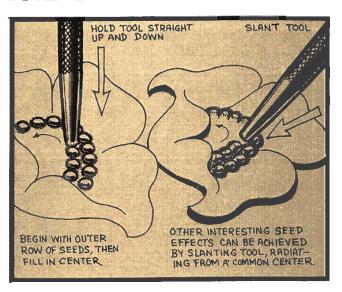
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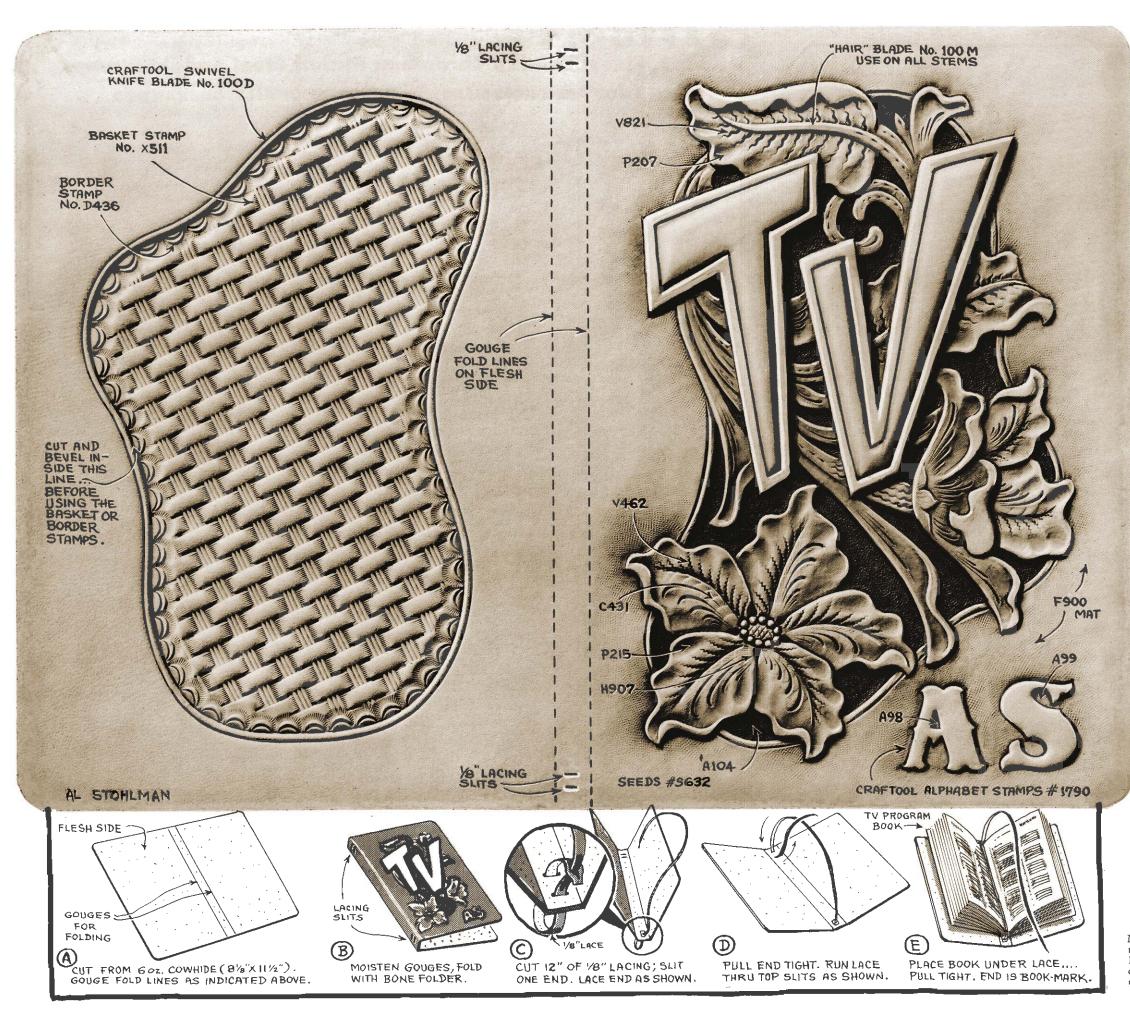


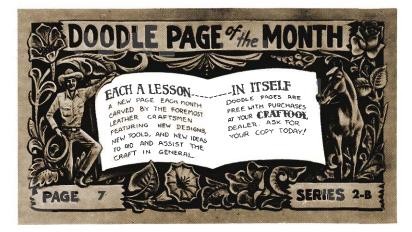
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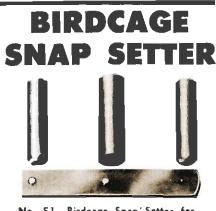
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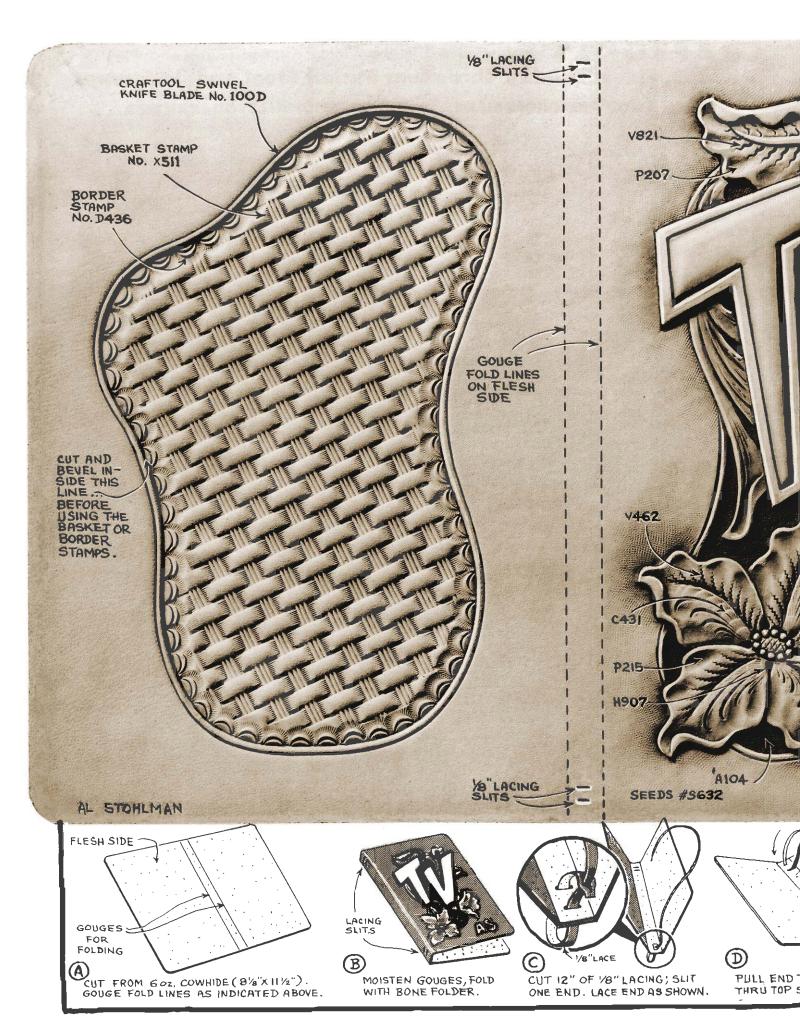
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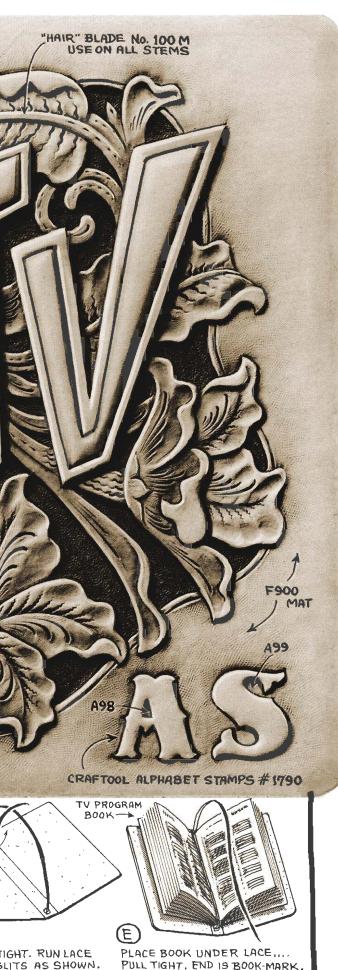


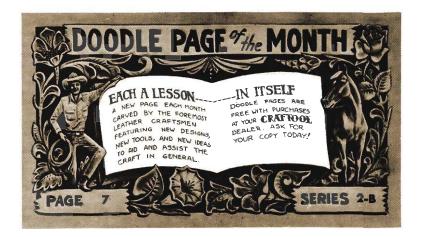
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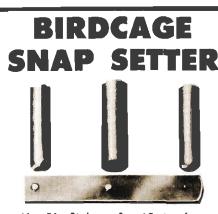
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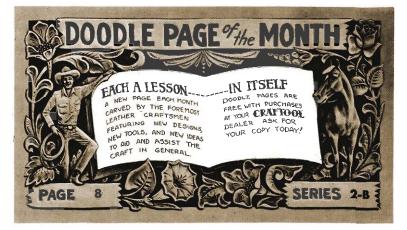


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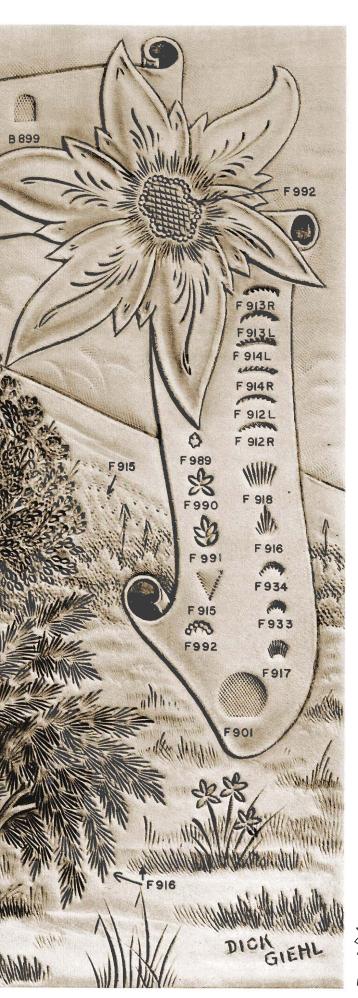
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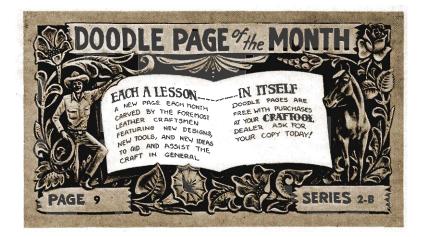
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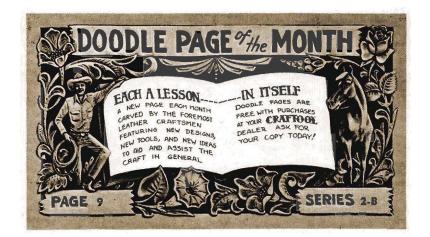
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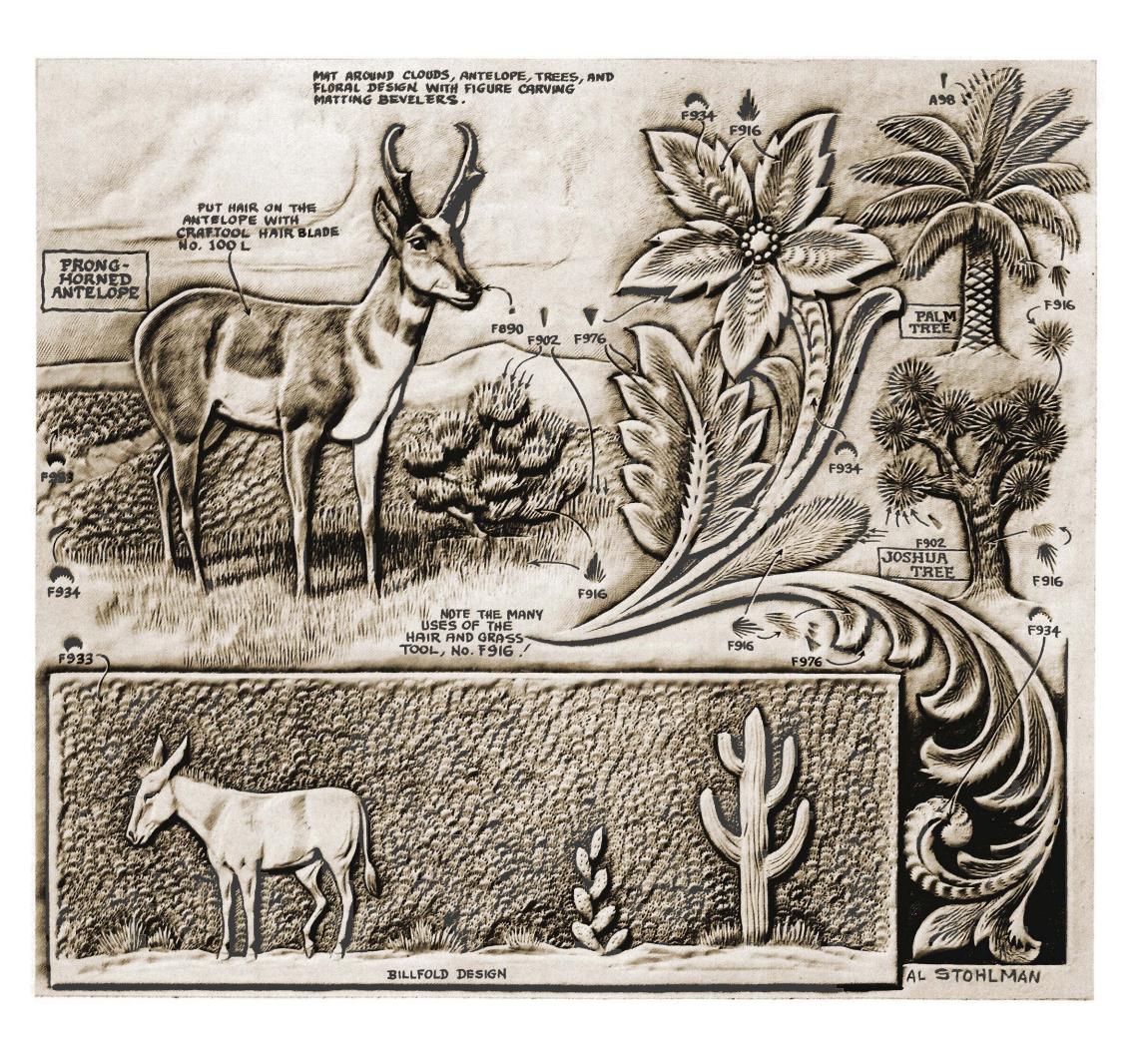
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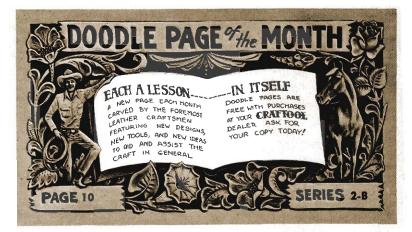
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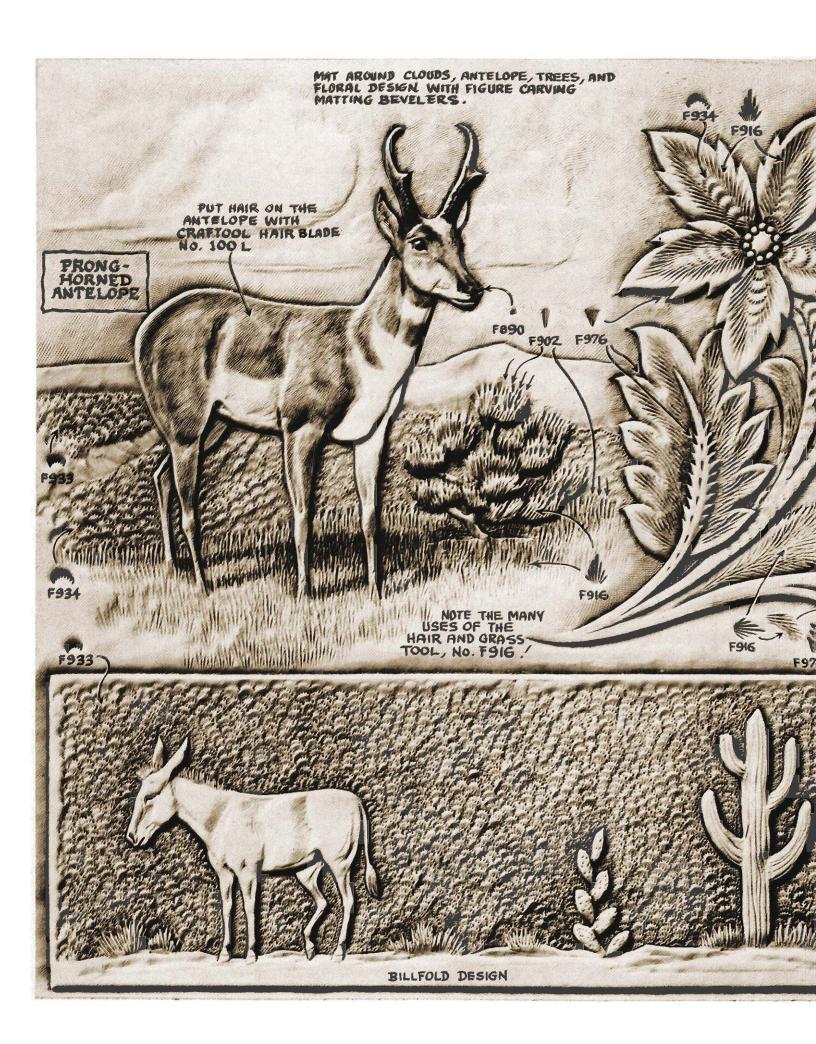
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The simple billfold design of the donkey and cactus was backgrounded with bush tool #F933 . . . for the express purpose of creating something different with a minimum amount of tools. You'll note the bush tools, #F934 & #F933 were also used on the distant hills in back of the antelope. Use the smaller tools on the most distant hills. Study the photo. Get out your tools and do some SPECIAL EFFECTS on your own!









SPECIAL EFFECTS with FIGURE CARVING TOOLS by Al Stohlman

This month features the grass and hair tool, #F916. This versatile tool is normally used for grass and hair effects of shaggy animals such as bear, squirrel's tails, etc. Here it is used for grass under the antelope as well as the sage bush to the right of the animal. To make this bush, the tool is stamped into foliage clump areas. The tops of the clumps are accented with the point of #F902 and the bottom of the foliage clumps are beveled around and matted. Limbs and trunk are cut and beveled. #F916 is also used to make the palm fronds and the bark and needles of the joshua tree. Here again, #F902 was used to accent the outer edges of the foliage. Study the photo. By practicing with this tool on scraps of leather, you will find many uses and special effects applicable to your work. The effect of the palm fronds was created by "walking" the tool . . . held in the position shown on the photo. The overlapping effect is ideally suited to the palm tree. The foliage of the joshua tree was made by turning and walking the tool (in a circular motion) . . . pivoting it on its heel. The pointed end of the tool should be cut out. Turn the tool in a full circle to form the foliage cluster of nee-

Craftool #F916 was also used on the floral design to create a rugged, thorny effect. Here, this tool was used as a pear shader . . . held and walked in the same manner. The center of the flower petals were first "camouflaged" with #F934 (grass & bush tool). Note the special "thorny" effect created by these two tools. The midrib of the leaf was given some special "thorns" by using pointed bevel #F976. The rest of the leaf was shaded with #F916. The scroll at lower right also has special thorny effects added with #F934 and #F976. Try using these tools yourself for those special effects.

dles. A little practice will net perfect results.

The simple billfold design of the donkey and cactus was backgrounded with bush tool #F933 . . . for the express purpose of creating something different with a minimum amount of tools. You'll note the bush tools, #F934 & #F933 were also used on the distant hills in back of the antelope. Use the smaller tools on the most distant hills. Study the photo. Get out your tools and do some SPECIAL EFFECTS on your own!







TEXAS STYLE AND BELT PATTERNS

by Ken Griffin

On this page are two wallets and a belt pattern using typical Texas floral designs. Belts and wallets were usually bolder and simpler in design than either Arizona or California. On the right is a alternate flower. On this flower the shader has been stamped running completely across the petal. This was sometimes used on flower petals and leaves. Note the leaf on the center billfold.

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The veiner was also used lightly on the underside of the petals as on the lower flower in the center billfold. Both seeds and sunbursts were used at the junctions of the stem and flower or leaf. The acanthus often had several three-petal units combined on one leaf as pictured on the billfold on the left. Note the large fat ends and short stems of the "stickers" throughout the design. The scrolls sometimes had a seed in the center of the curly-cue. The ornamental cuts in the stickers were similar to those used in the flower petals. A rather odd touch was the use of a sunburst on the scroll stem as used on the scroll in the belt pattern. Smooth bevelers and shaders were almost always used on the Texas work.









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Typical tools; the long shaders, flower center stamps, and turn-backs were used. The long shader, combined with the small scalloped lines of the flower petals and leaves, was very effective. Note the two different methods of using the long shader on an identical flower on the doodle section of the page.

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When only one flower was used on a design, they used matching leaves and buds throughout the pattern. When using the type of buds shown at the top of the doodle, the over-lapping petal was folded in any direction to fill in a desired space. Leaves were always blended into a stem and never with a sharp junction point. Note the leaves on the doodle.

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