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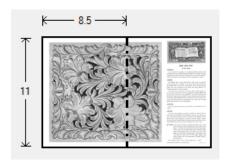
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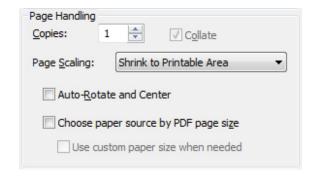
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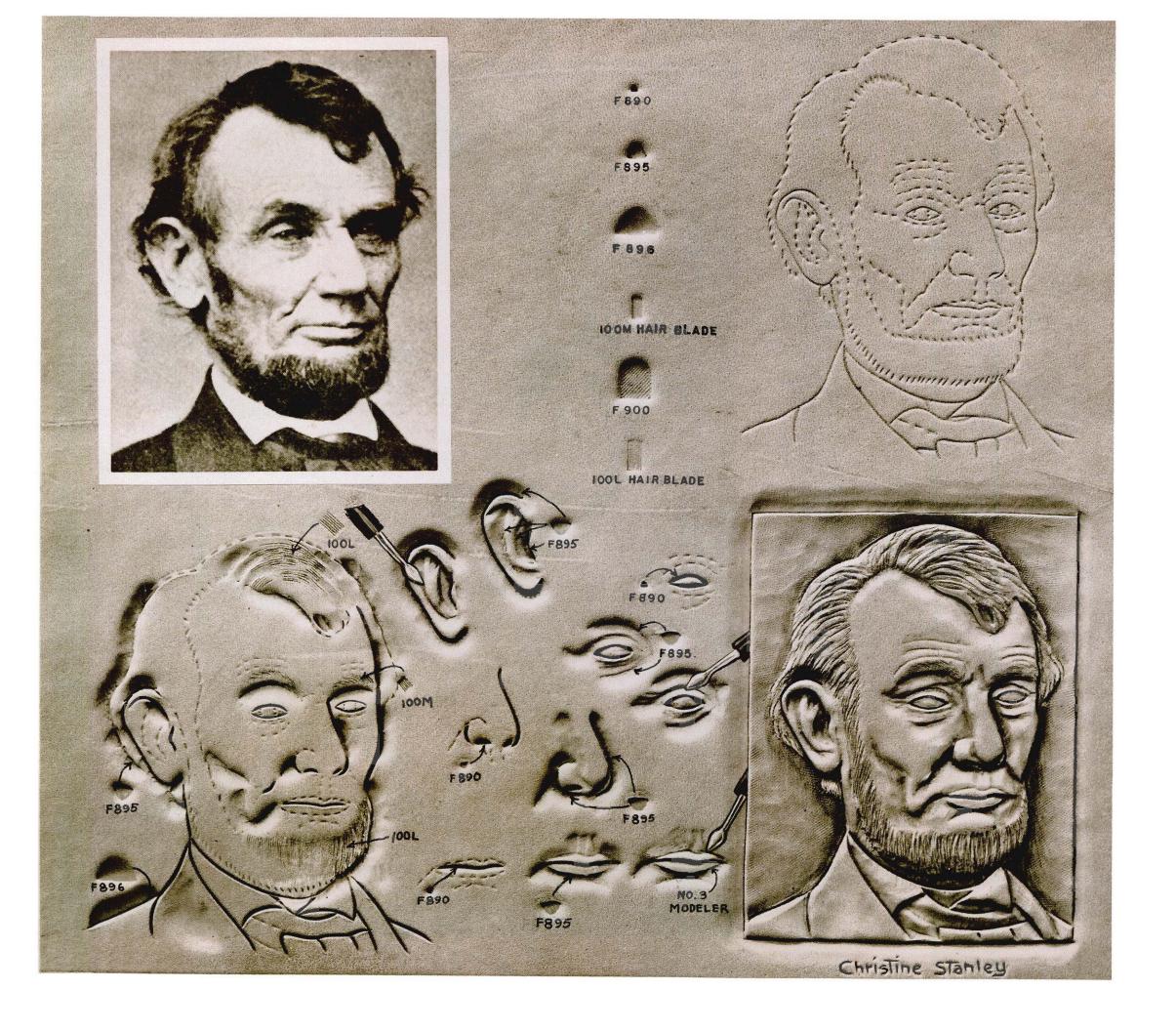
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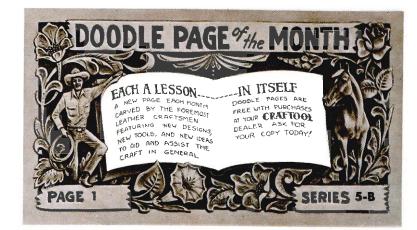
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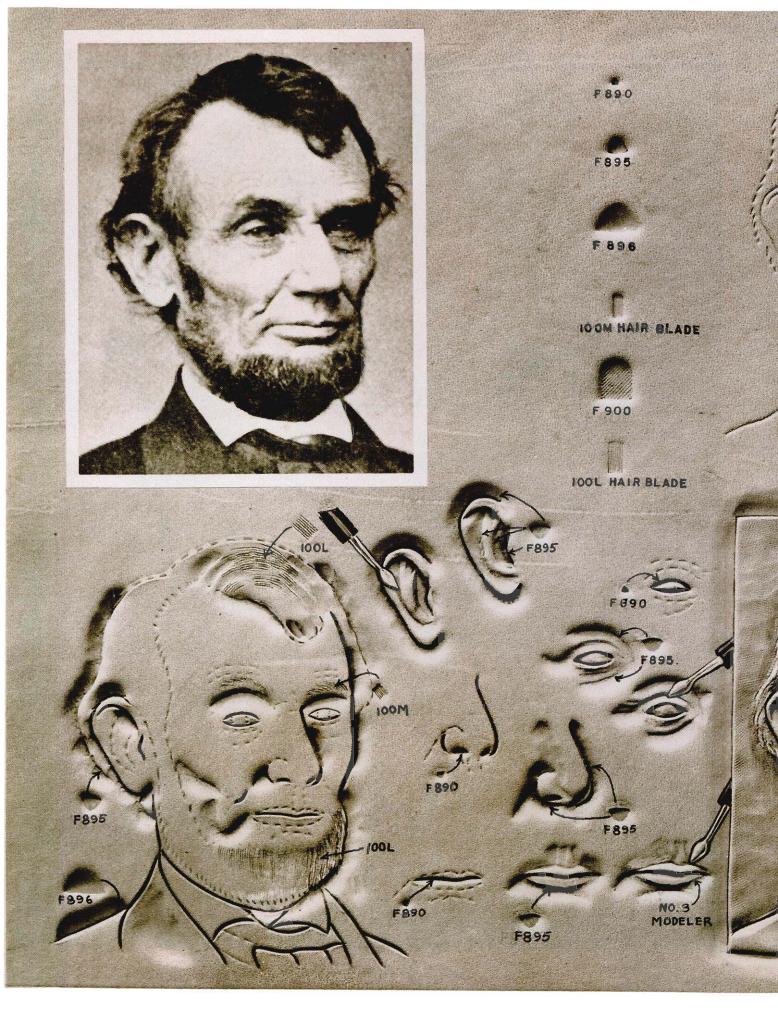
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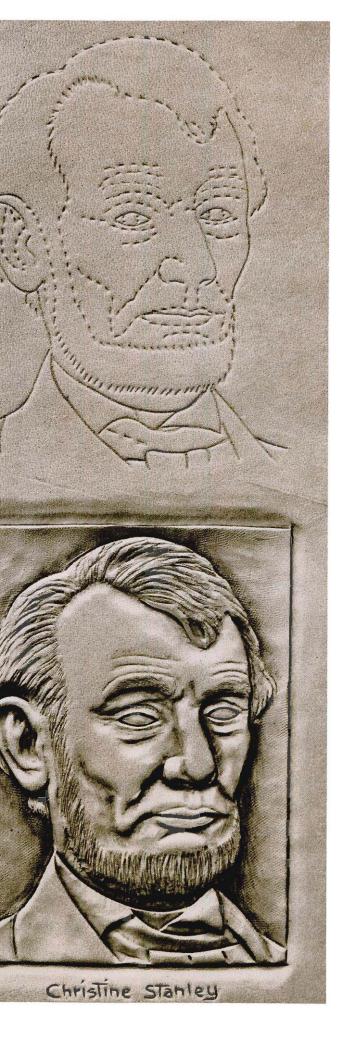
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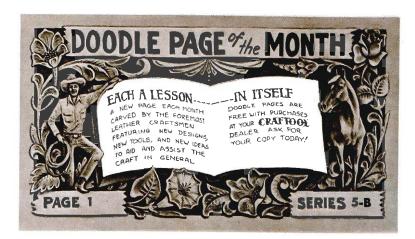
The Lincoln portrait requires a great deal of work with the hair tool. You will notice in the cutting and beveling diagram that the hair outline indicates that the swivel knife is not used to cut around the hair. The F895 beveler is used to bevel around the hair to avoid a clean sharp line which would be unnatural in appearance. The 100L hair blade should follow the general lines of the hair contour of the subject. The hair blade should not be used to attempt to arrange the hair in neat geometric lines. It should be a freehand effort to merely capture the desired appearance. Further realism is added by using the modeler to shape and form the surface of the leather. The completed photo carve on the reverse side of this page will illustrate more fully how this can be accomplished. As indicated in the photo carve, the modeler is a very much used tool in portrait work.

The famous Lincoln eyes are important features of this portrait. One of the most useful tools for working on the eyes is the F890 beveler. Its shape and small size is ideal for the small delicate features found in portraiture. A good beveling technique is desirable in all leather work but even the best beveling work is usually improved by using the modeler to smooth out any unsightly marks left from the beveler. Notice only the eyelids are cut with the swivelknife and these cuts should not be too deep. The F890 beveler will do most of the work with the modeler forming the smooth eyeball effect.

The bottom of the beard is beveled with the F895 tool, again to stay away from a sharp line between the hair of the beard and the background. The general finishing touches are worked with the point of the spoon on the modeler and of course the checked beveler F900 is used for the background matting.







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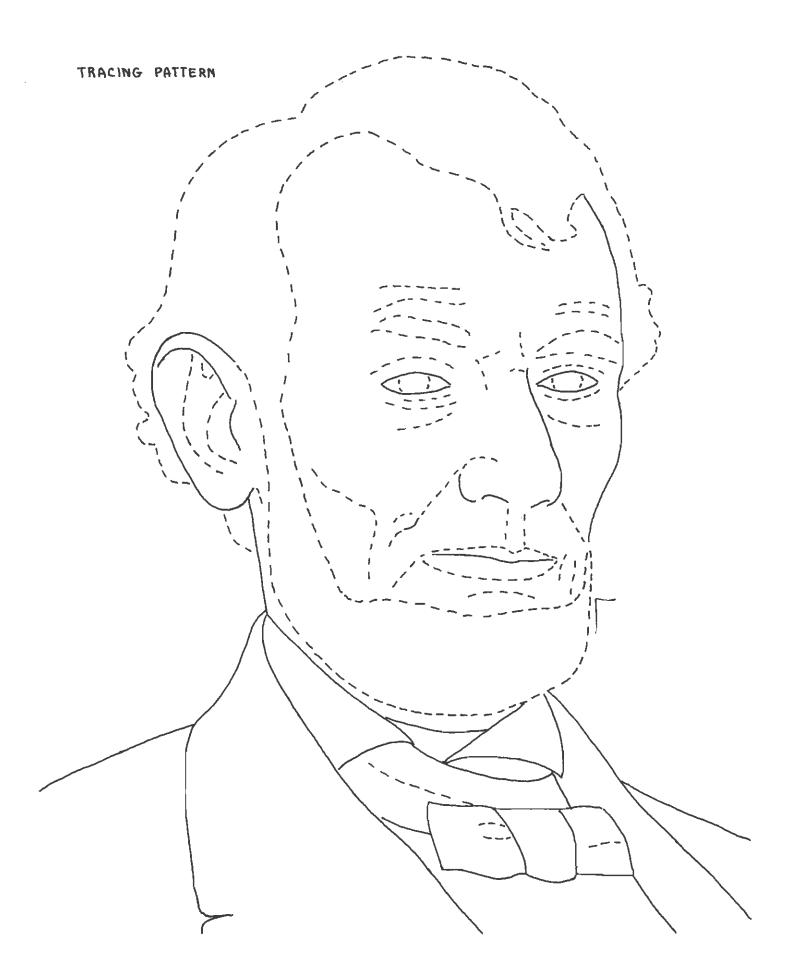
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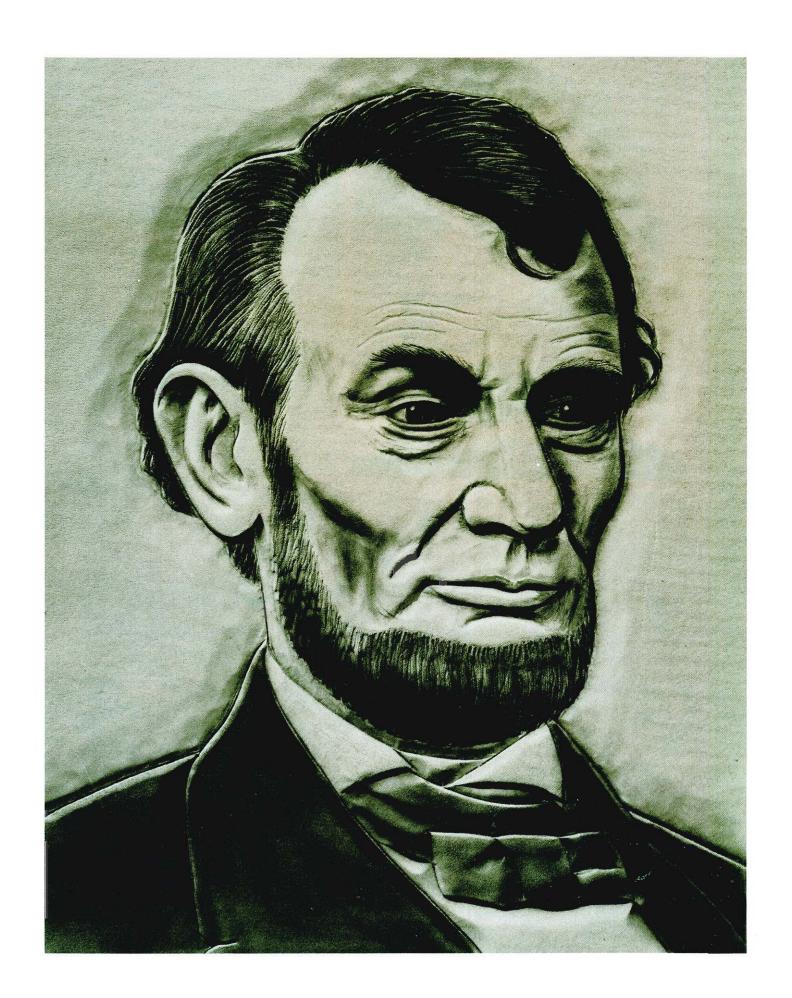
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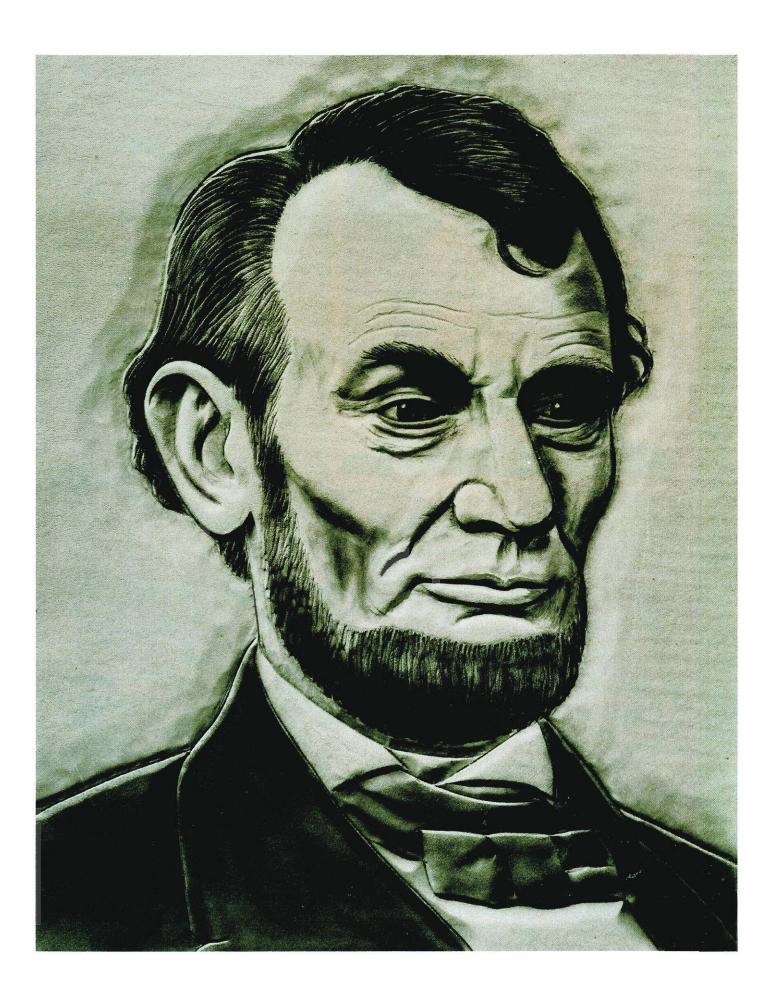
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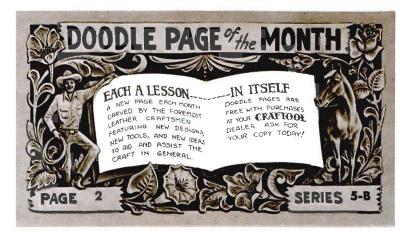












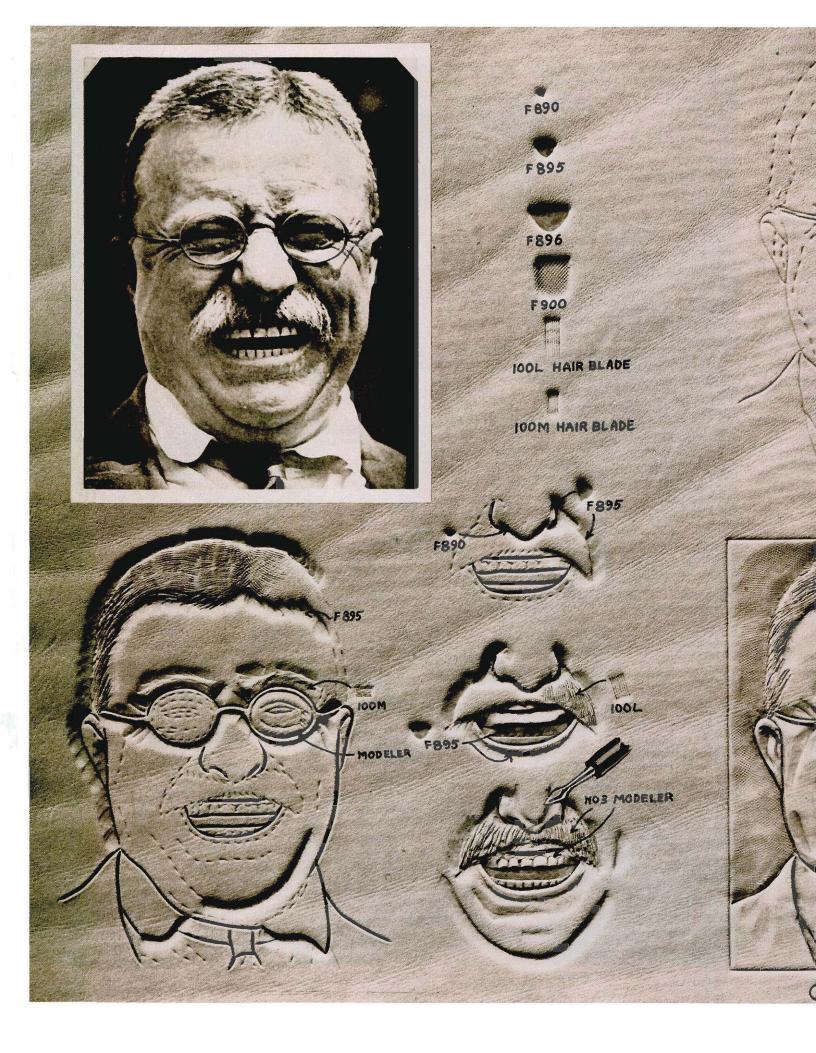
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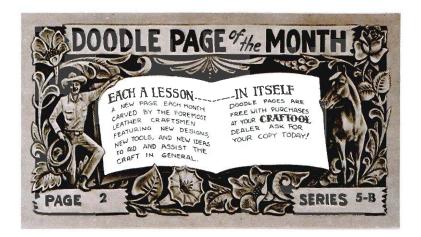
The old Roughrider is a definite change of pace from the Lincoln portrait. The full face and toothy grin are typically Teddy Roosevelt. The one new feature found in this portrait is of course the eyeglasses. Many people who wear glasses prefer to have them left out of a portrait but with some, the glasses are so much a part of their personal identity they will request the glasses be included. The obvious problem is how the eyes can be carved and retain the effect of the glasses. Notice on the carving pattern that the frames of the glasses are cut slightly with the swivelknife around the outer edges of the frames. The inside of the frames are formed with the modeler. The F895 beveler is used around the frames to separate them from the facial features. The actual features of the eyes must be simulated by using the modeler. Study the photo carve and notice how facial features are carried through the carving of the frames and continue into the area of the eye to obtain a realistic effect. The eye details are carefully modeled, leaving much of the glass area smooth. This creates the desired effect of the glasses.

The mouth of this particular portrait is a prominant feature and should be given special attention. The deeper cavity is made with the F895 beveler as well as forming the lower lip as indicated by the dotted lines. The No. 3 modeler is used extensively with the point of the modeler forming many of the details. The spoon also forms and shapes many of the details as well as smoothing out the bevel marks. The deepest portion of the mouth cavity should be dyed fairly dark to achieve the natural appearance of depth in this area. The hair of the moustache as well as the head is treated in the normal hair technique. Notice the two hair tools as they are used on the portrait. The 100M is used for such details as the eyebrows. The 100L is used for the larger hair areas.

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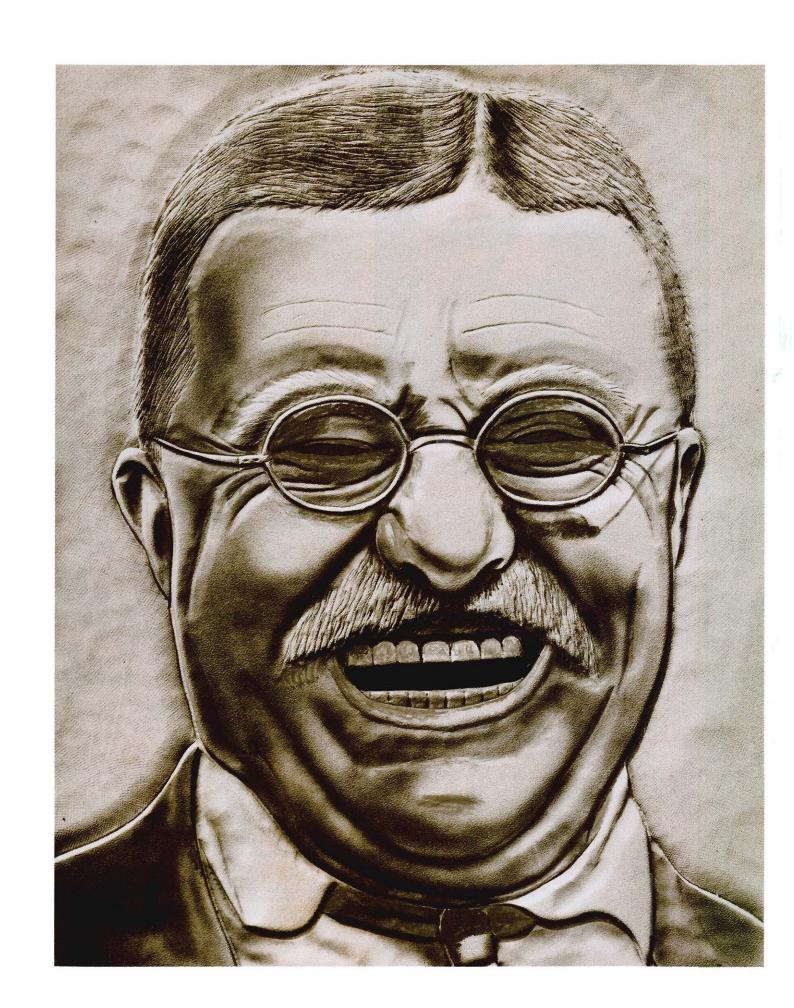
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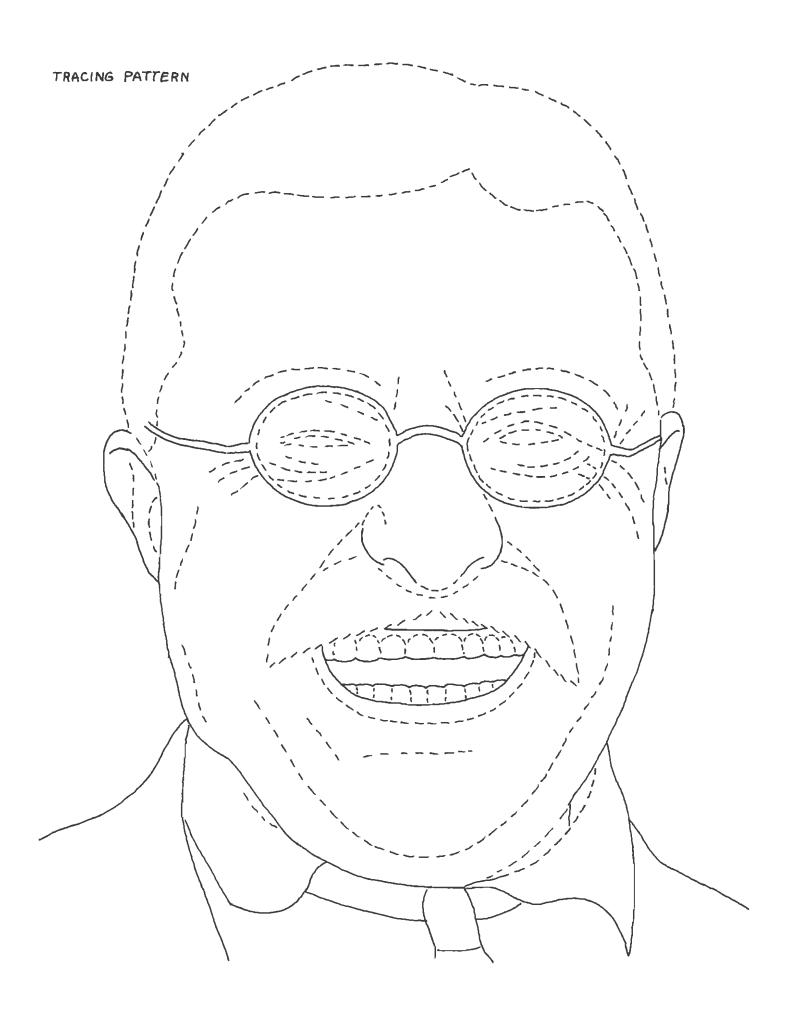
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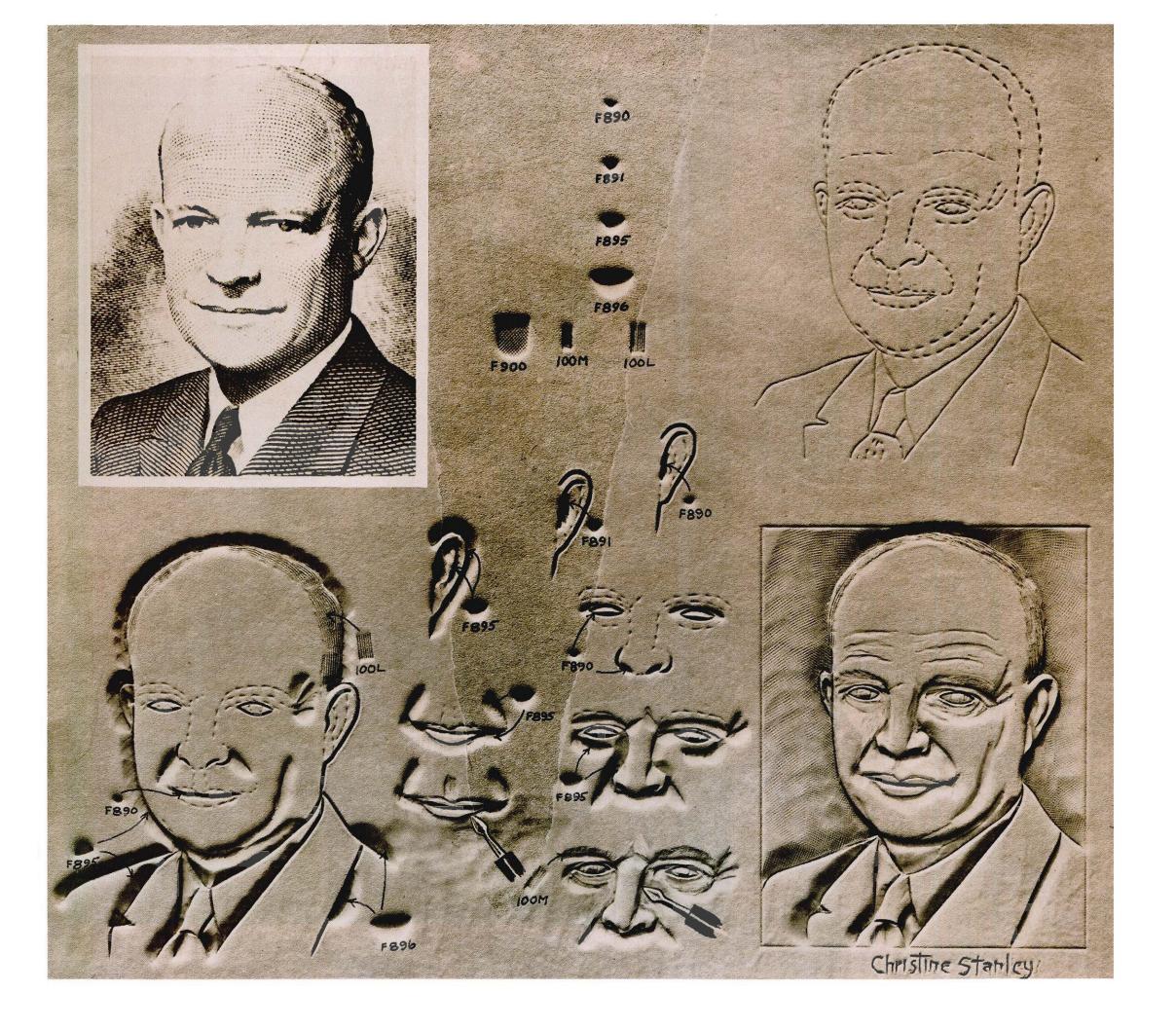
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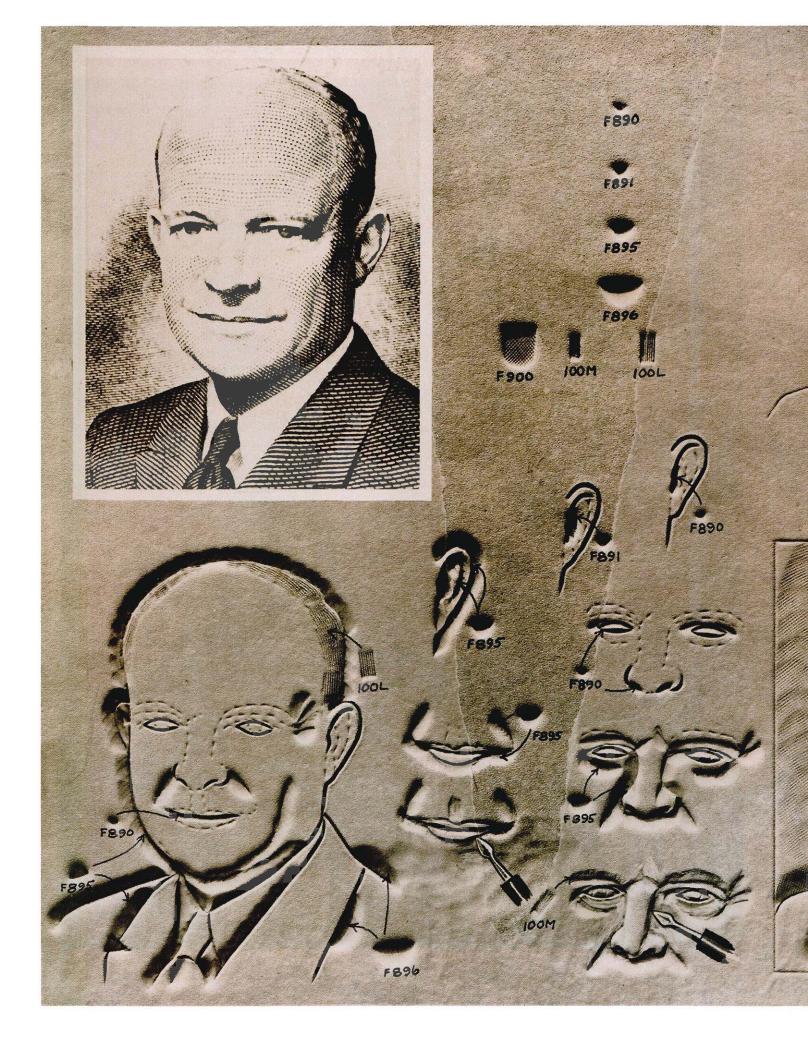
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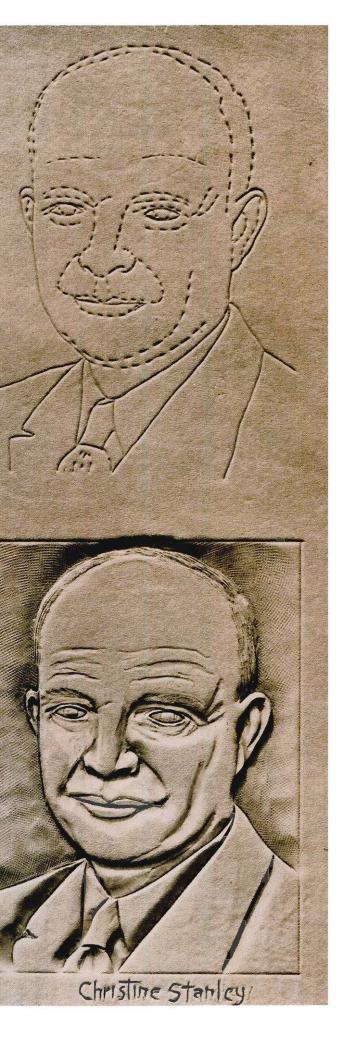
Although the political career General Eisenhower chose to follow after his distinguished military service required a certain amount of public familiarity with the political image, it is difficult to associate the nickname "IKE" with the man in this particular portrait. What we actually see is a man of great dignity in a relaxed pose. The features are symmetrical with no specific emphasis needed in any area. The subject's personality is captured by careful attention to the general expression as portrayed by the harmony of the various features of the subject. The F895 beveler is used extensively here as in most portraiture. The F891 intermediate size beveler was found very useful in the work on the ear. Using the correct size beveler is simply a matter of good craftsmanship.

A passing comment may be in order about the tools used in leather portraits. You may have noticed that only seven or eight tools have been used in this series of portraits although the artist has a complete inventory of Craftool leather carving tools plus many specially designed tools received as gifts from generous friends. This is to indicate that one should be properly concerned with having the correct tools to do a specific job.

Seven to eight ounce cowhide allows good carving depth and the bevelers can be used to good advantage to make the subject stand out from the background. The heavier leather also lends itself to forming and modeling good strong features. One can approach the appearance of embossing by using a heavy beveling technique and finishing off with the modeler. Any blemish in the leather should fall into an area to be stamped with the background tools, otherwise they might detract from the appearance of the subject.

The identifiable personality, or as some say, the likeness of the subject should be the first consideration of the artist. The artist should avoid taking liberties by trying to place his own interpretation on the personality of the subject. This technique should be reserved for the satirist or the artist who wishes to engage in interpretative portrait work for some personal satisfaction. Generally, portrait work is done at the request of the subject or to satisfy the interest of the general public. This likeness of the subject can be captured by a careful study of the subject. The highlights and shadows should be faithfully reproduced. Any distortion of the features will tend to lose the identity of the subject in the final portrait.







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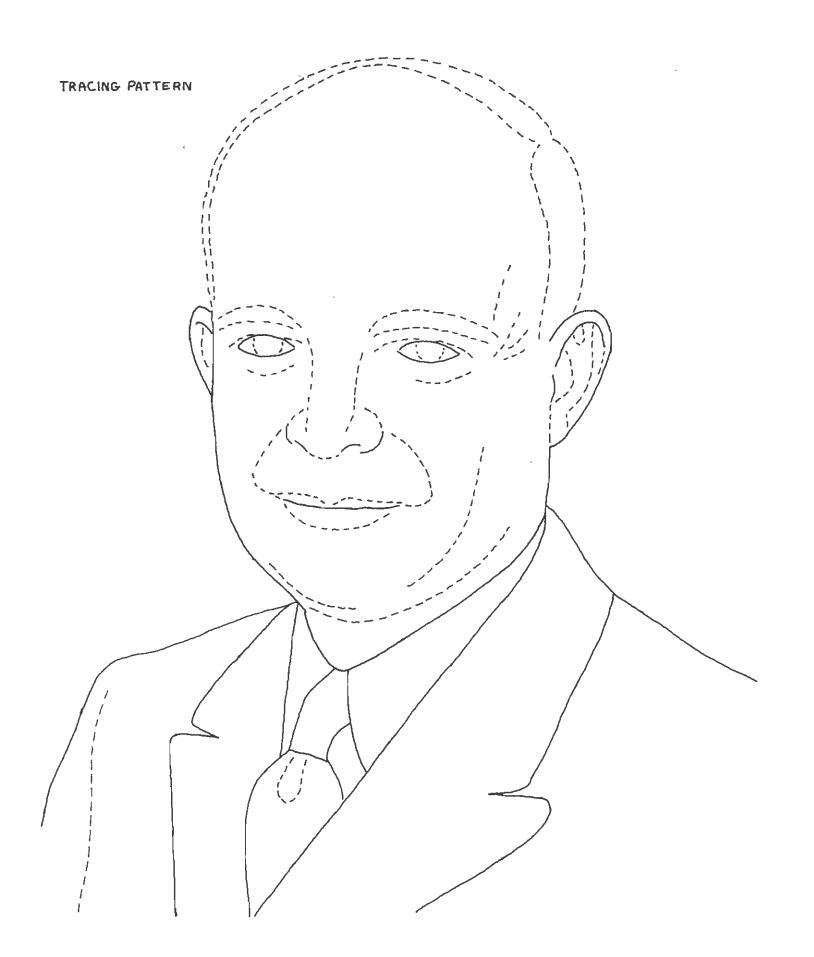
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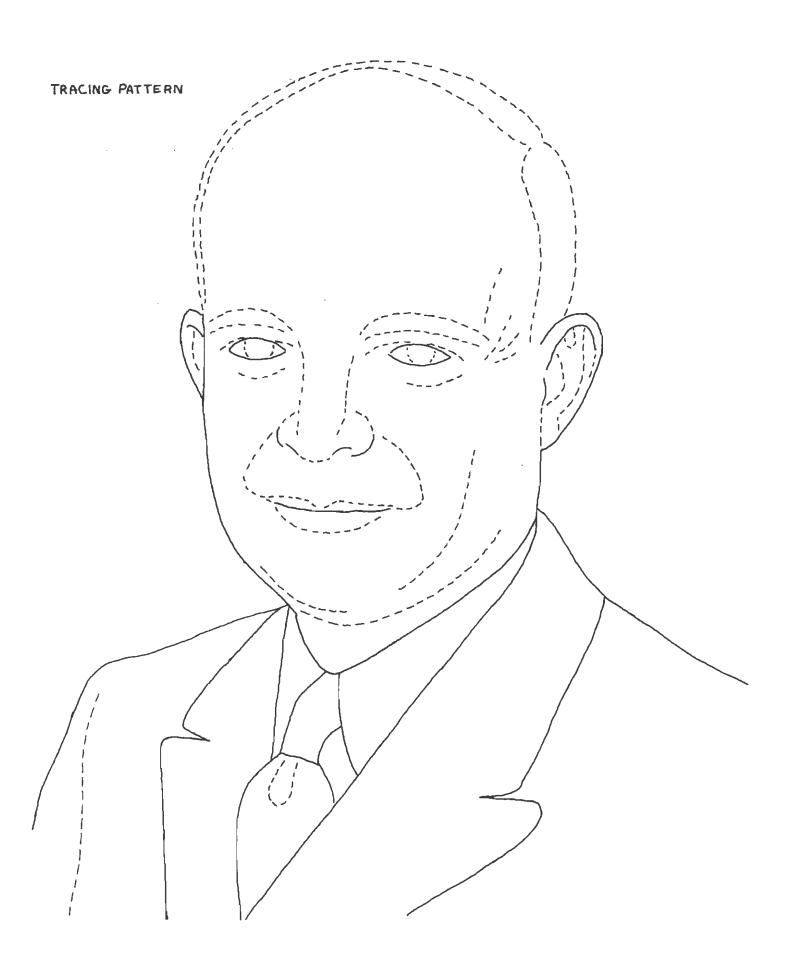
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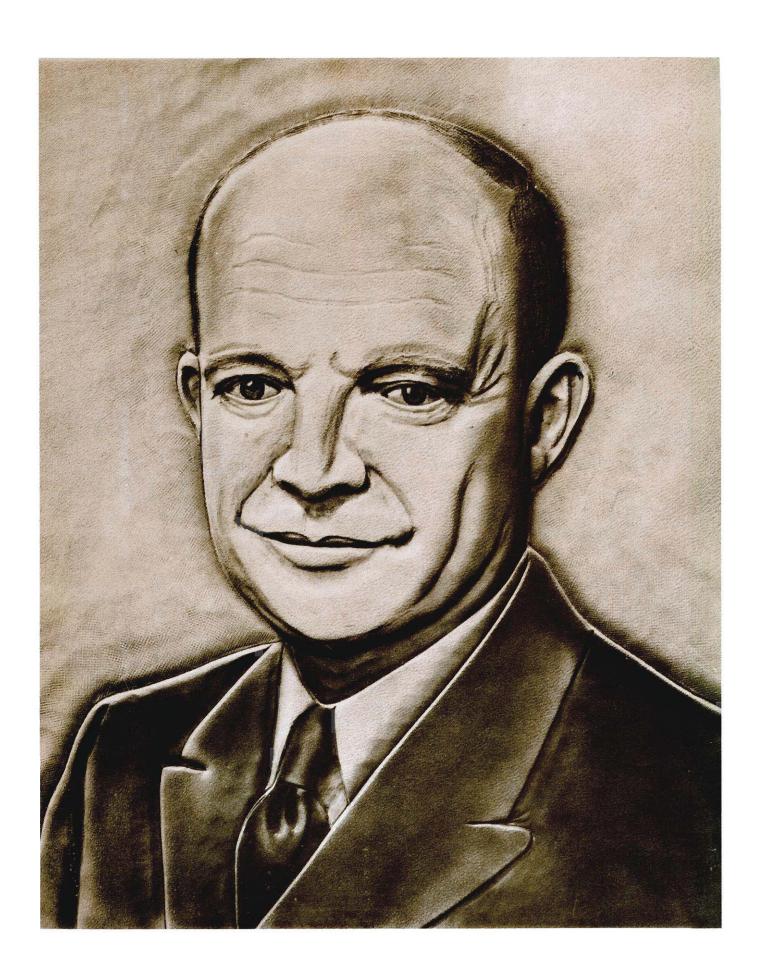
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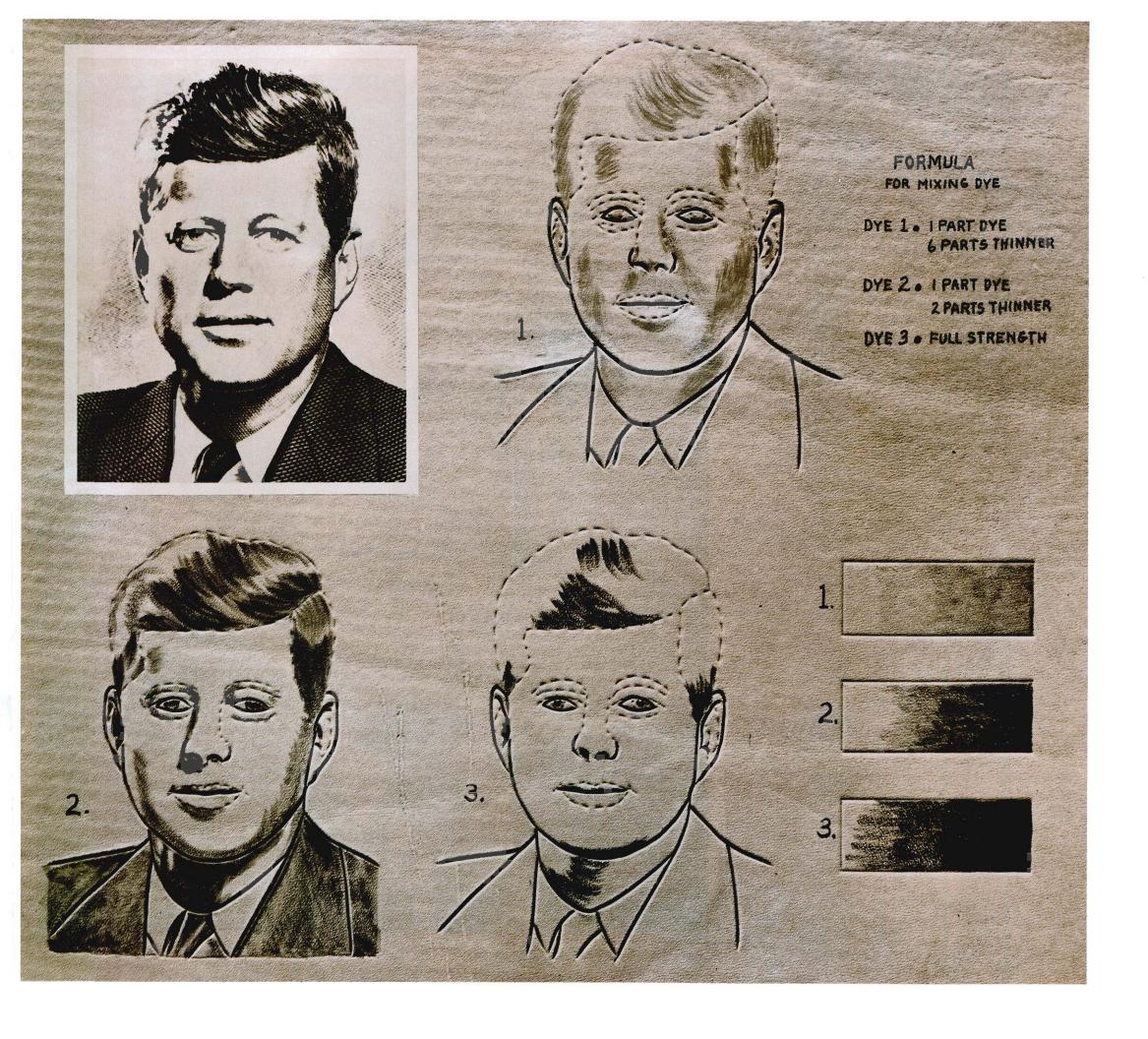
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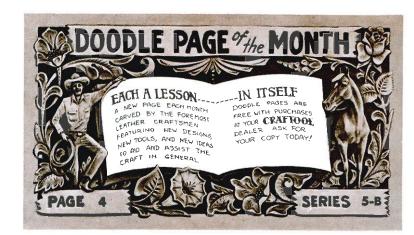












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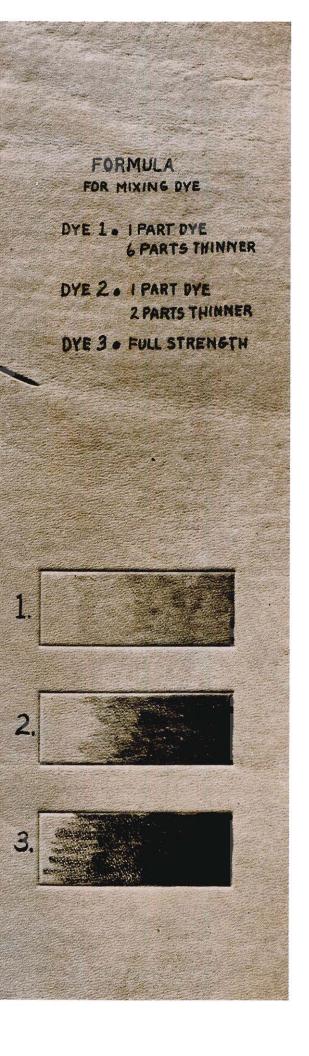
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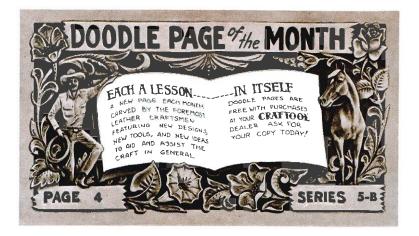
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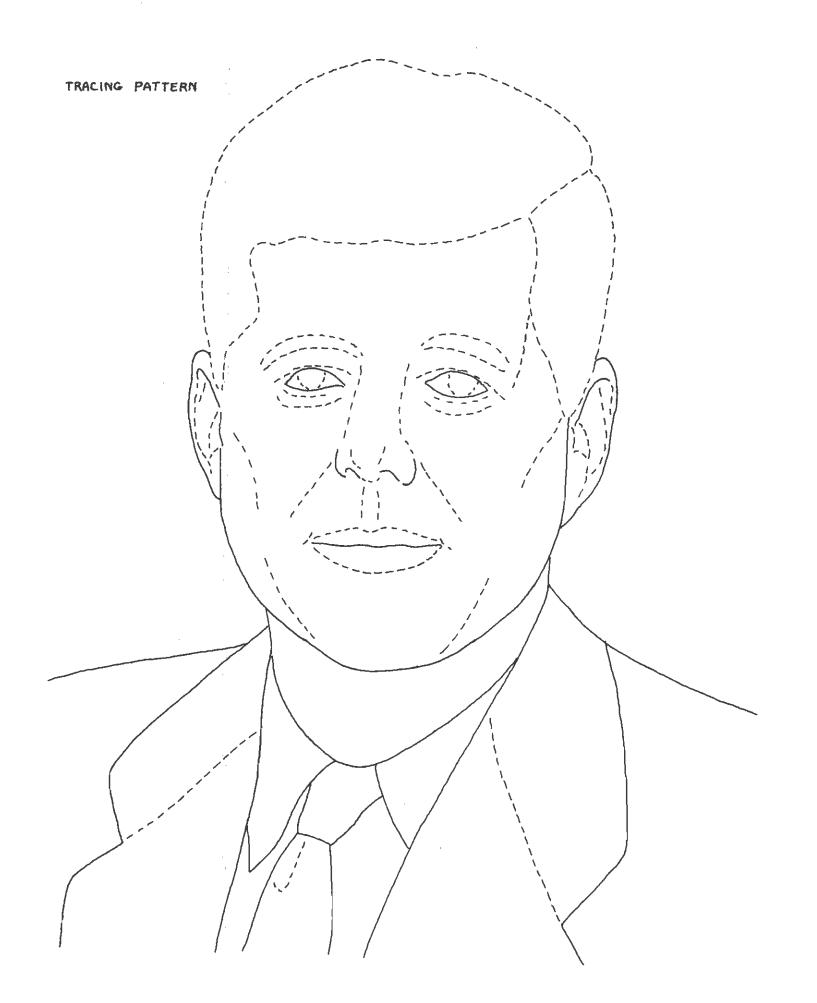
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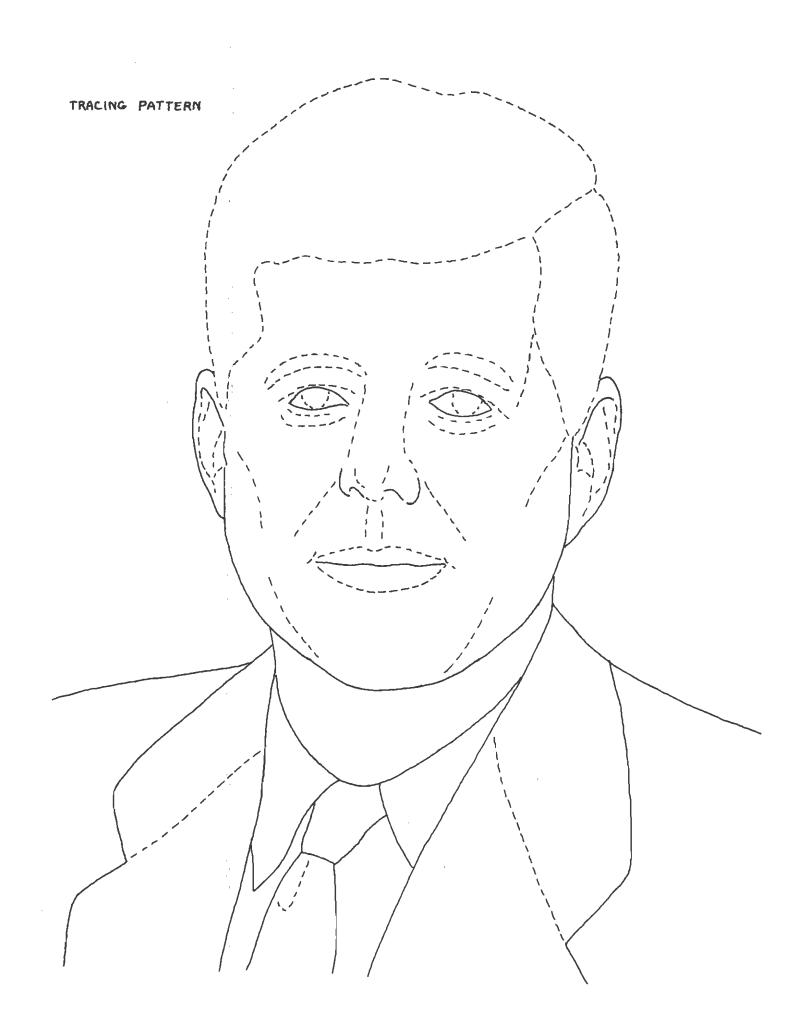
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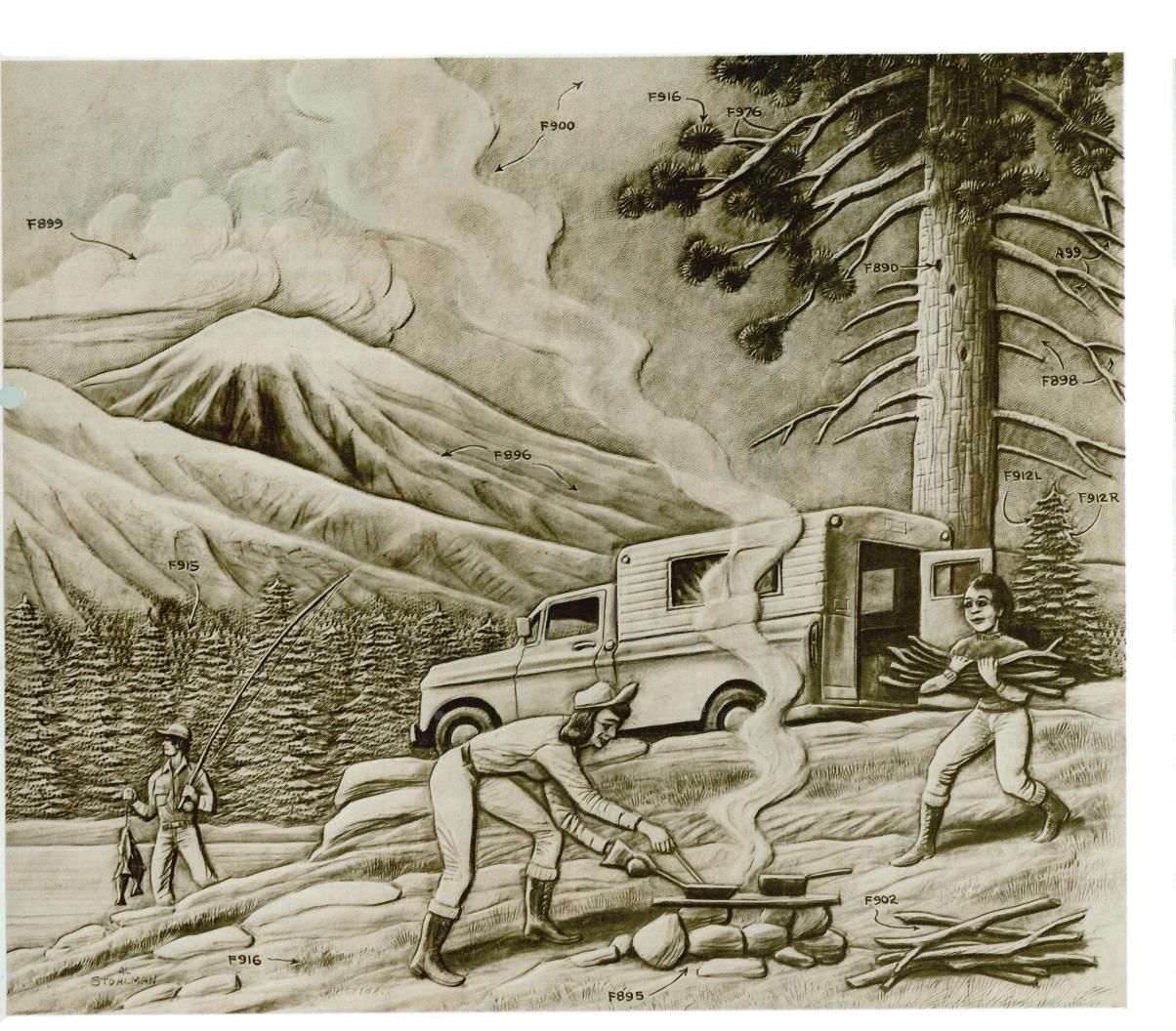
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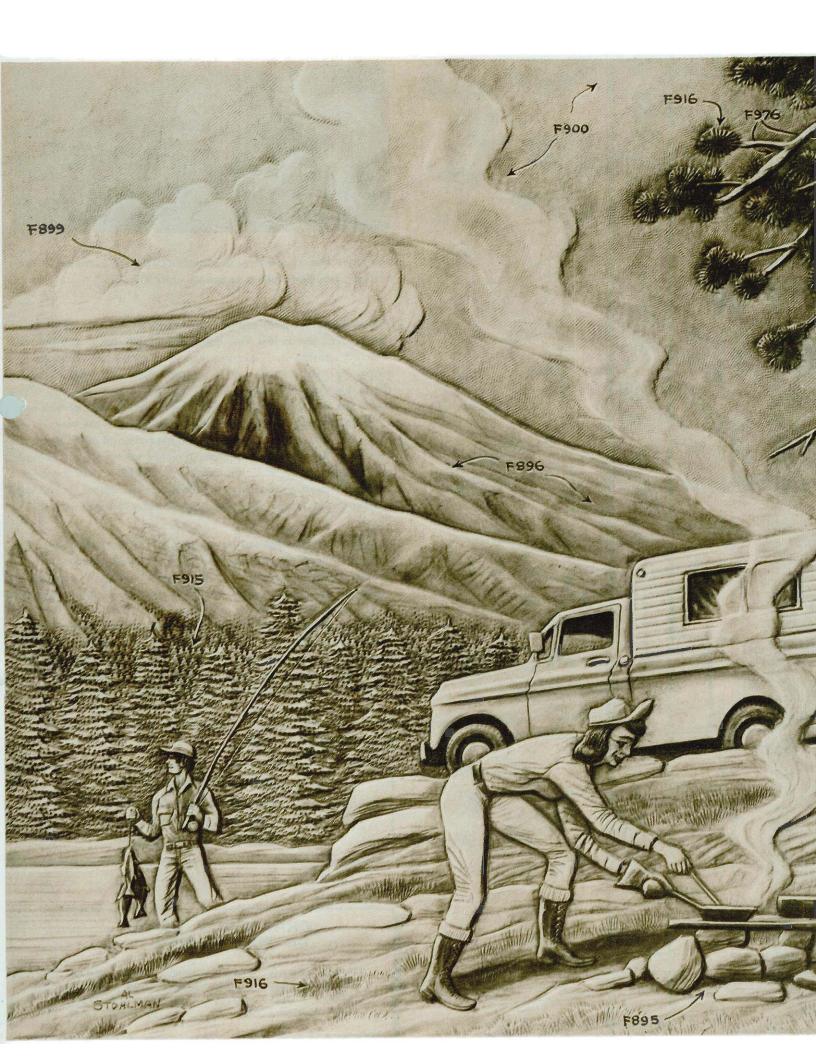


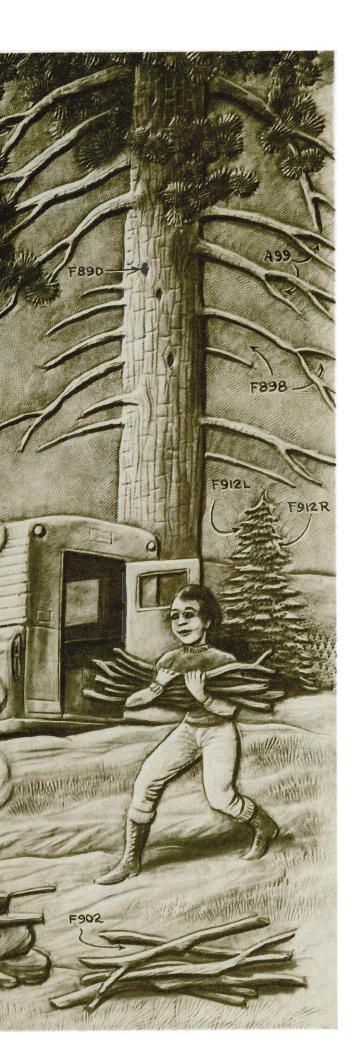


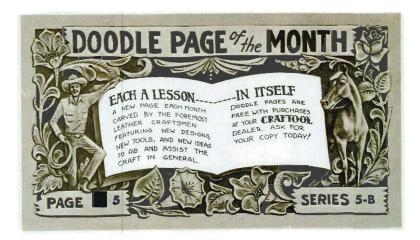
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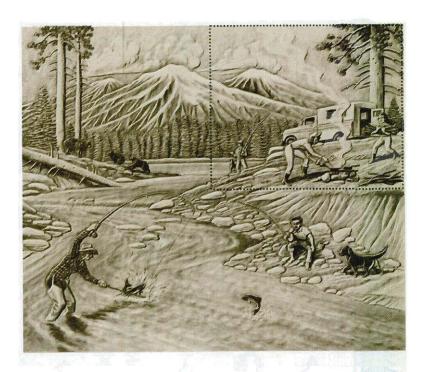
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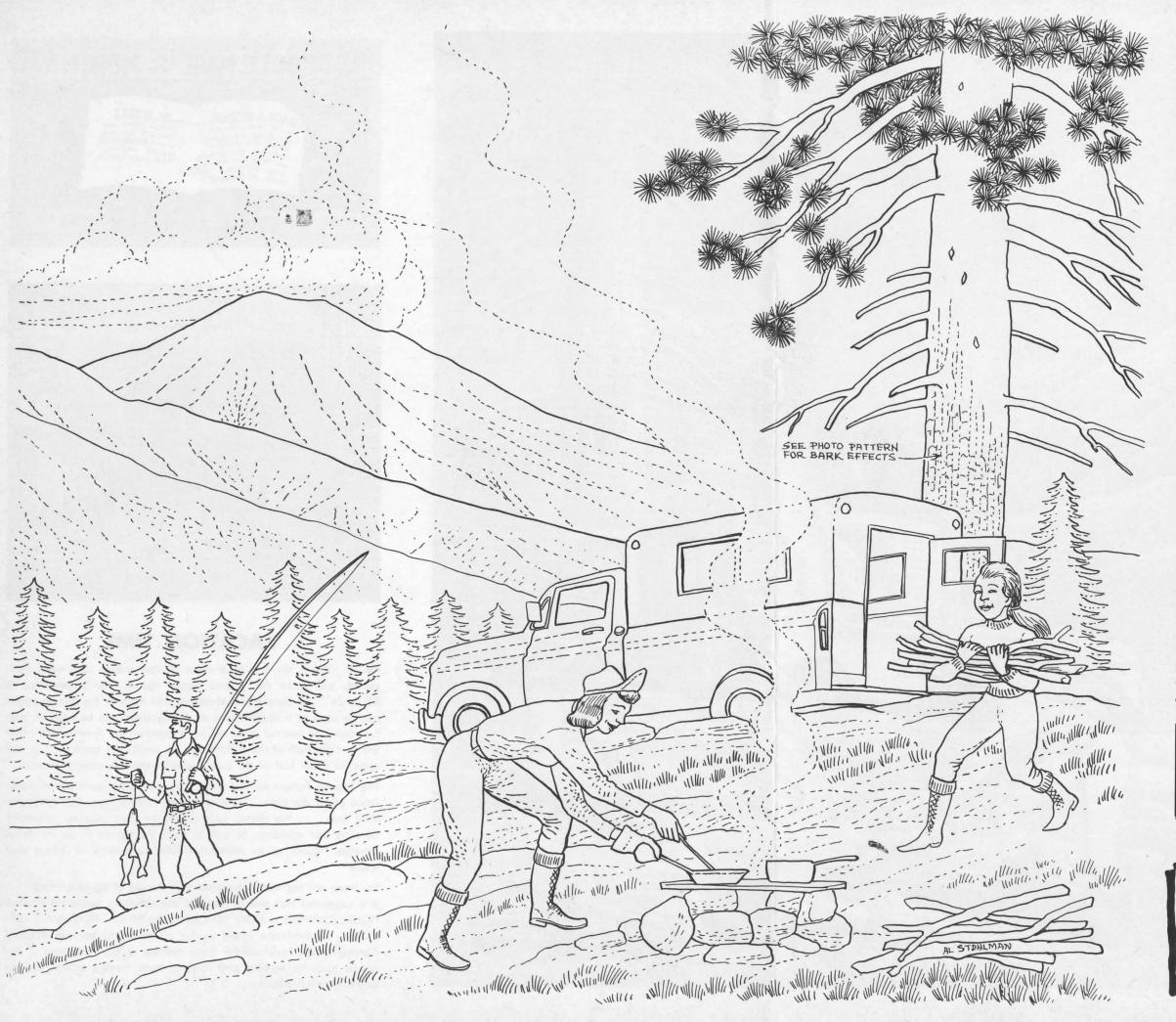




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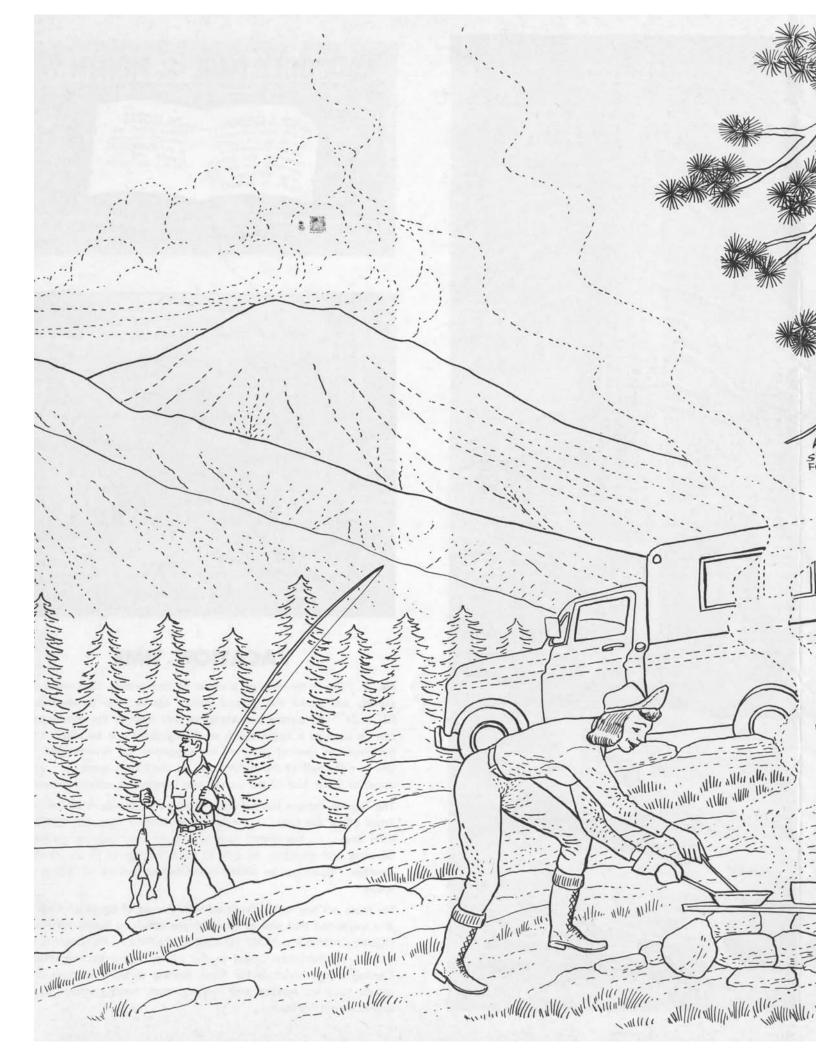
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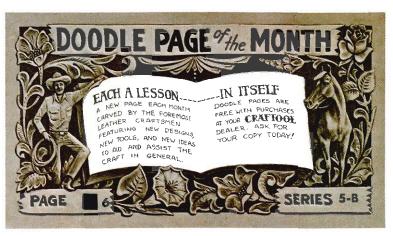
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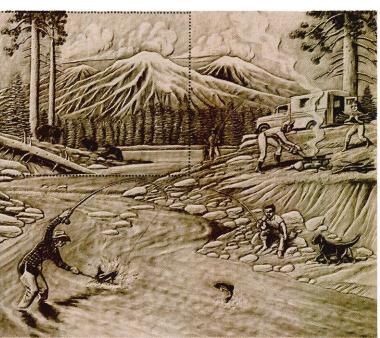
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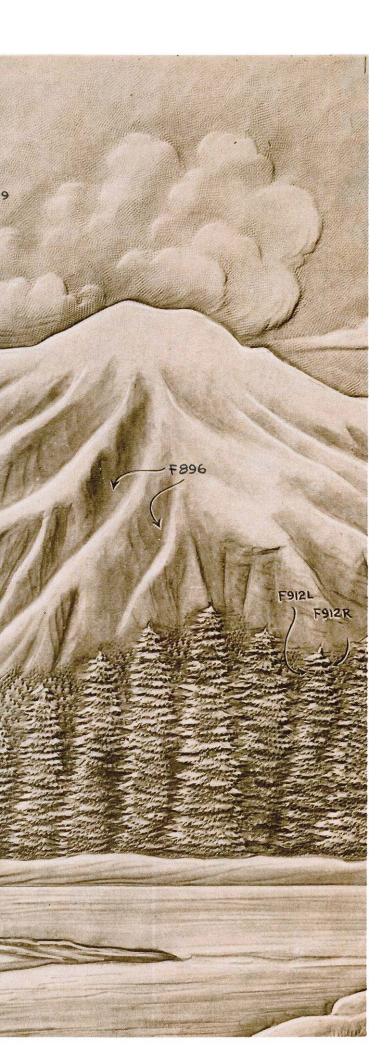


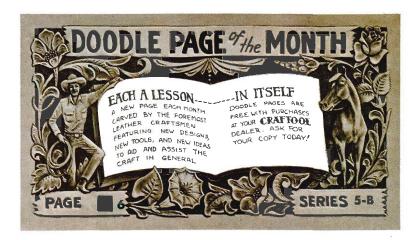
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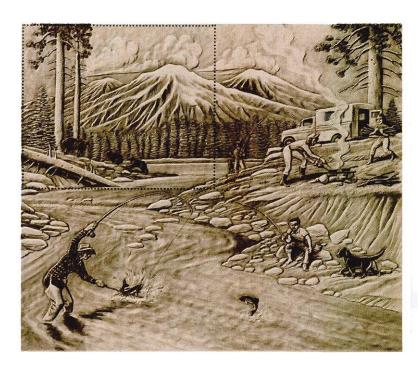
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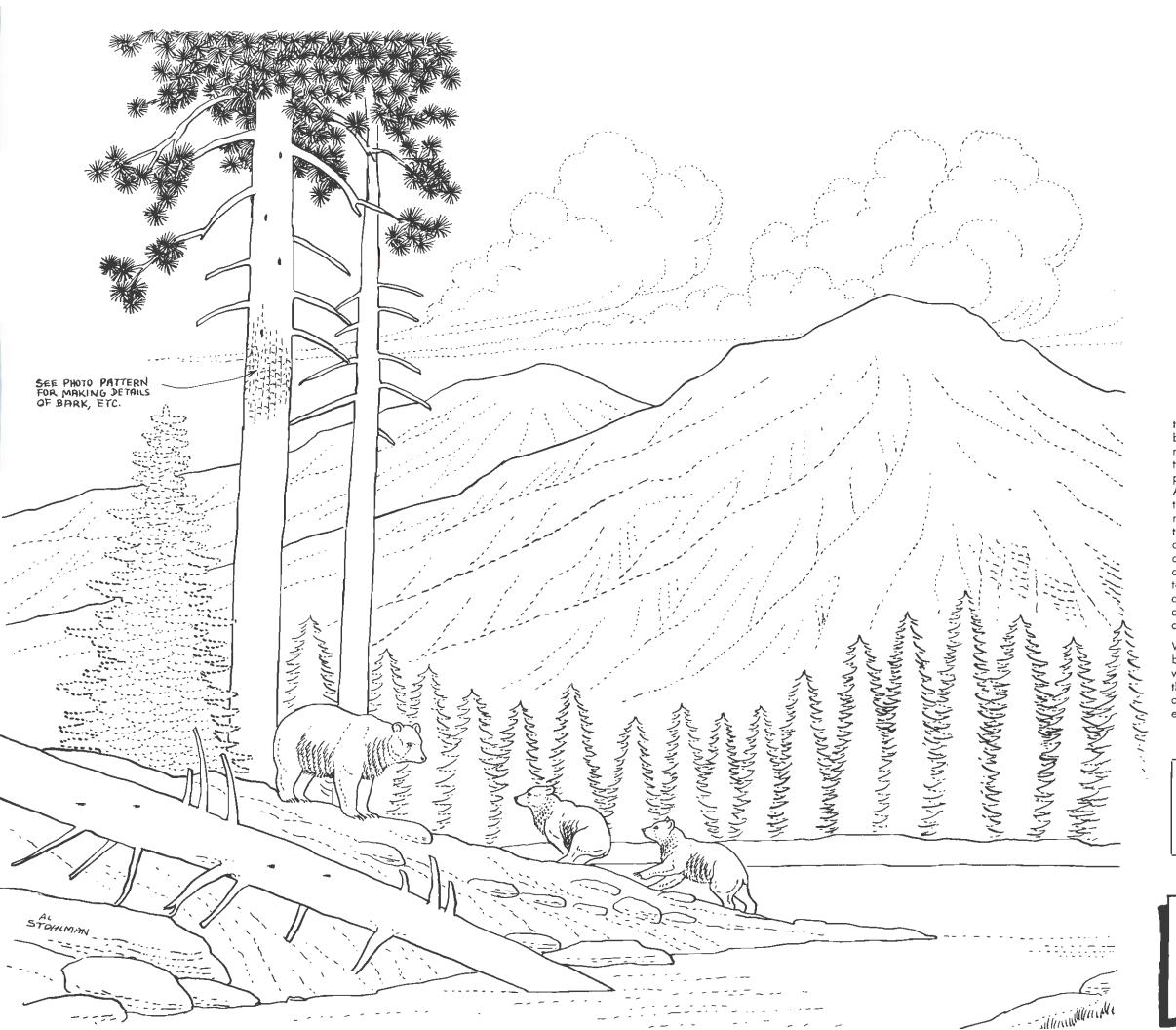




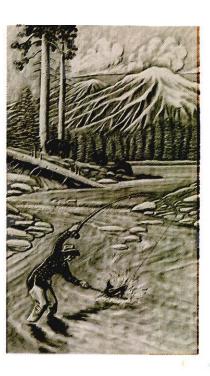
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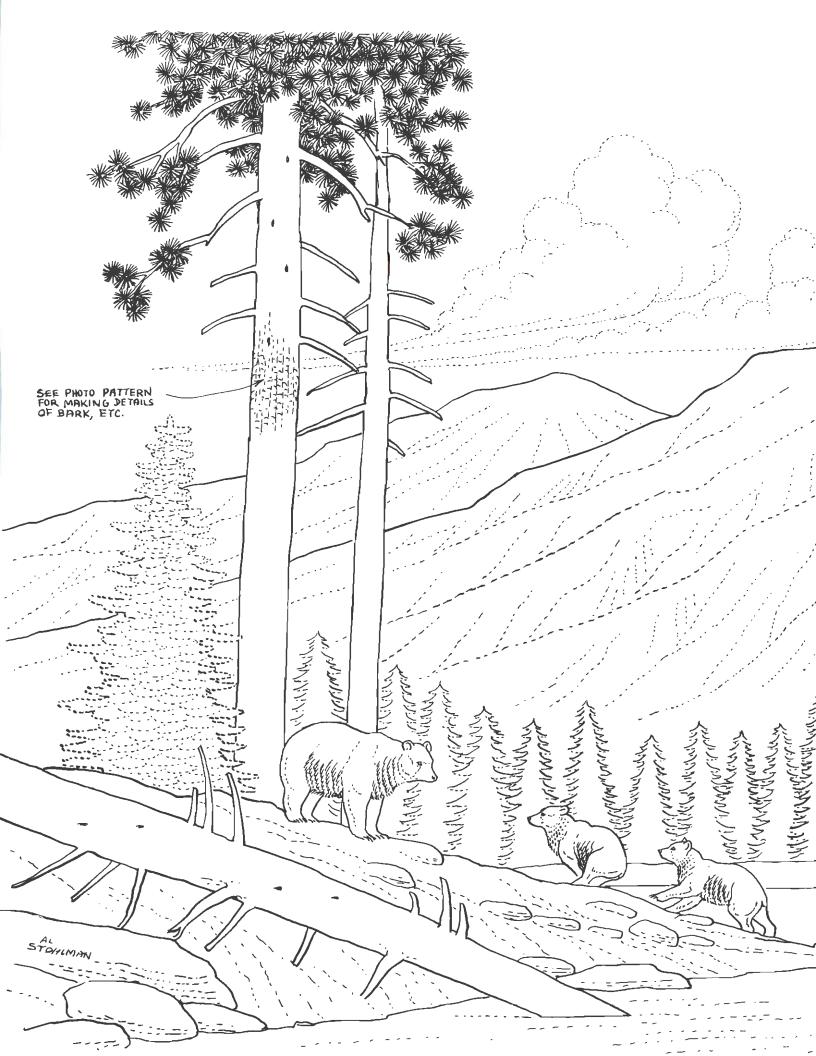
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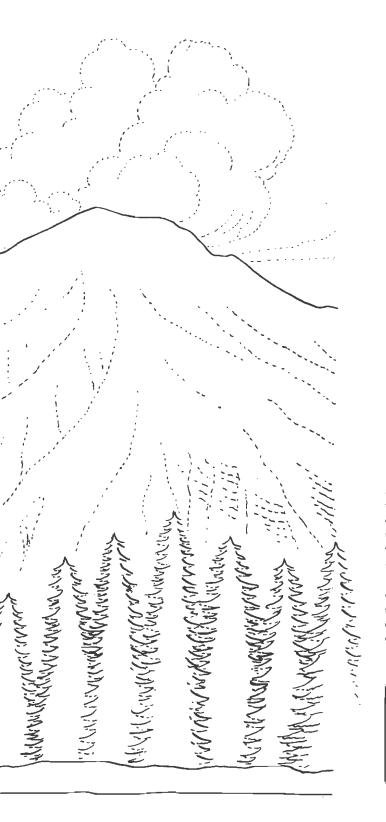
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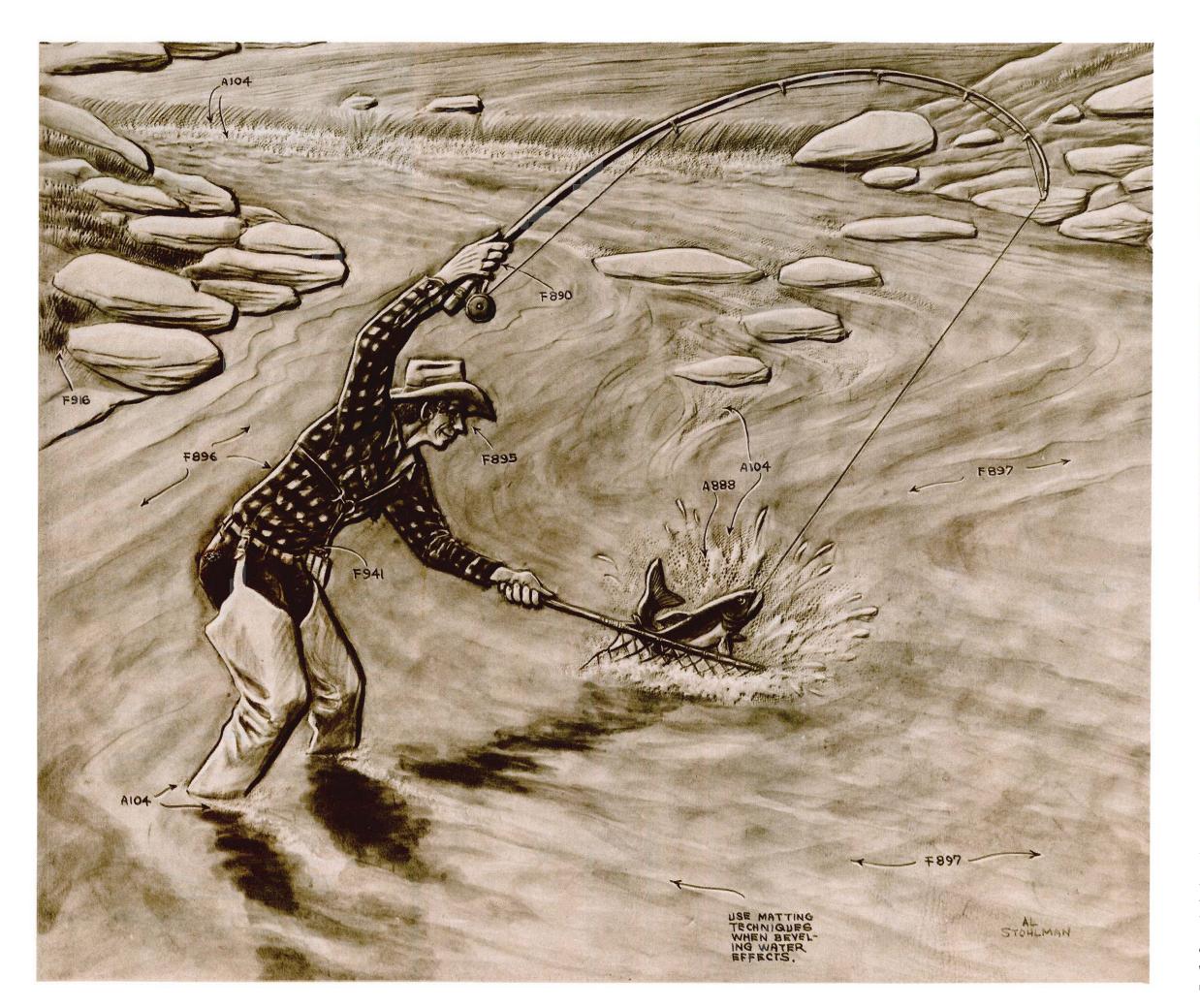
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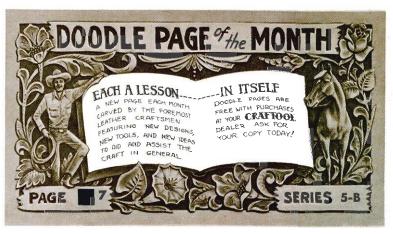
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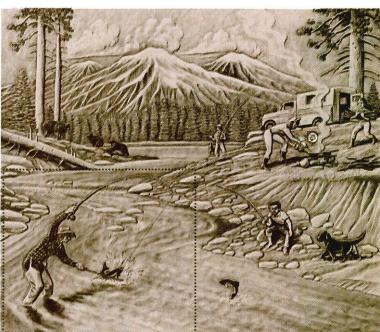
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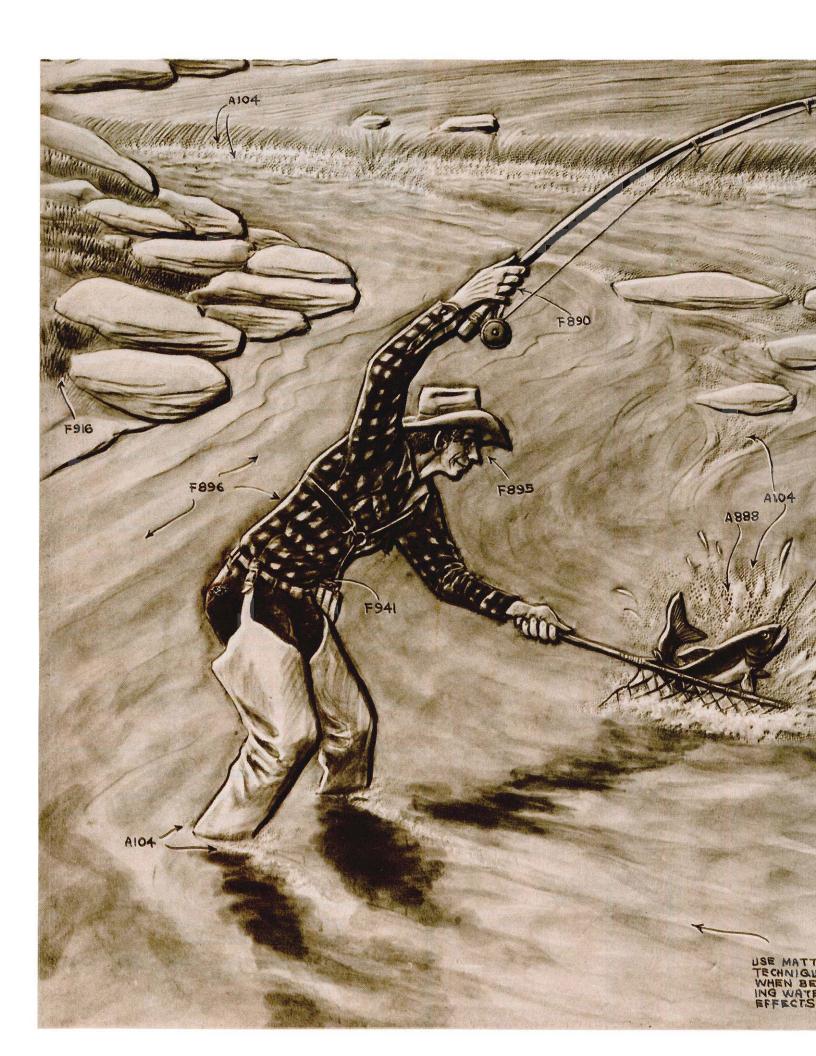


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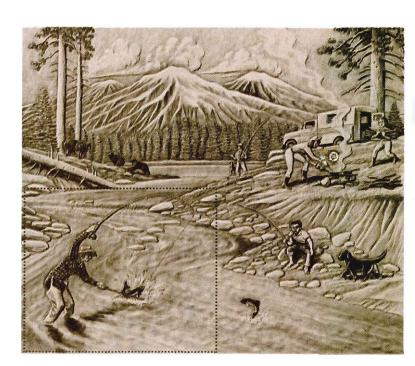
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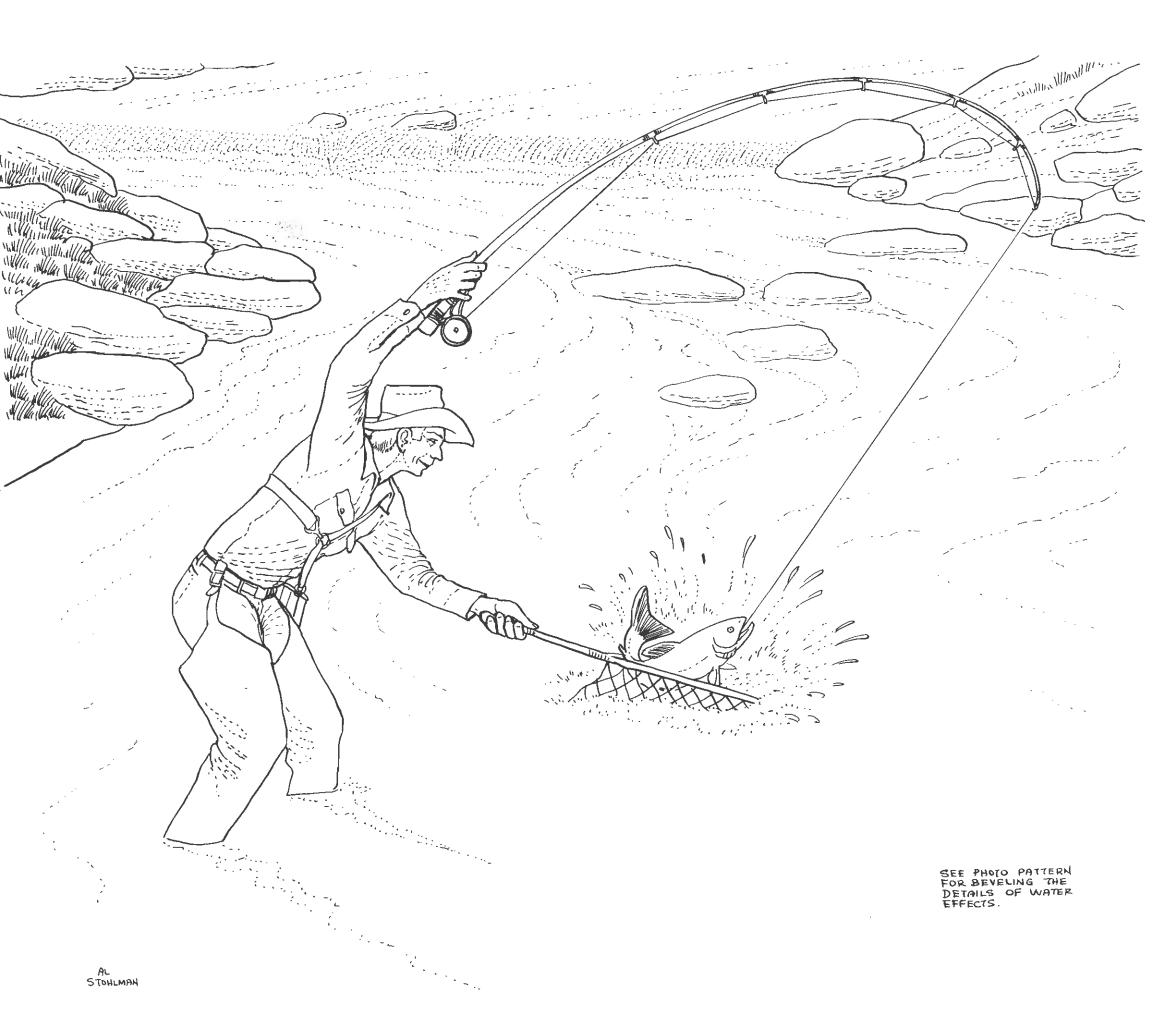


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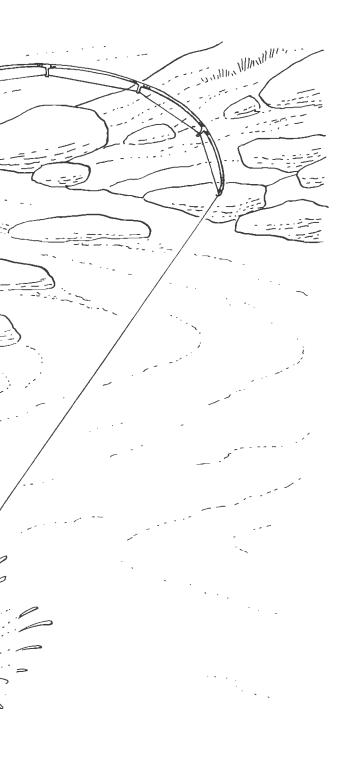
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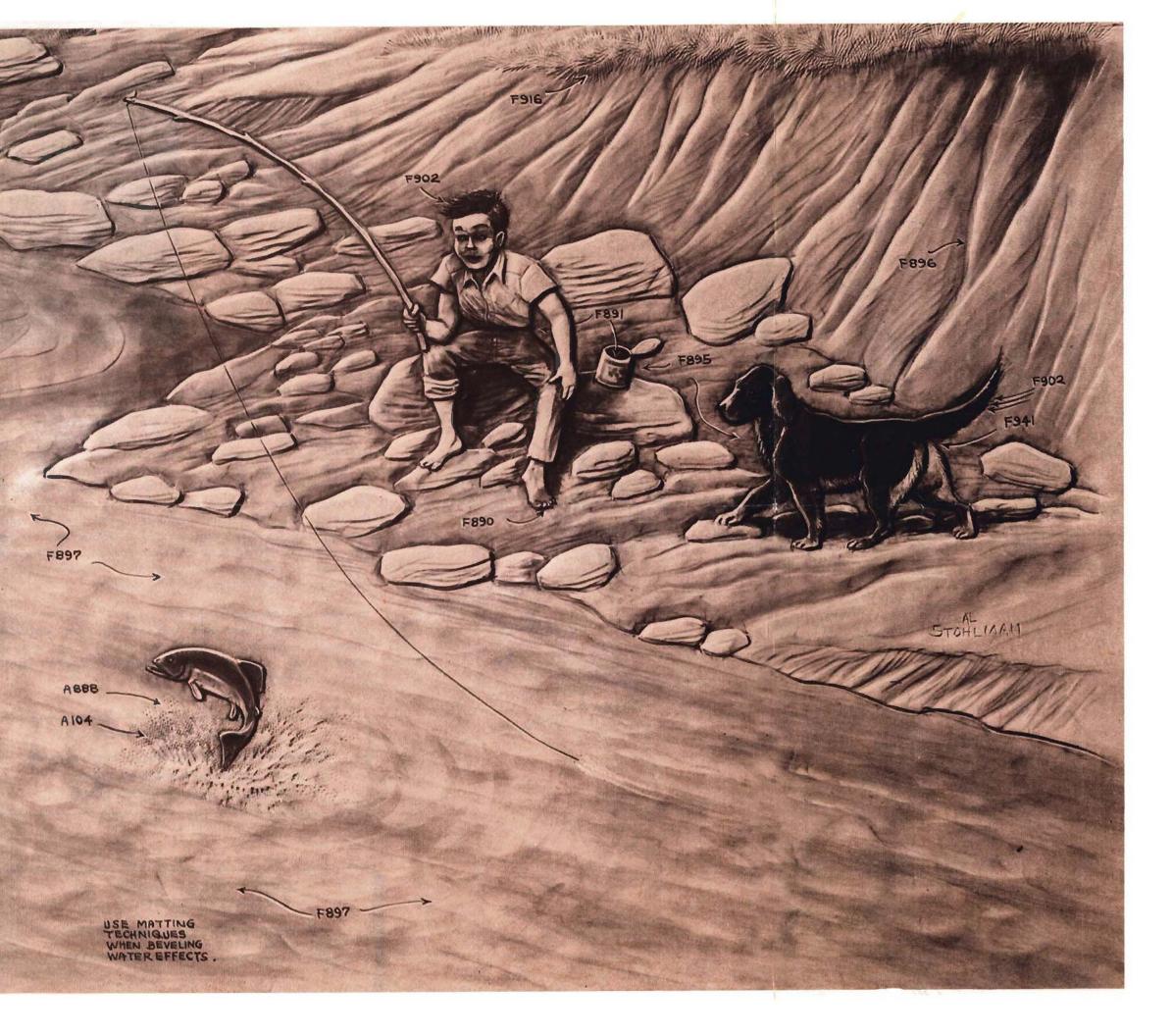
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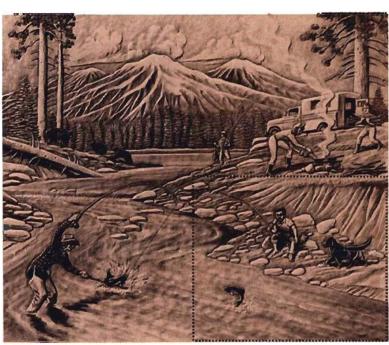
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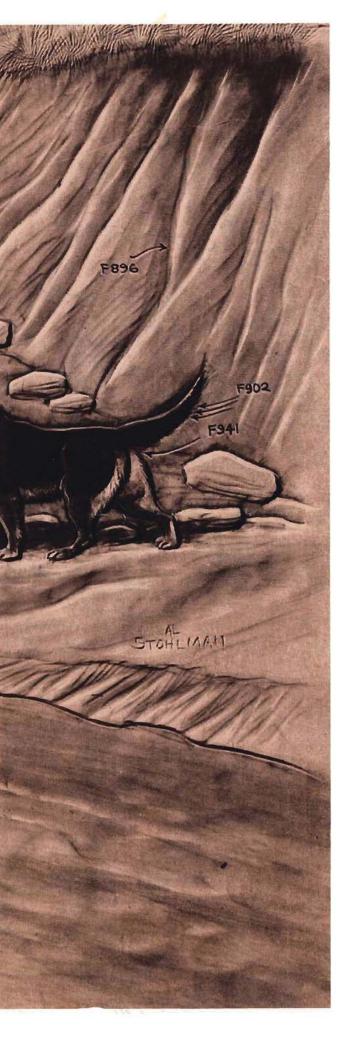
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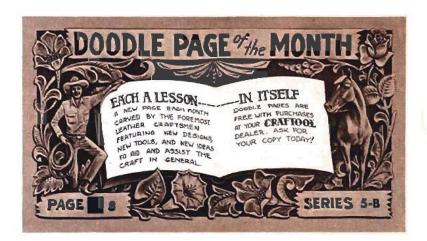
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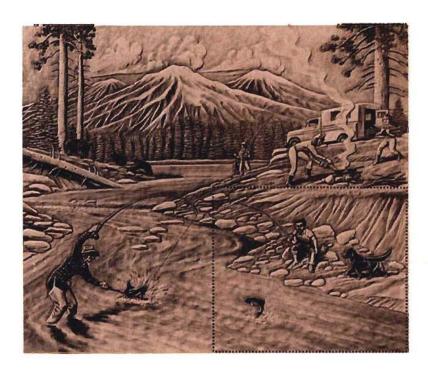
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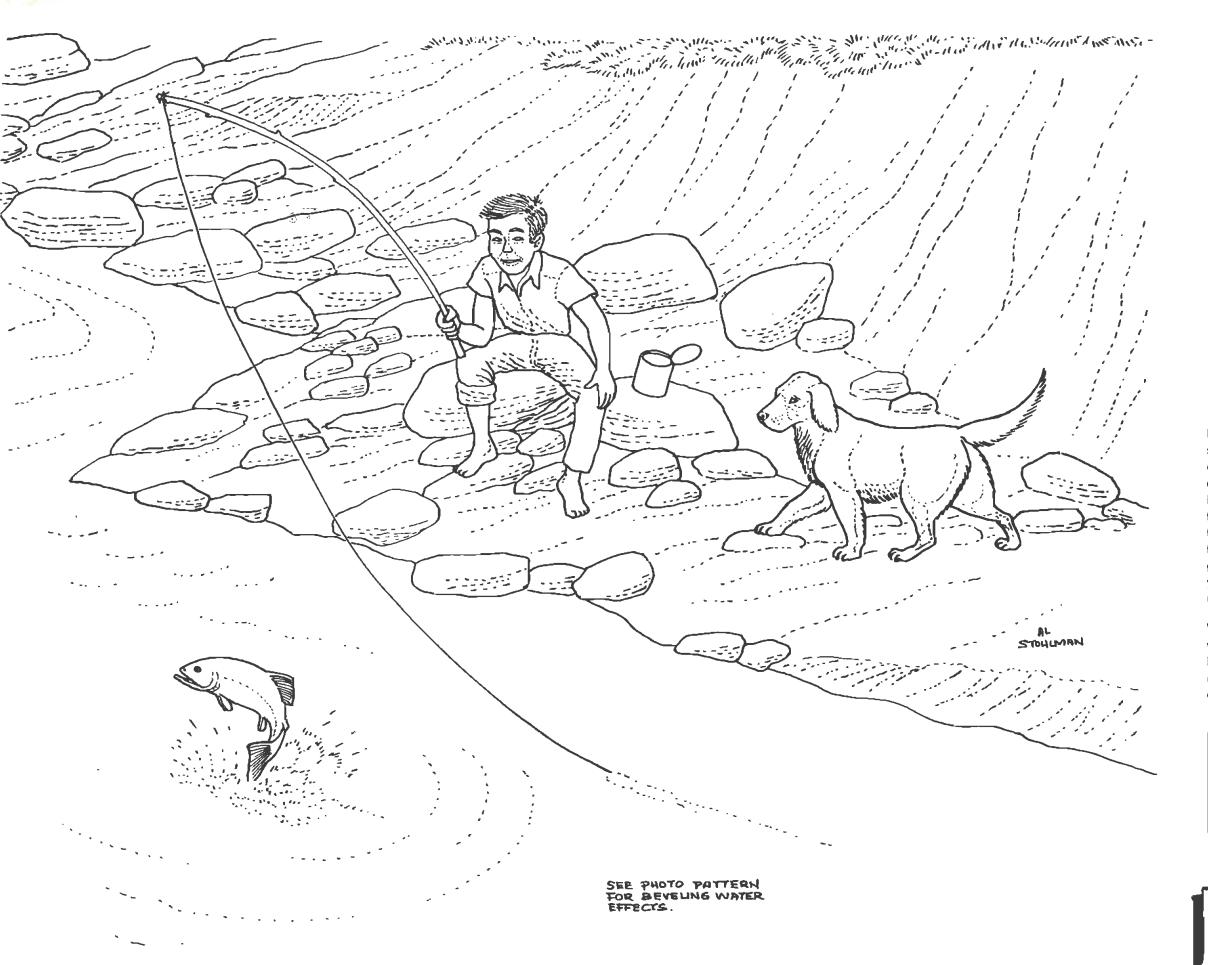


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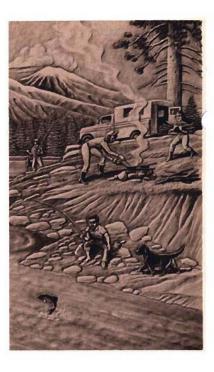
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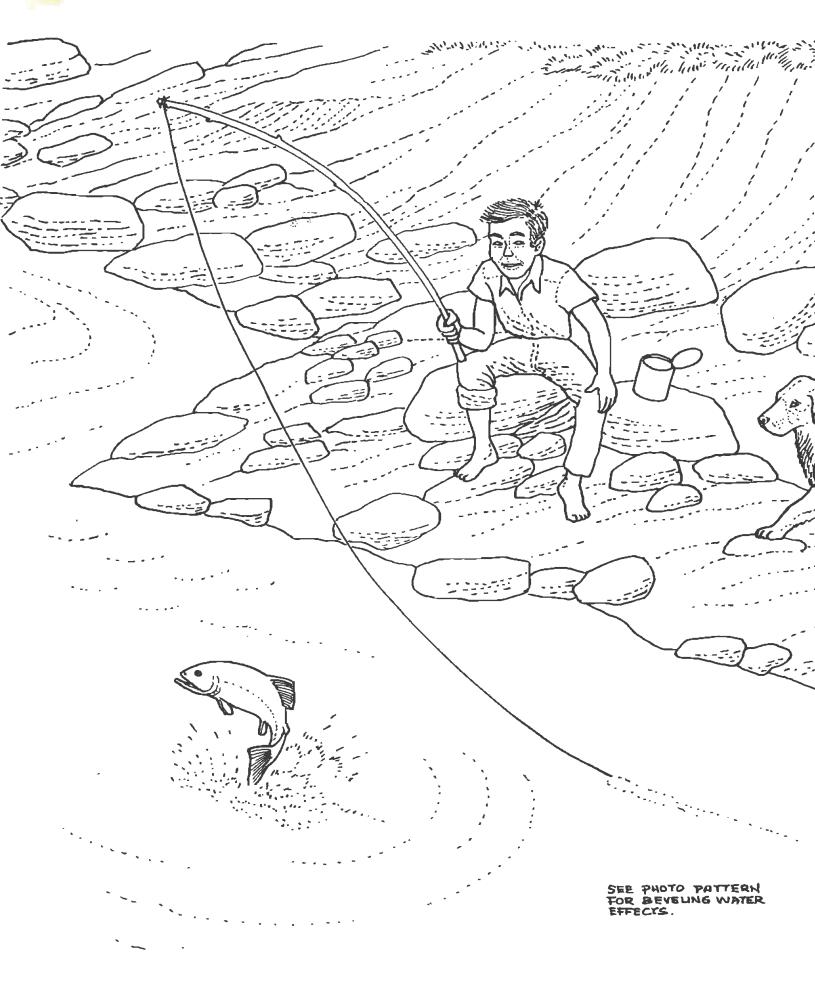
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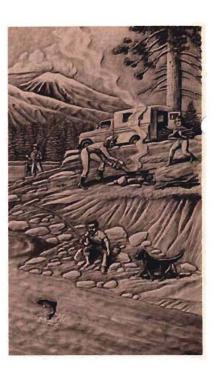
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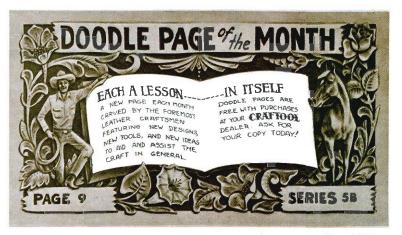
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CONEFLOWER

by Ai Stohlman

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During the late summer the Coneflower parades into full bloom. It is distinguished by the long yellow "rays" (petals) that turn back from the heads of minute greenish flowers. The deeply cut leaves are a good field mark. This is a wide ranging flower that blooms in thickets from Quebec to Florida . . . and west to Manitoba and

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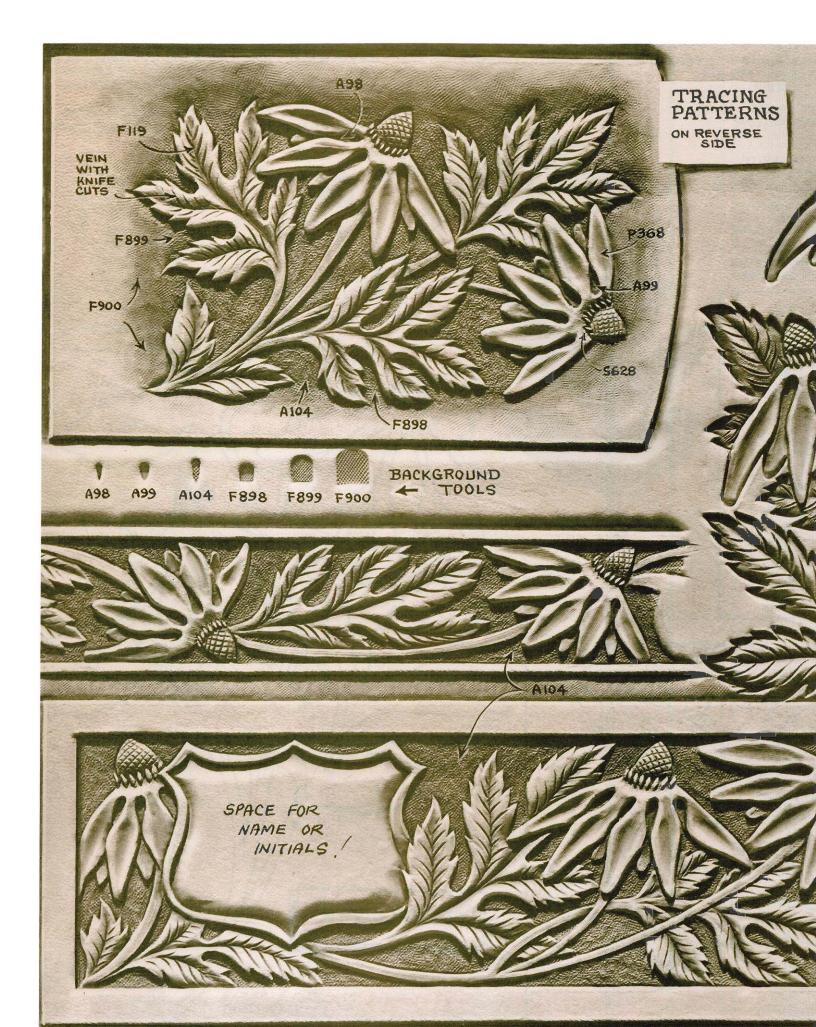
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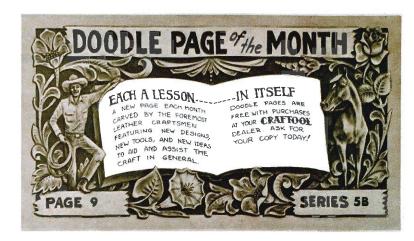
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CONEFLOWER

by Al Stohlman

This month begins a four-page series in different style floral designs . . . breaking away from the traditional western patterns that have been the dominating scene. Each of the designs presented will feature the usual photo pattern and the tracing patterns on the reverse side, plus an additional dye chart for coloring suggestions in the event you wish to color your flowers. Please bear in mind that the dye formulas given may vary depending on the dyes used and the differences in the leather tannage. Always experiment on scraps of leather when working up your colors, before applying them to your finished work.

During the late summer the Coneflower parades into full bloom. It is distinguished by the long yellow "rays" (petals) that turn back from the heads of minute greenish flowers. The deeply cut leaves are a good field mark. This is a wide ranging flower that blooms in thickets from Quebec to Florida . . . and west to Manitoba and Arizona.

You will notice on the Photo Pattern at left that the large design, to right of page, is done in the Inverted Carving style. My book: IN-VERTED CARVING, explains these techniques fully. Since no backgrounding work is required . . . this type of Inverted Carving is ideal for large, borderless areas, such as Handbags, Albums, etc. Here, the coloring would prove to be very effective. Study the examples presented, and perhaps you will find this pattern most useful.

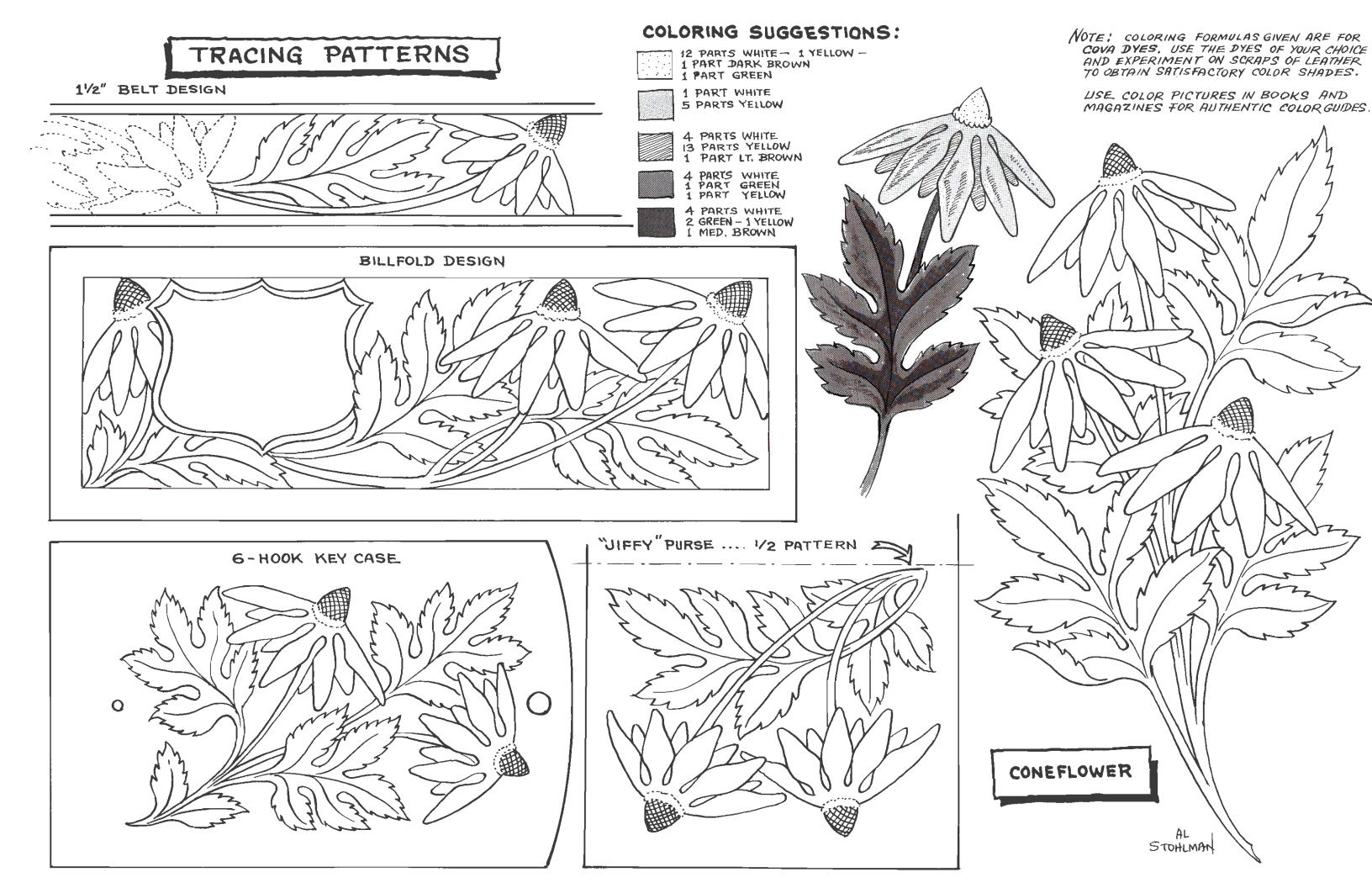
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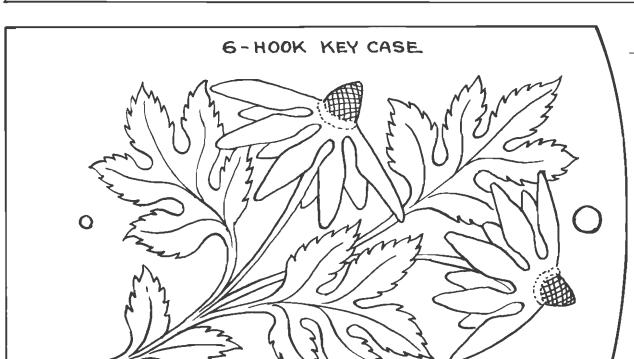


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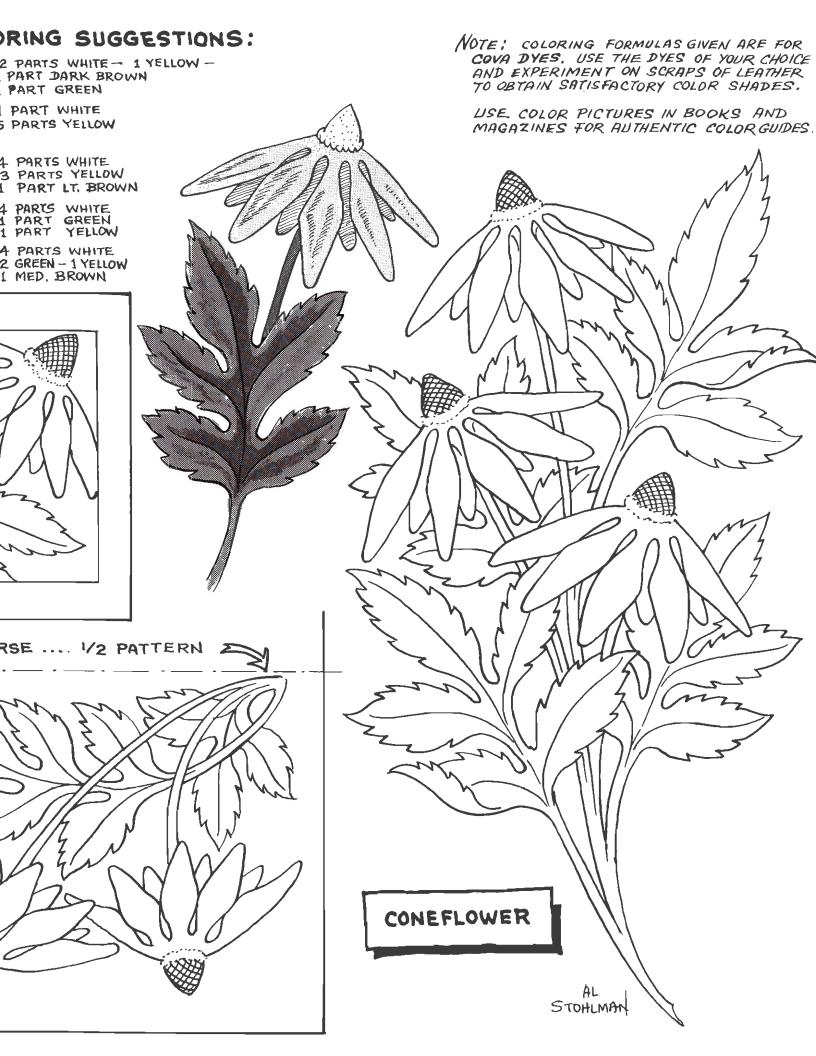


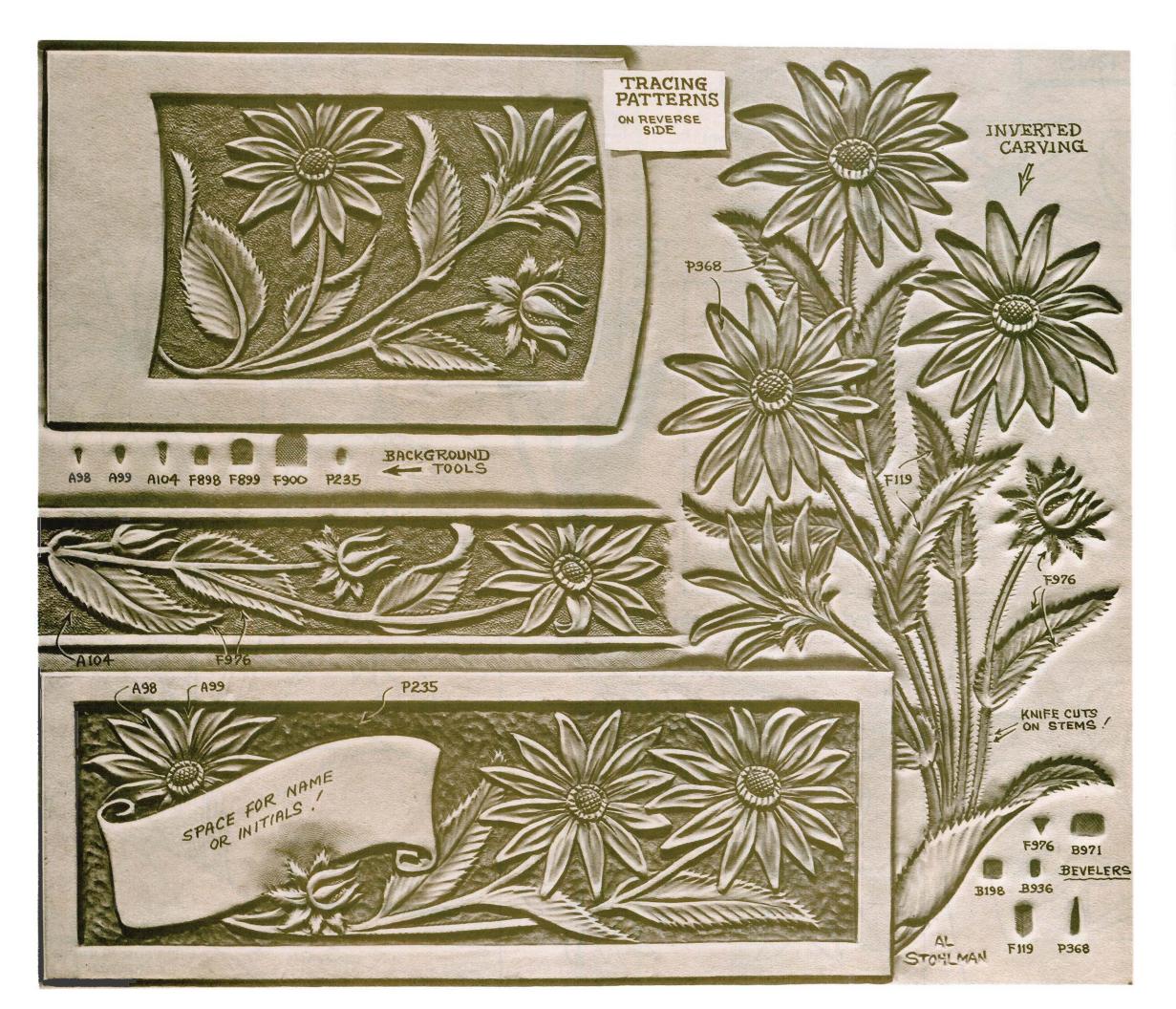
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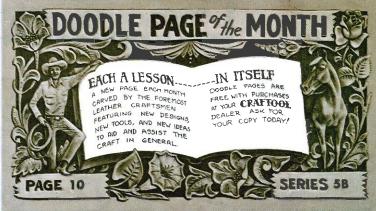




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The Inverted carving technique works very well with designs such as this where large open background areas occur. The Key Case and Belt design are backgrounded with the #A104 tool. The Billfold at bottom of photo is backgrounded with the small shader #P235. Many variations are possible. Whether Inverted or Regular carving . . . the "hairy" effects of the stems are cut lightly with the swivel knife after all other work has been completed . . . much the same as for decorative cutting.

This design is very simple to do and requires a minimum of tools. The pointed beveler #F976 is used with impressions very close together. Pay particular attention to the Inverted part of the page. Here, you will notice that the pointed tool is used in reverse of the regular carving techniques. However, you will also notice that in certain areas of the design, where the leaf overlaps other pattern areas, the tool is used in the regular manner. It is suggested that you obtain a copy of: "INVERTED CARVING" for full details on how to do this kind of work.

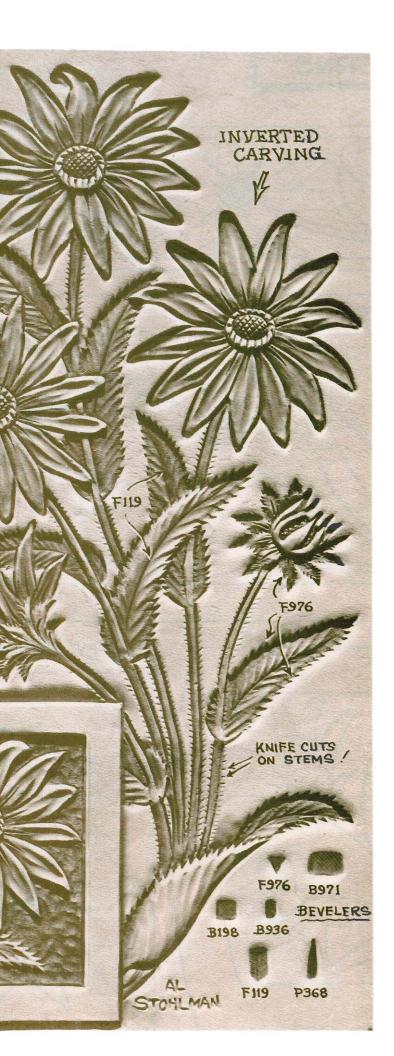
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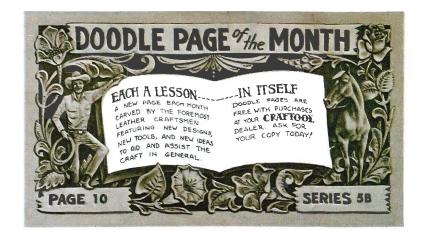
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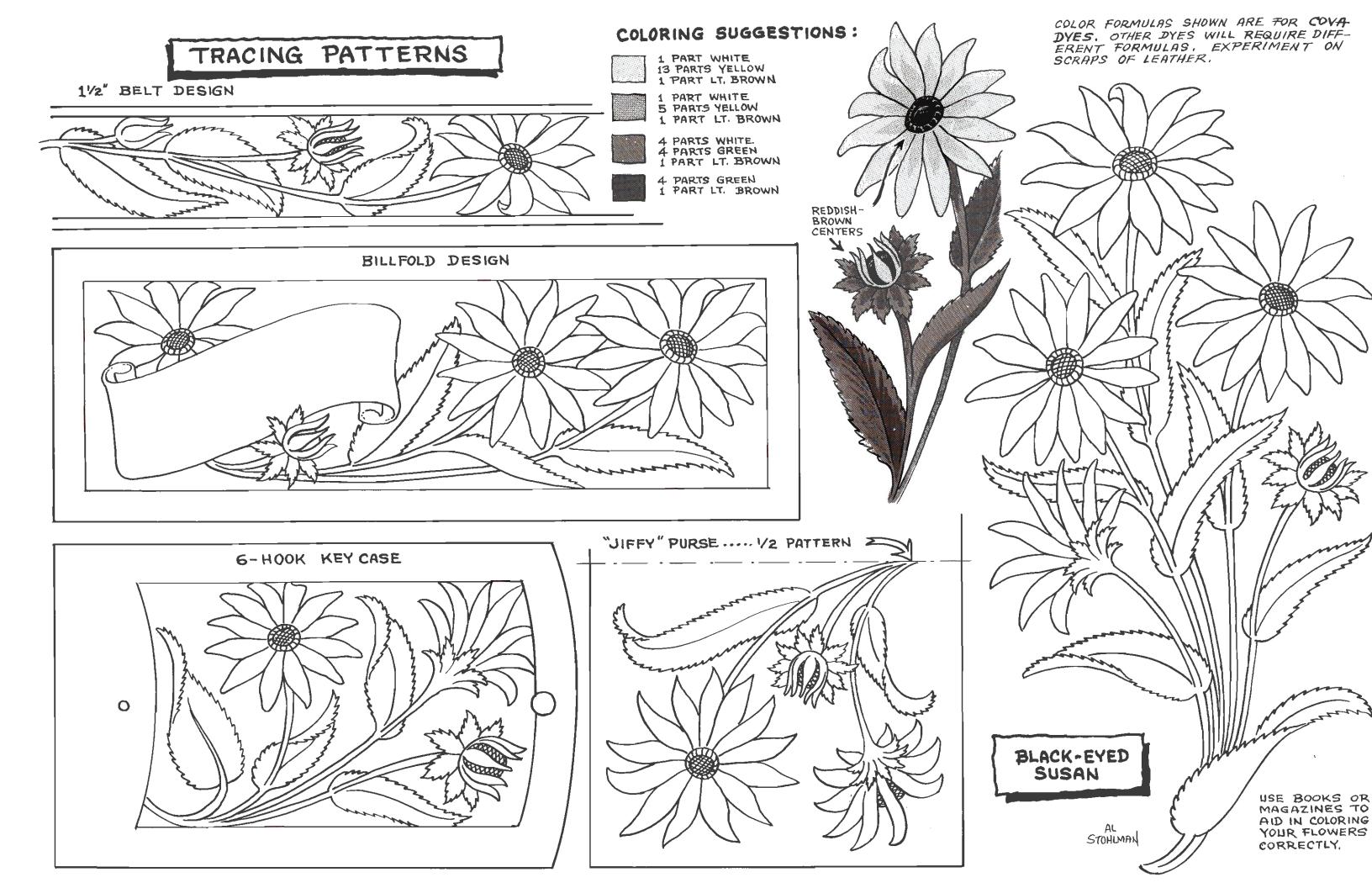
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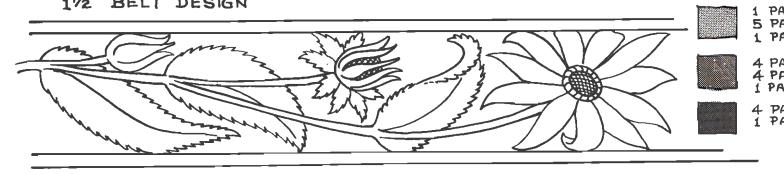
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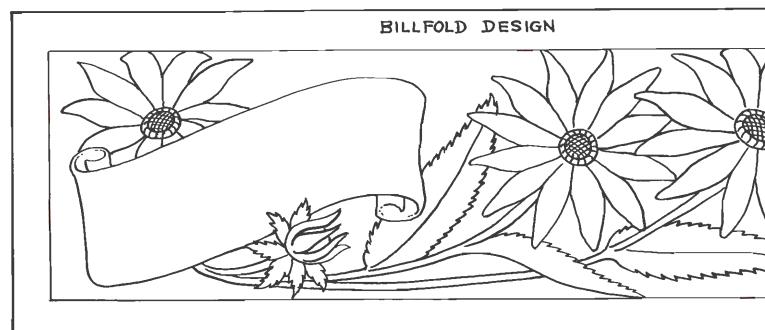


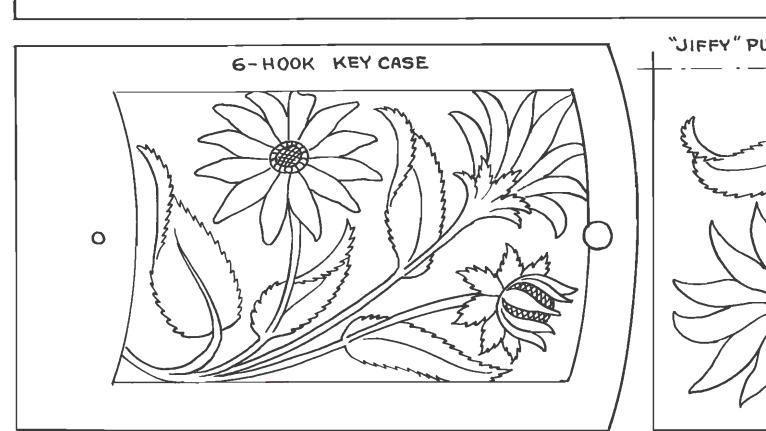


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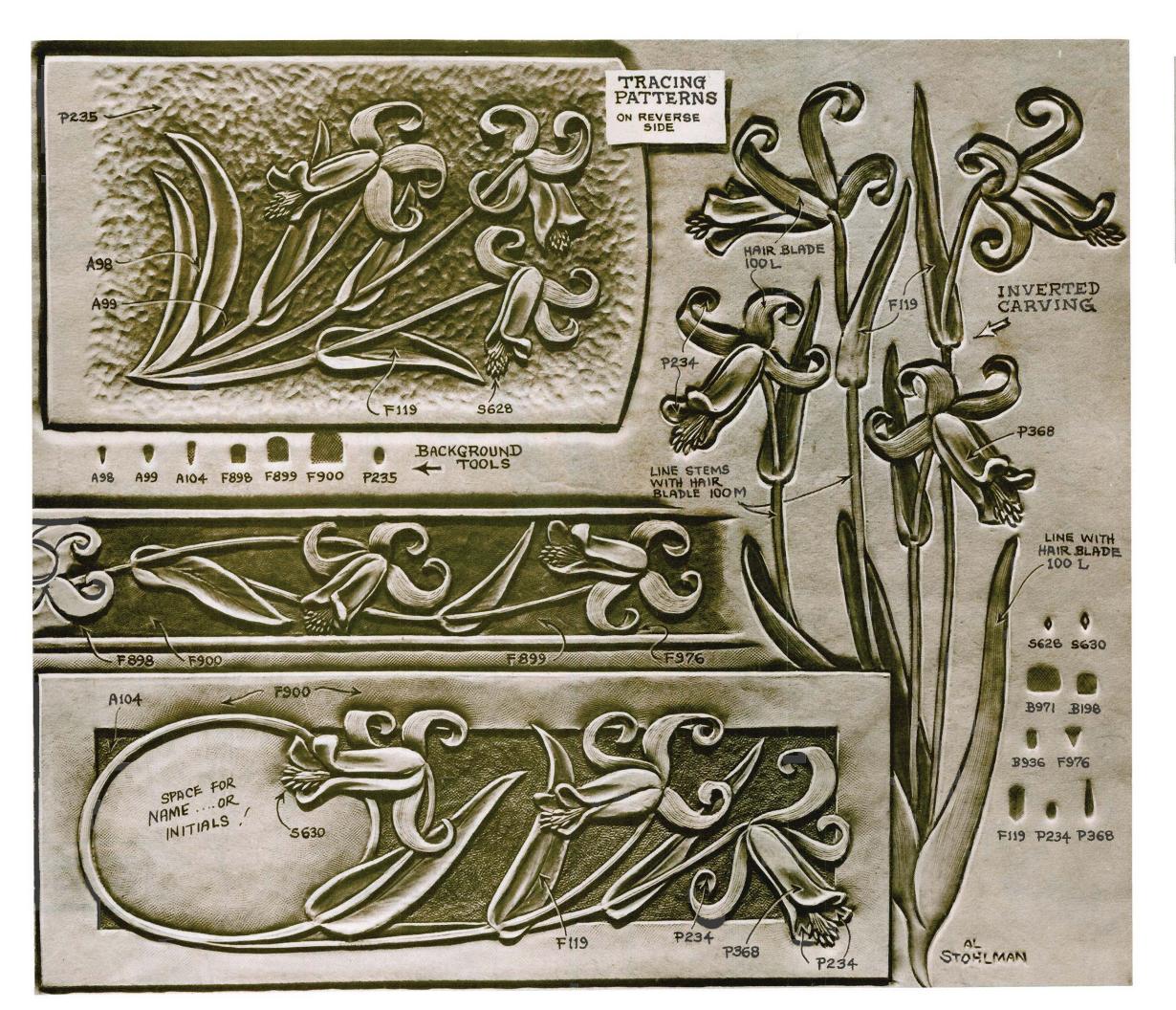
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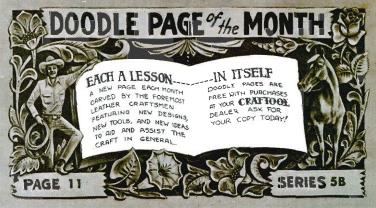












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The Key Case, shown at left, is backgrounded with the P235 pear shader. This is a very effective technique to use in large background areas, if the inverted carving is not used. The Belt design shows all of the background areas matted down with the figure carving matting bevelers. The Billfold, at the bottom of the page, is backgrounded with the A104 tool.

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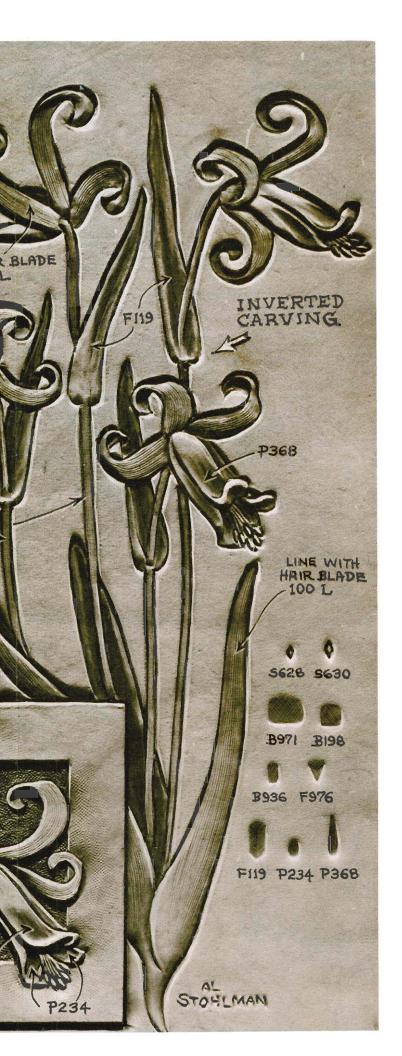
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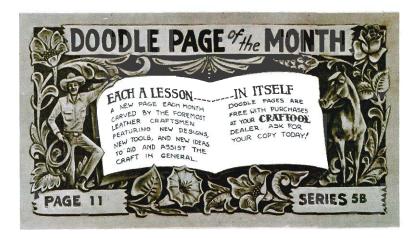
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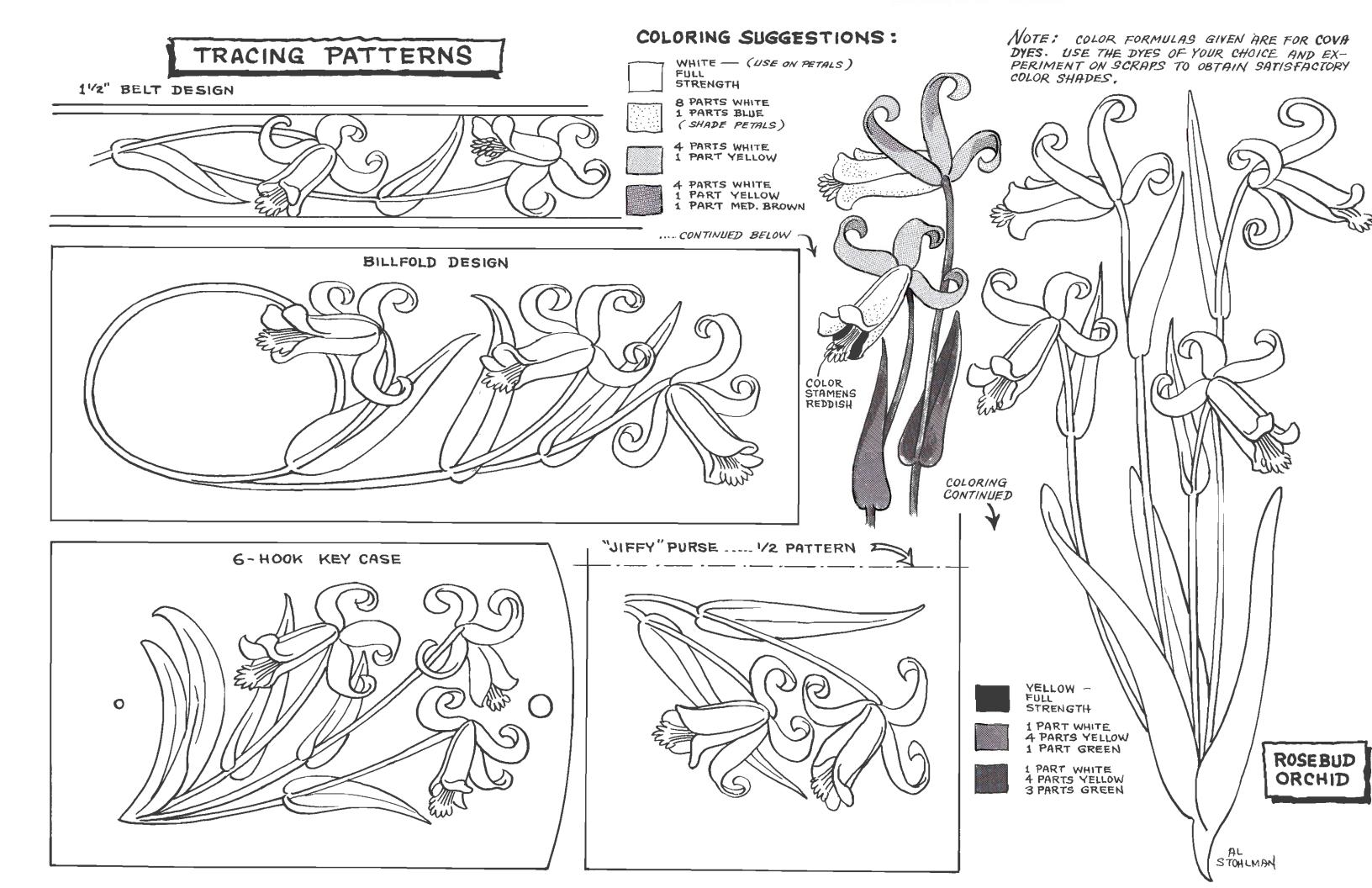
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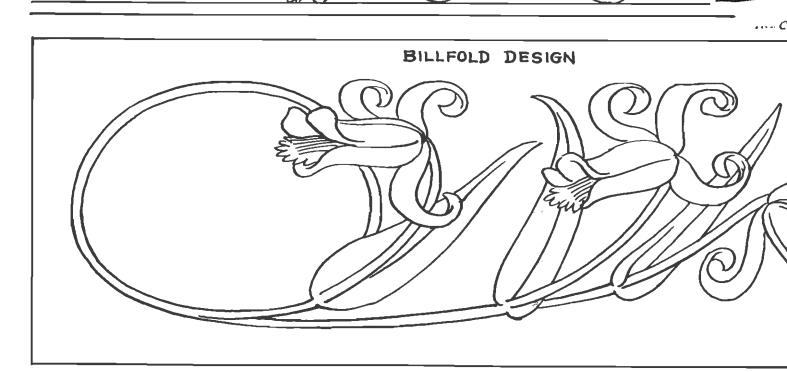
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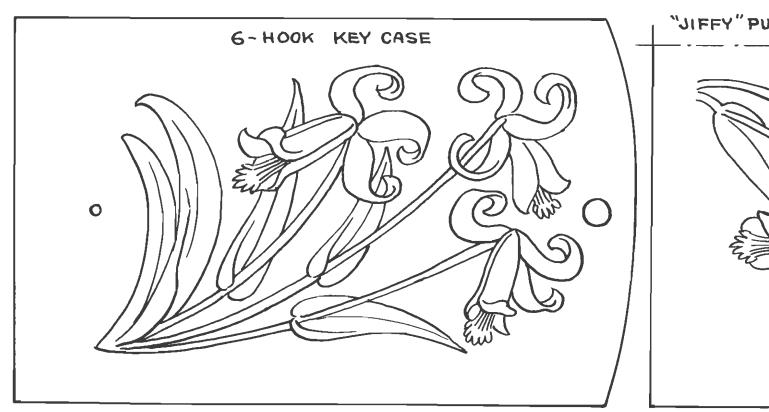
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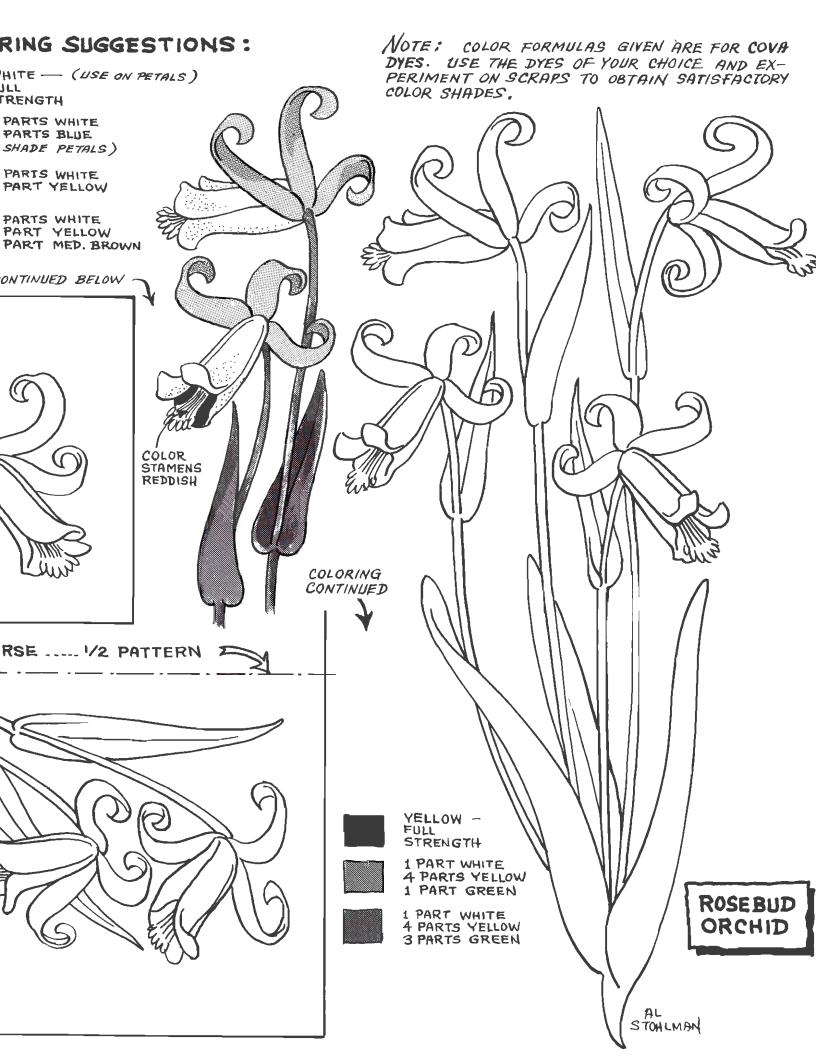


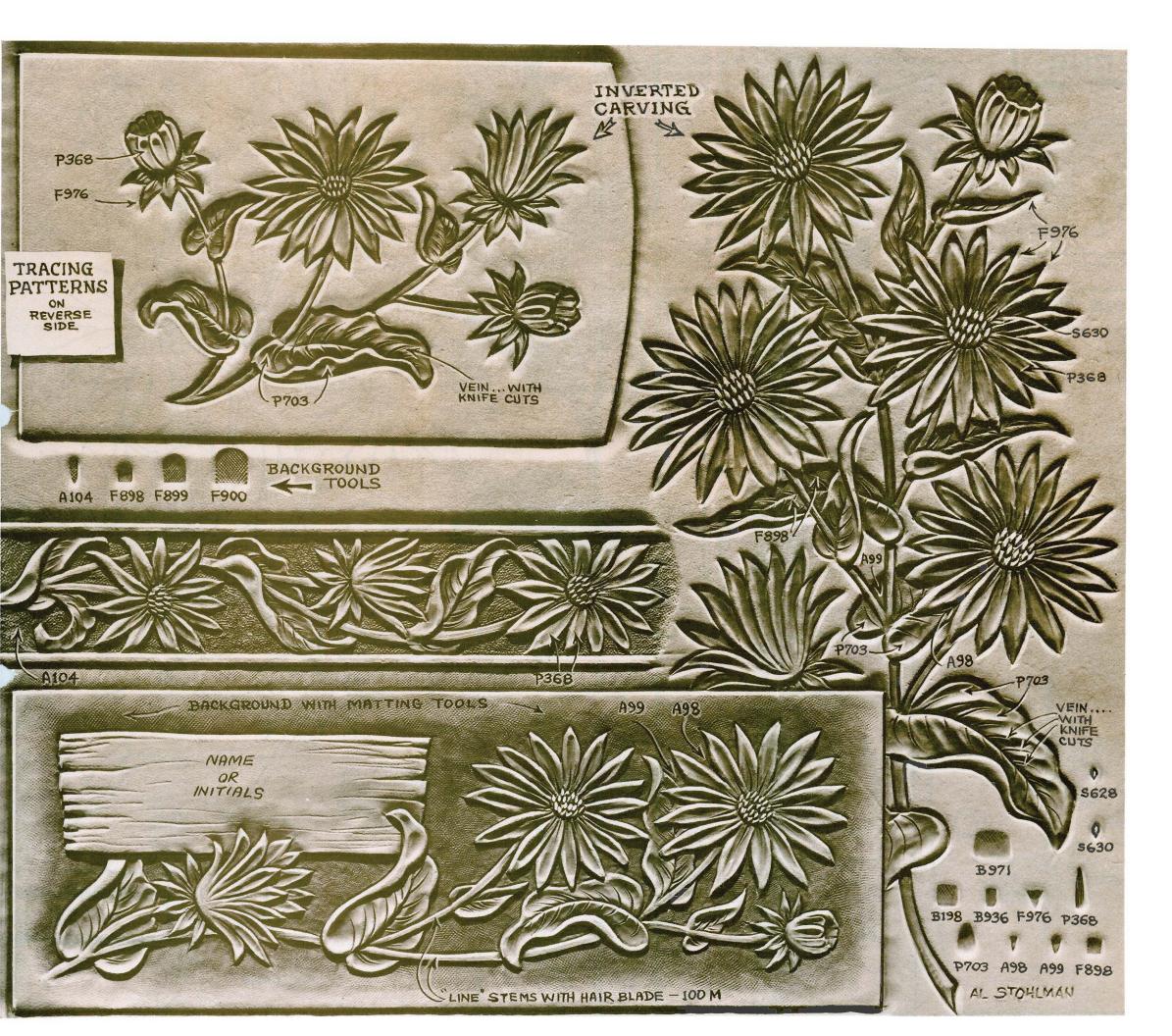


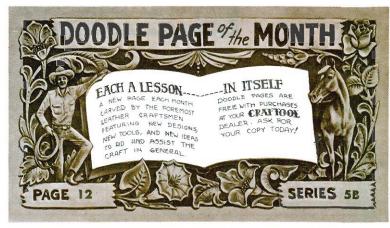


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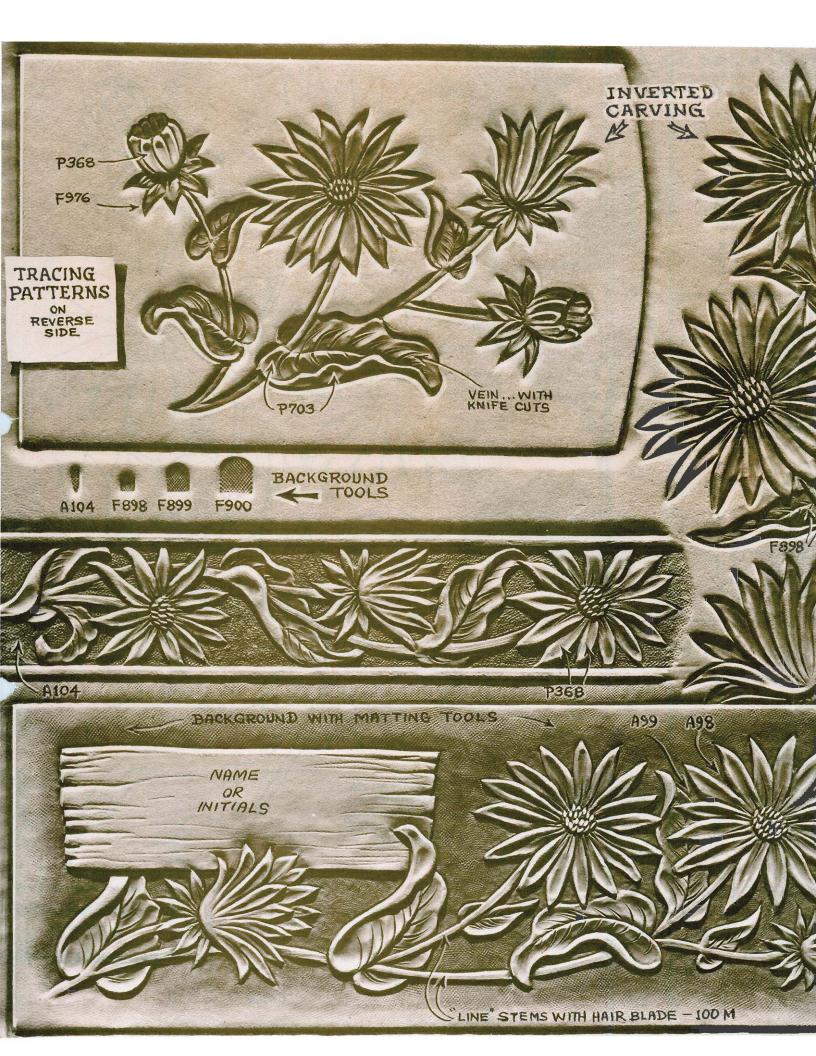
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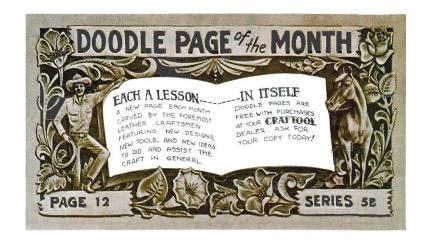
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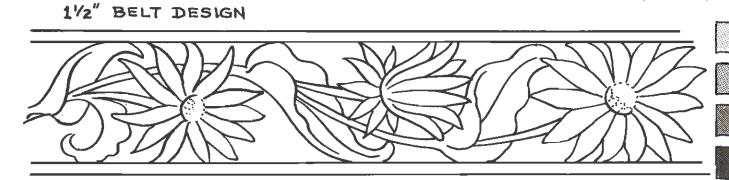
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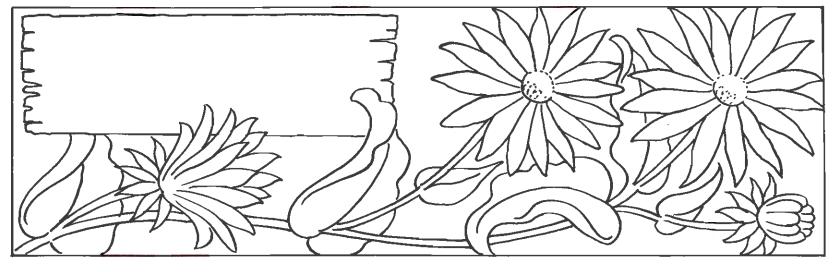


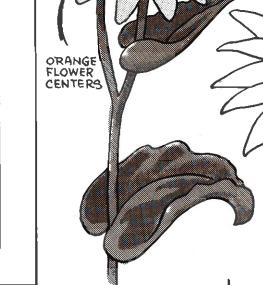




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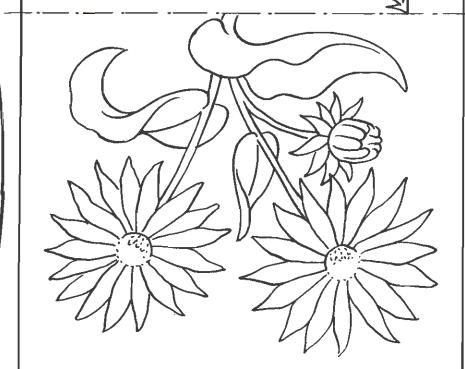
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