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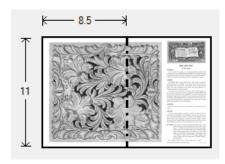
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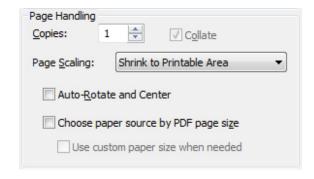
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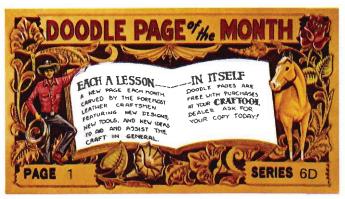
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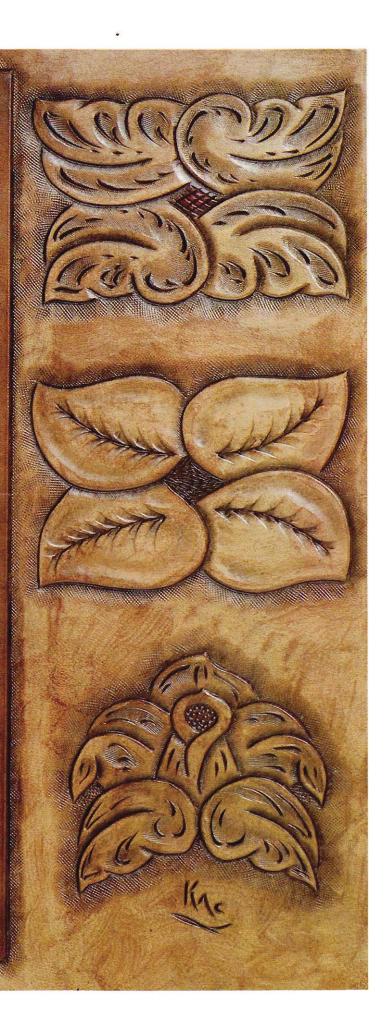
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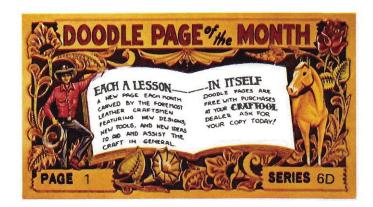
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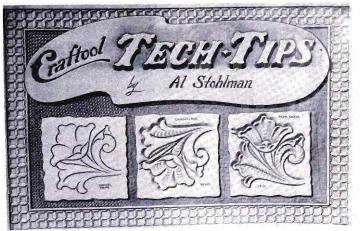
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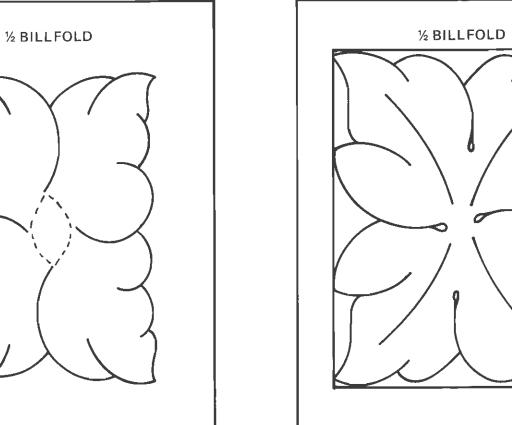
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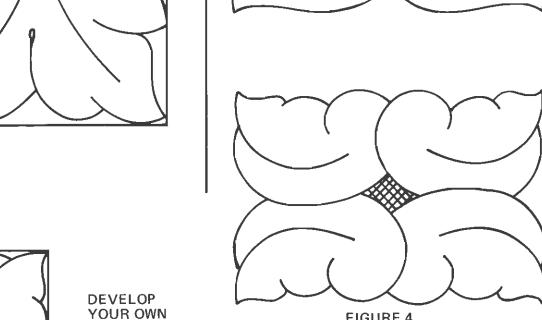


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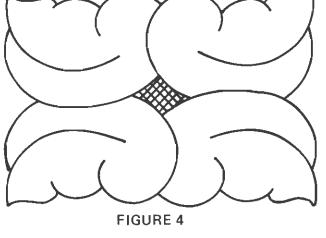


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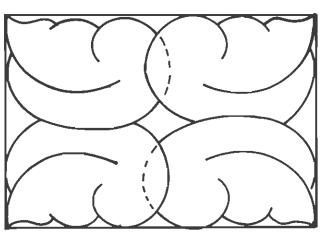


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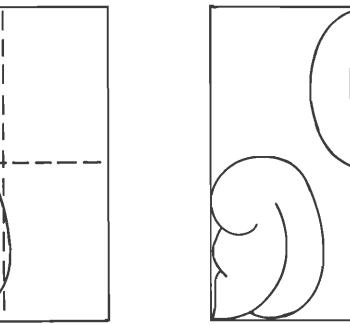
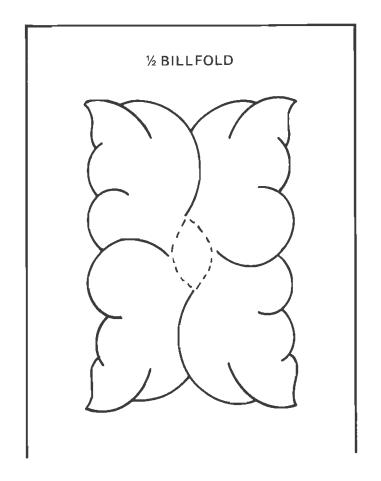
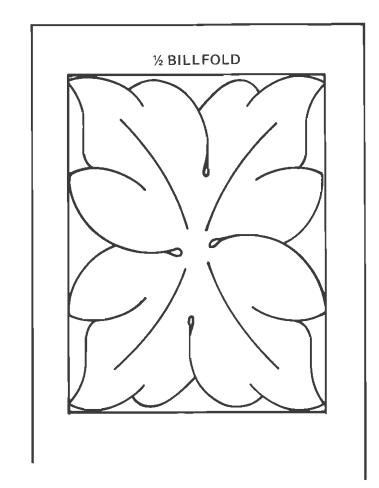
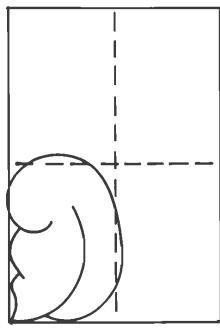


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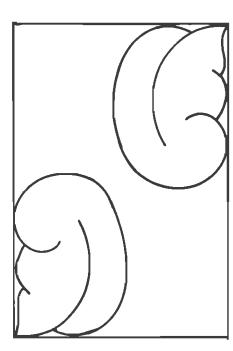


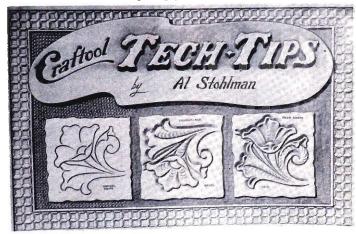
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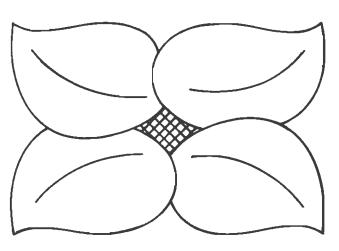


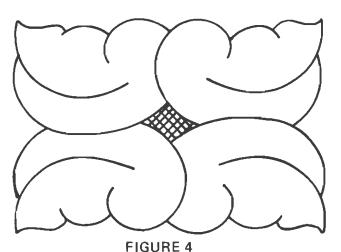
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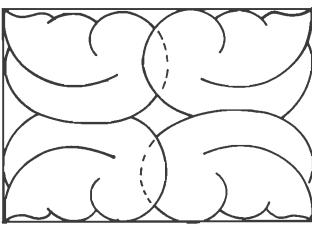
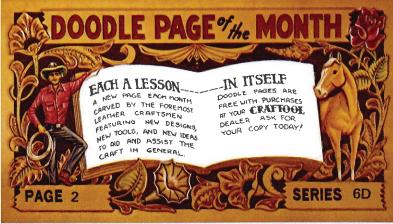


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BABY BIRDS IN A DOGWOOD TREE

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Cova Dye Red and Red mixed with White is used for the flowers. I have barely trimmed them in White for accent.

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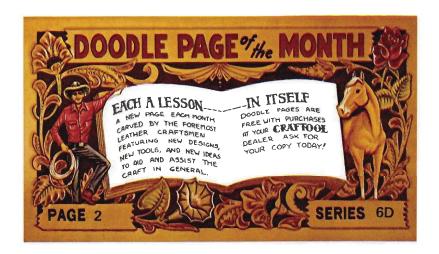
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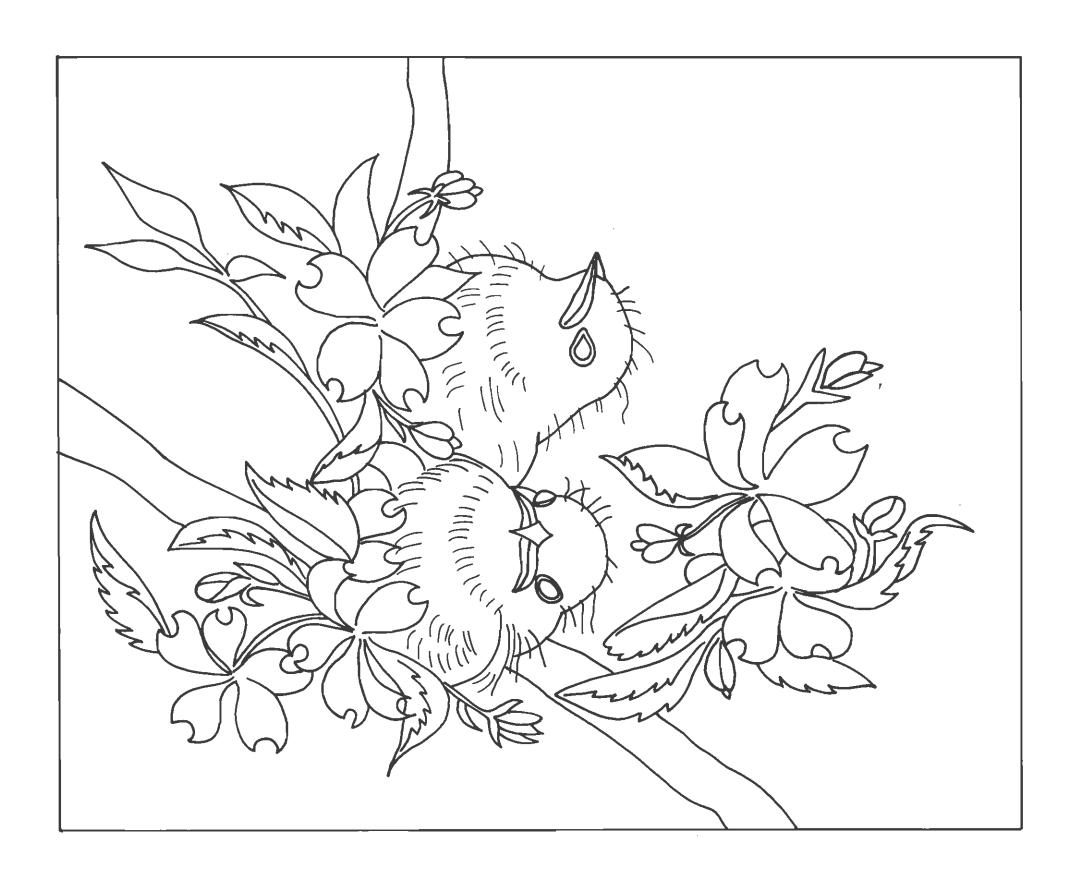
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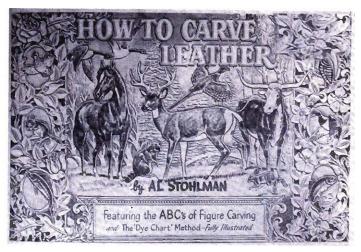
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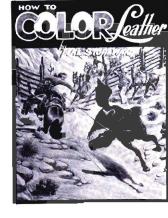


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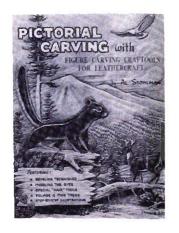
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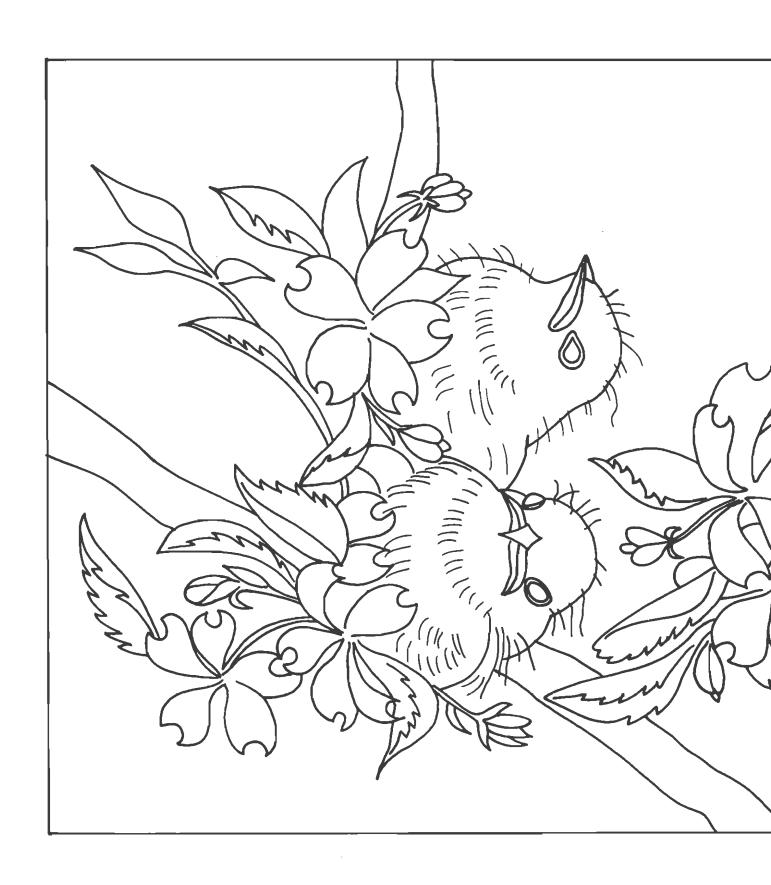




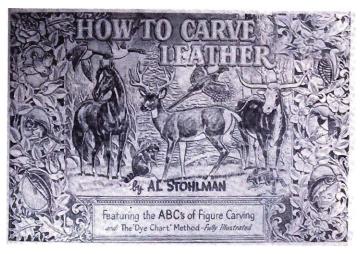
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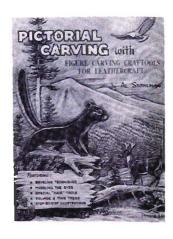


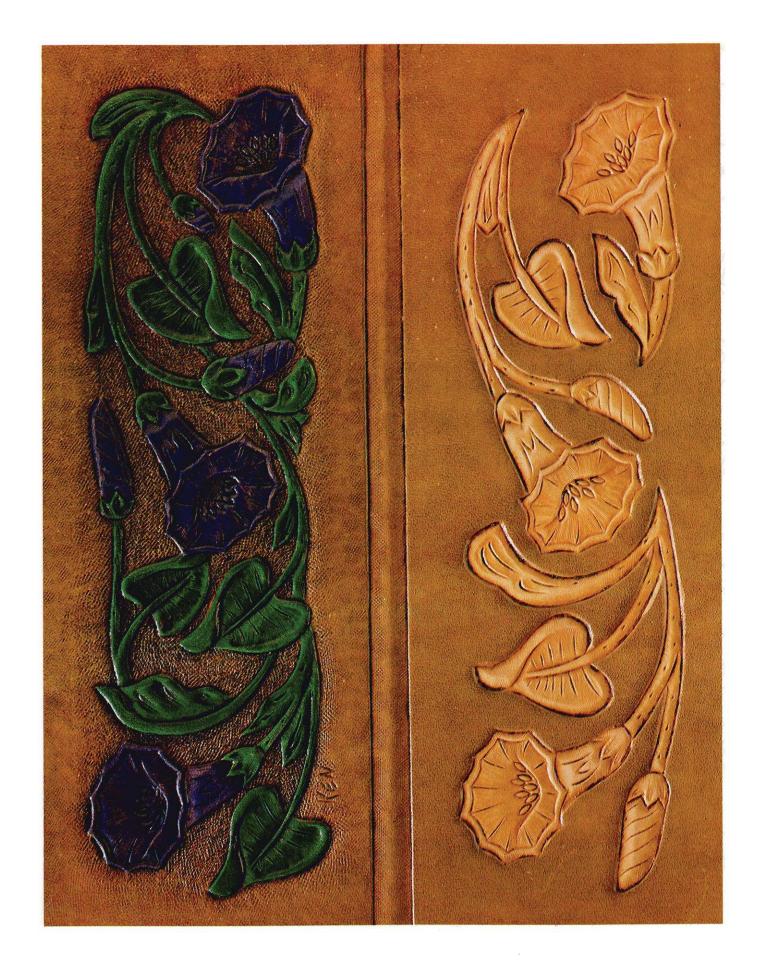


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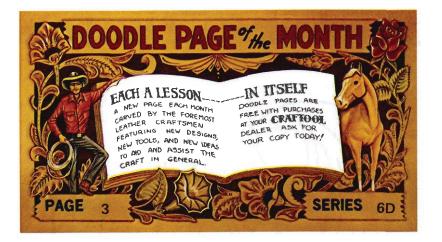
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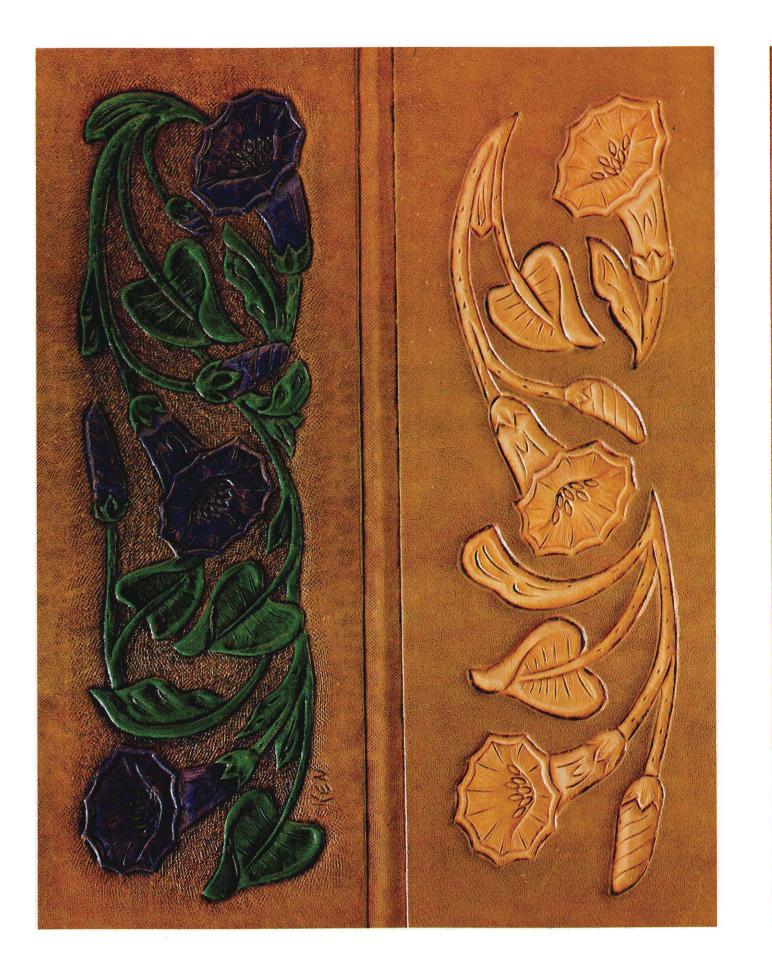
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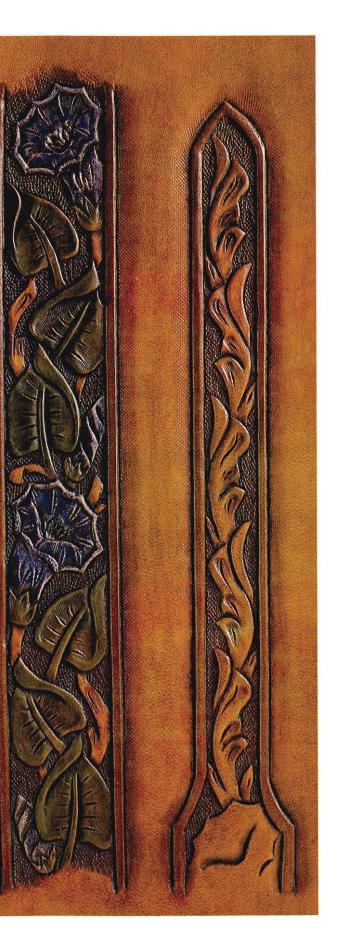
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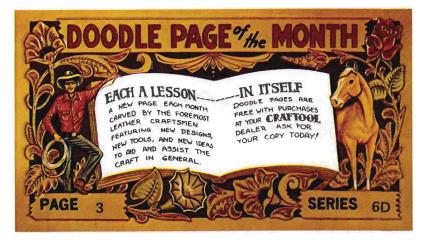
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The belt design utilizes the same tools as the billfolds. TIP: Cut the border lines before tracing the pattern. This makes it easy to keep the design inside the border. The tracing pattern shows how to use the same design on wider belts with buckstitching. You can use other 1" or 1¼" patterns in the same way.

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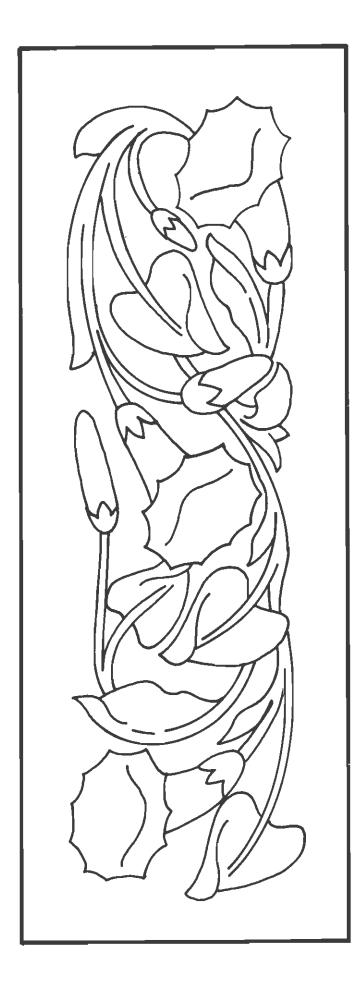
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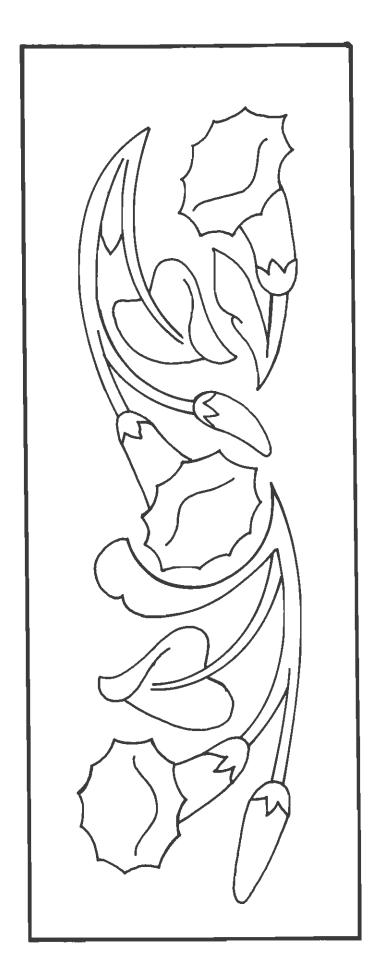
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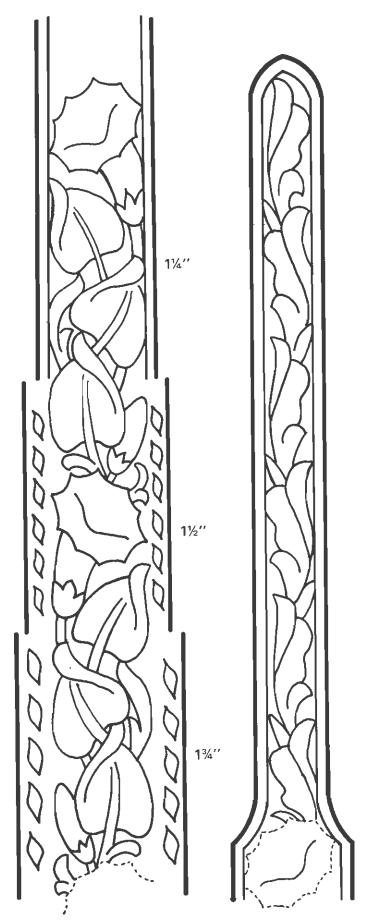
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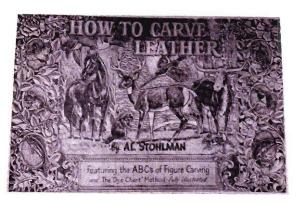






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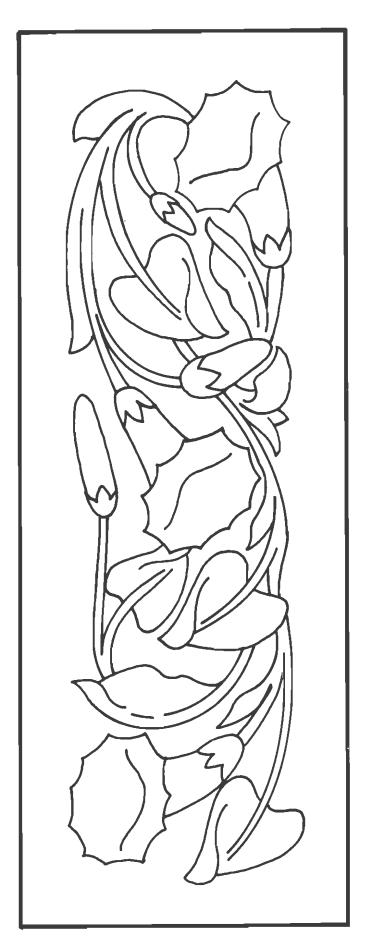


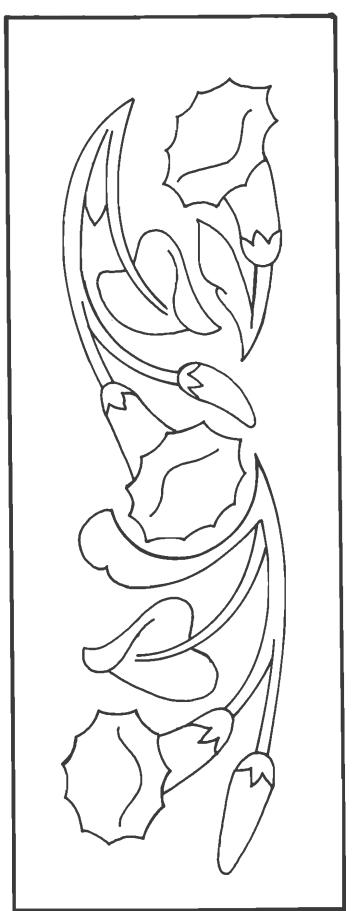


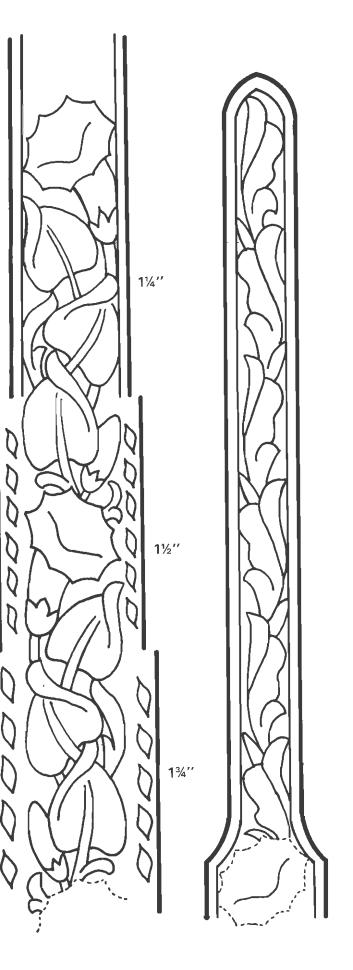
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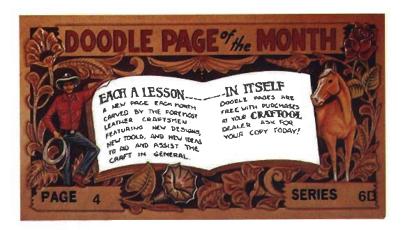


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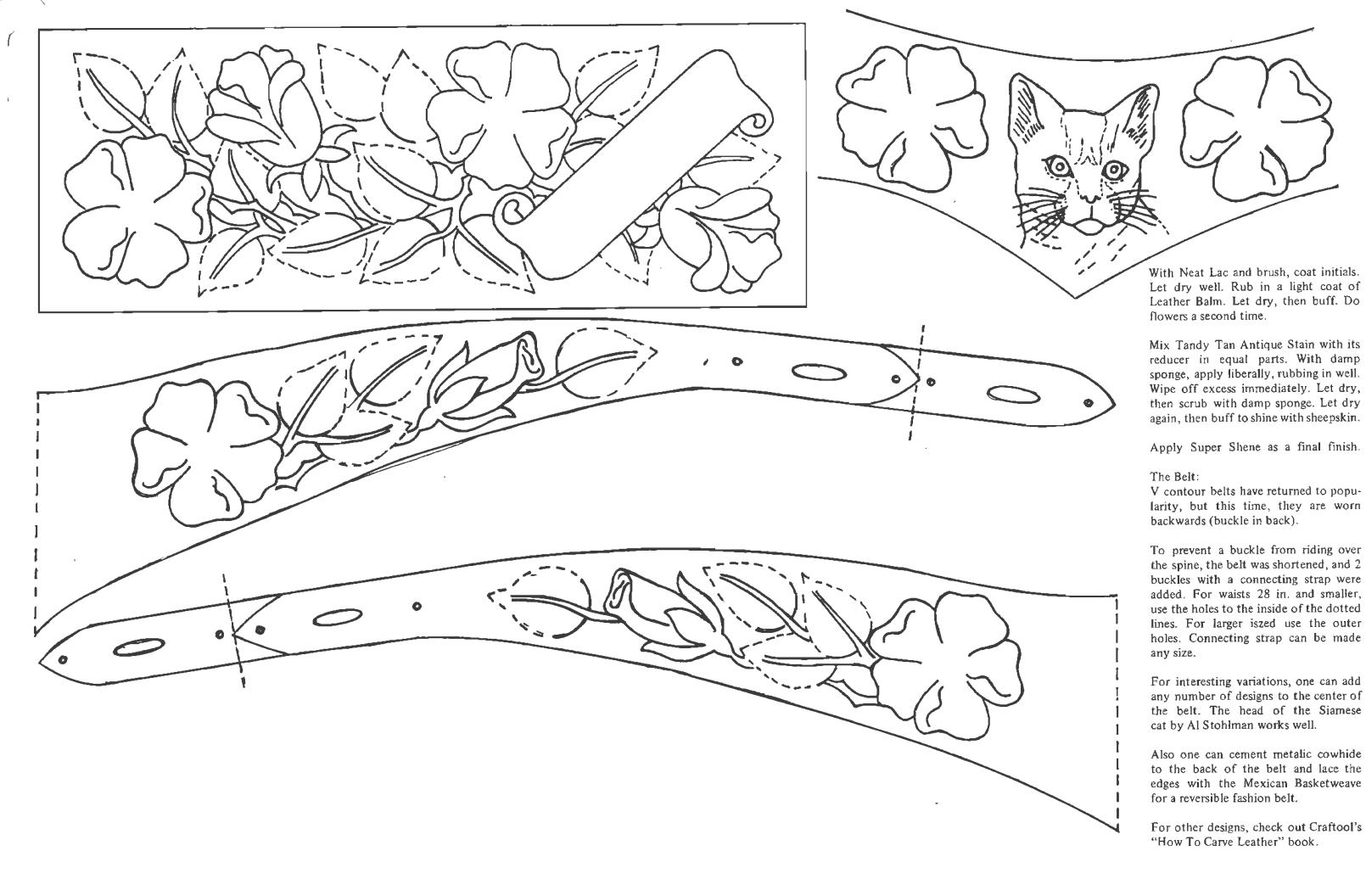
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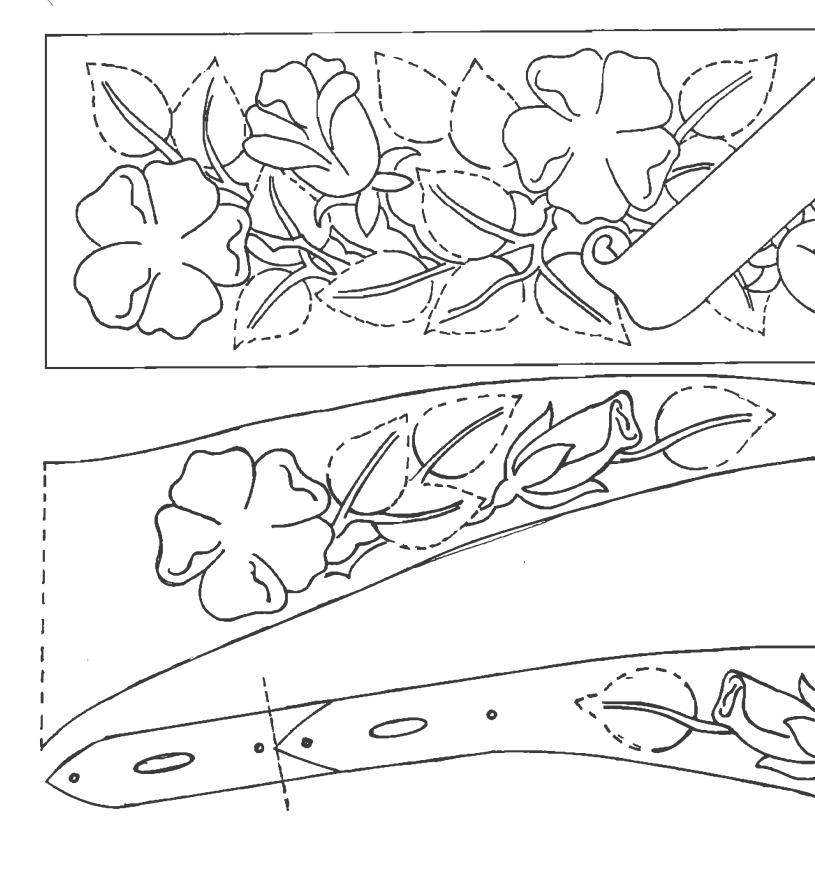
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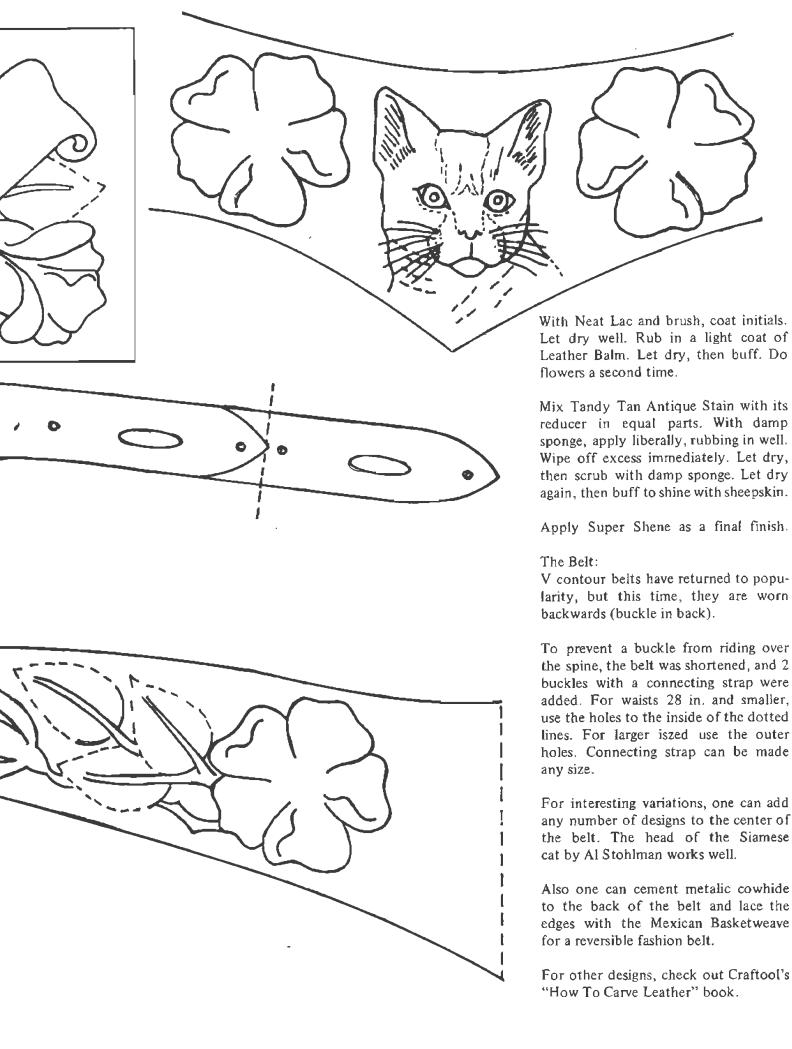
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Western carving is synonomous with hand tooled leather. It is an interesting fact that, even though the basics of western design remain essentially the same it can be "personalized" to the point of instant recognition of the works of individual artists.

In the development of a personal "carving style" you should become familiar with the impression made by each stamping tool in each category so that you visualize each in use, alone and with others.

This month's lesson demonstrates the use of the "stop" and "mulefoot" in western carving and tooling. These two groups of stamps are used to "detail" or finish. They may be used alone (see Craftool publication "Tech Tips") but are usually used together. The "stop" finishes line endings while the "mulefoot" adds interest to the "stop". Study this lesson from left to right, especially observing where "stop" is used in middle figure. The figure to the right is shown with all tooling finished; complete with deco cuts done with the swivel knife. You might wish to complete this project using my choice of tooling, then re-do it using your imagination. It is always suggested to experiment.

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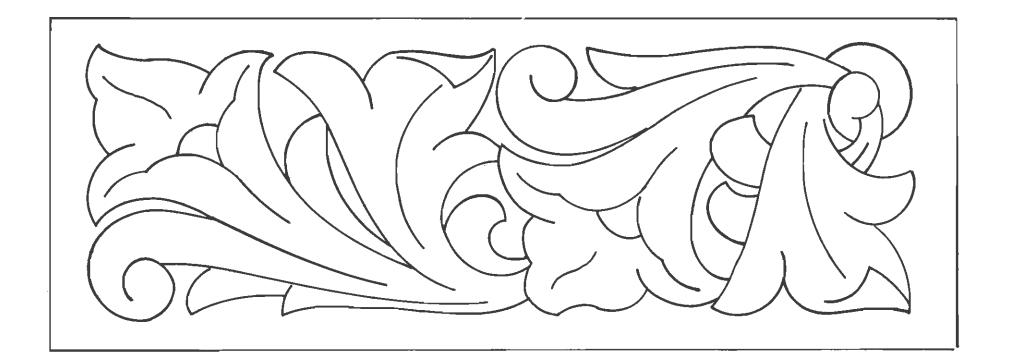
For many years the traditional or "western" style of leather carving has held it's popularity. There are a number of reasons for this. Most of us, hobbyists or professionals, have "cut our teeth" on it. The character of the style is such that it is indispensable as a learning tool for the serious student. Teachers of leathercraft have recognized that the flowing lines, the graceful curves and the florals, combine to make excellent devices on which to sharpen skills in the use of the swivel knife and the various stamping tools.

Western carving is synonomous with hand tooled leather. It is an interesting fact that, even though the basics of western design remain essentially the same it can be "personalized" to the point of instant recognition of the works of individual artists.

In the development of a personal "carving style" you should become familiar with the impression made by each stamping tool in each category so that you visualize each in use, alone and with others.

This month's lesson demonstrates the use of the "stop" and "mulefoot" in western carving and tooling. These two groups of stamps are used to "detail" or finish. They may be used alone (see Craftool publication "Tech Tips") but are usually used together. The "stop" finishes line endings while the "mulefoot" adds interest to the "stop". Study this lesson from left to right, especially observing where "stop" is used in middle figure. The figure to the right is shown with all tooling finished; complete with deco cuts done with the swivel knife. You might wish to complete this project using my choice of tooling, then re-do it using your imagination. It is always suggested to experiment.

This page is designed to familiarize the student with the use of many tools, for the hobbyist to have fun with and for the professional; another pattern to work with.



Tools used to complete this project:
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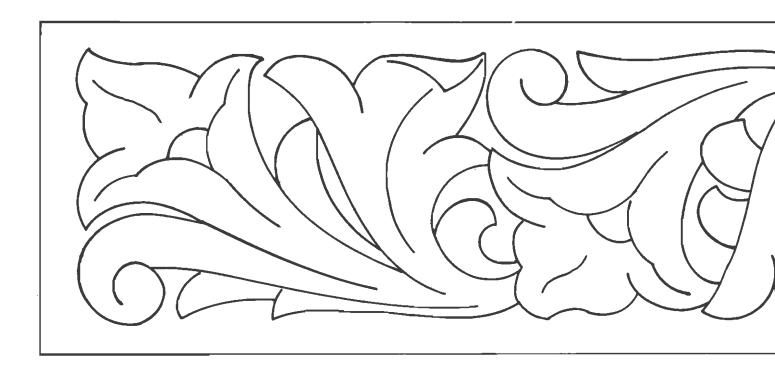
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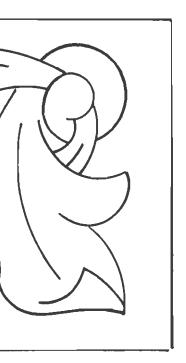
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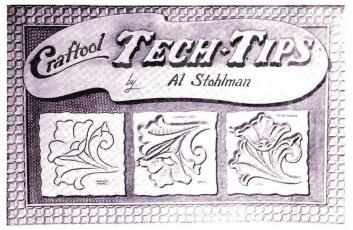
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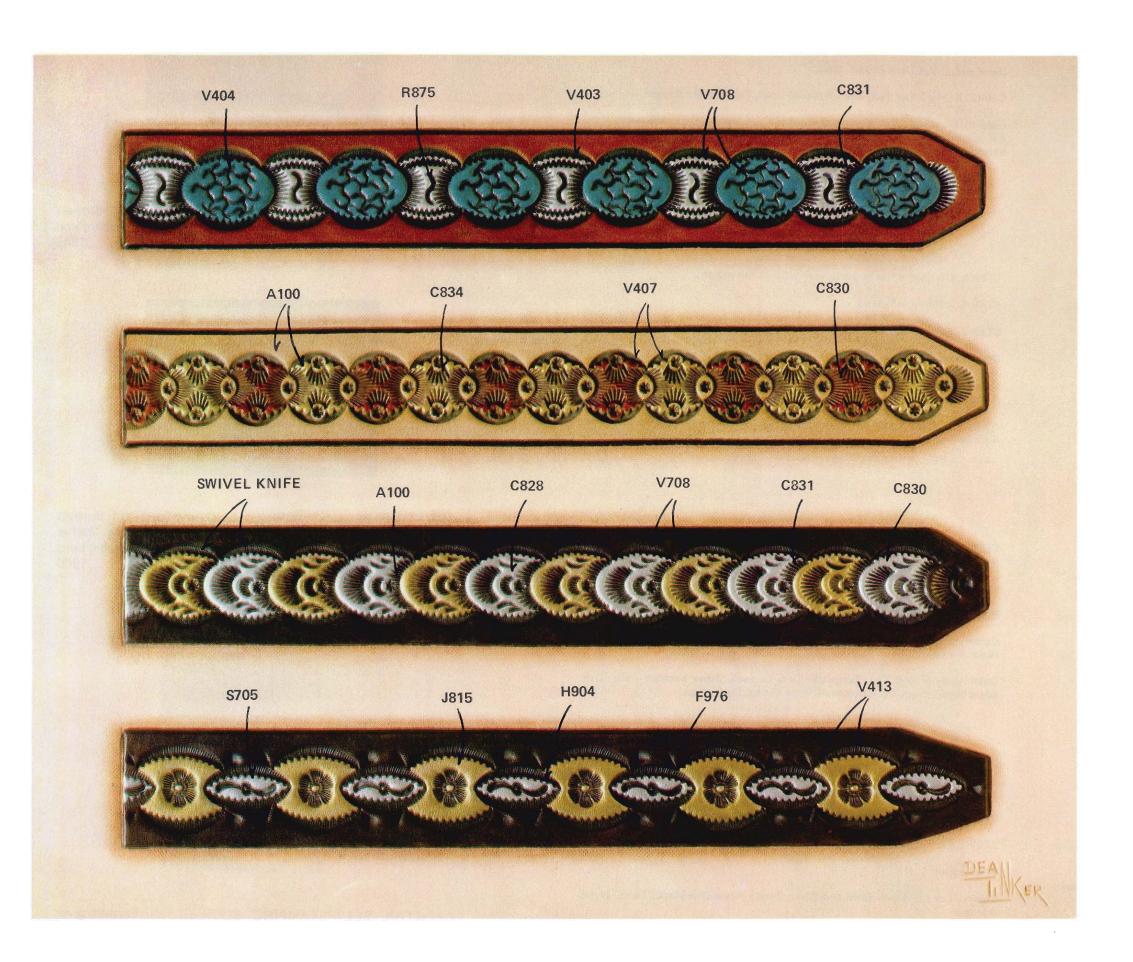
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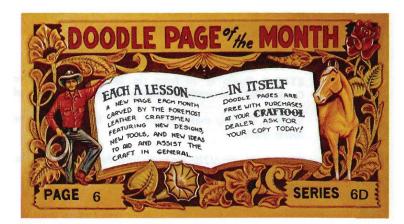
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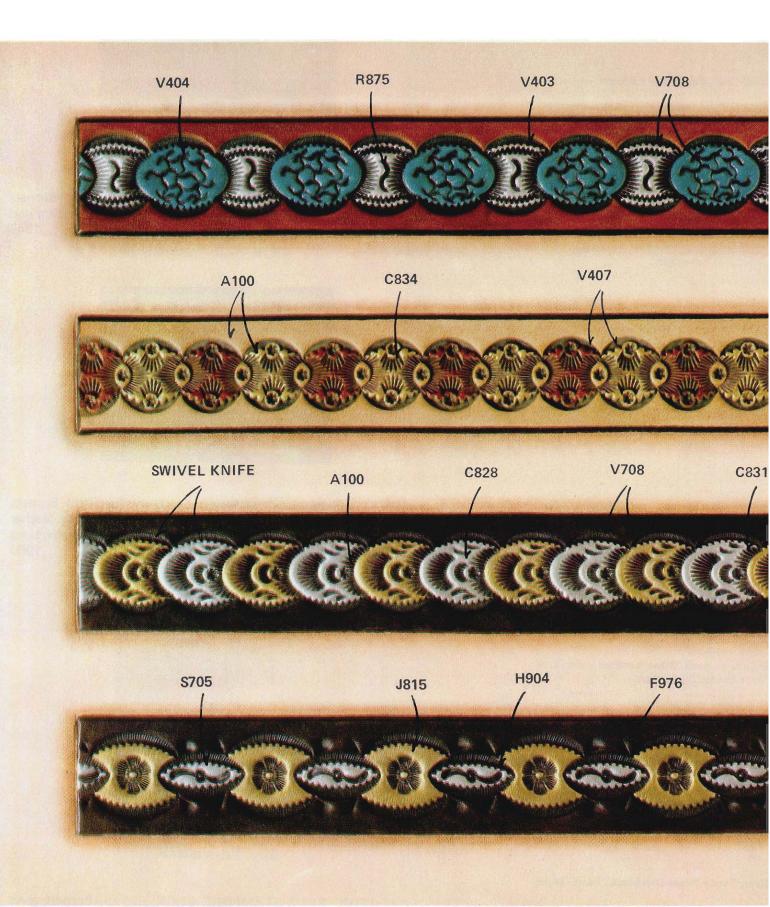
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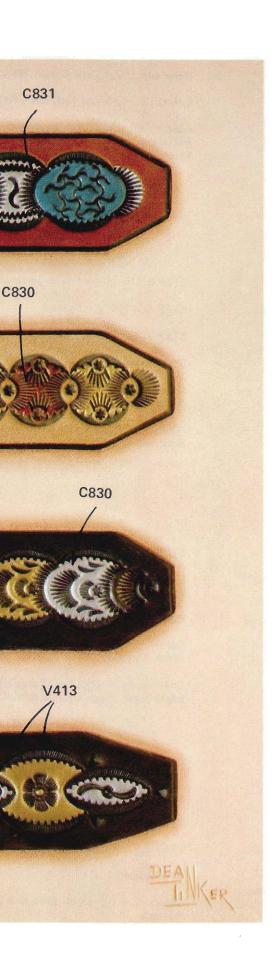
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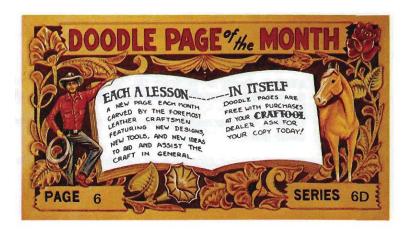
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Craftools: C831, R875, V403, V404, V708.

STEP 1. Begin $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from tip. Measure 3/8" in from edges. Mark lightly. Center C831 vertically on marks. Repeat 3/8" from edges on opposite end.

STEP 2. On top marks scribe a very light line the length of strip. Repeat on lower marks.

STEP 3. Stamp V708 on both lines full length of strip.

STEP 4. Stamp C831 length of strip.

BELT NO. 2

Craftools: A100, C830, C834, V407.

STEP 1. Begin 3/8" in from tip. Measure ½" in from edges. Mark lightly. Center C830 vertically on marks. Repeat ½" from edges on opposite end.

STEP 2. Using top marks scribe a light guide line length of strip. Repeat on lower marks.

STEP 3. Stamp V407 to both lines full length of strip.

STEP 4. Stamp C830 length of strip.

BELT NO. 3

Craftools: A100, C828, C830, C831, V708, Swivel Knife.

STEP 1. Begin $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from tip. Find exact center. Mark lightly. Measure $\frac{3}{8}$ " from edges. Mark lightly. Repeat $\frac{3}{8}$ " in from opposite end. Mark lightly.

STEP 2. On top marks scribe a very light line length of strip. Repeat on middle and bottom lines.

STEP 3. With V708, on top scribed line stamp length of strip. Repeat on lower line.

STEP 4. Stamp C831 length of belt.

BELT NO. 4

Craftools: H904, J815, S705, V413, F976.

STEP 1. Begin $\frac{1}{4}$ " in from tip and find exact center. Mark. Center at opposite end. Mark. Do not scribe.

STEP 2. Align ruler on marks. From first mark ($\frac{1}{4}$ " in) measure 7/8". Mark. From this mark, measure $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Mark. Continue procedure length of strip.

STEP 3. From first mark, with V413, stamp center figure length of strip.

STEP 4. Complete stamping with V413 as shown.

STEP 5. Stamp C834 at top and bottom within circle.

STEP 6. A100 as indicated.

Bevel edges, Dye Dark Brown. Slick.

Colors: Tandy Super Tan, Zoe's Refinish Gold, Tandy Light Brown Antique.

Gold to first circle, Tan to second, Gold to third and continue full length. Do not allow color outside of scalloped edges. Antique overall. Quickly wipe excess. Slick edges. Carefully seal with "Super Shene".

STEP 5. Use center line as guide; stamp C830 full length.

STEP 6. A100 as indicated.

STEP 7. Apply decorative cuts with swivel knife as shown.

Bevel edges.

Colors: Tandy Super Black, Zoe's Refinish Gold and Silver, Tandy Black Antique.

Apply Zoe's Gold and Silver as shown. Apply antique overall. Wipe excess. Slick edges.

STEP 5. Stamp V403 full length. Stamp R875.

STEP 6. Lightly stamp V404 on each oval, staggering 4 horizontal and 3 vertical.

Bevel edges.

Colors: Tandy Super Tan, Cova Dye Turquoise, Zoe's Refinish Silver, Tandy Black Antique.

Color body of belt Tan. Turquiose Cova to ovals. Silver between ovals. Dye edges Black, Black antique overall. Wipe excess. Slick edges.

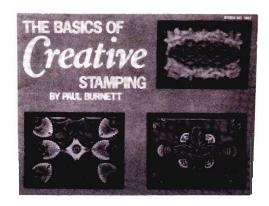
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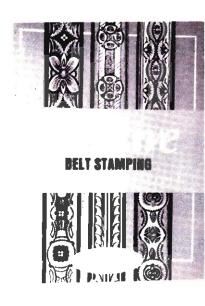
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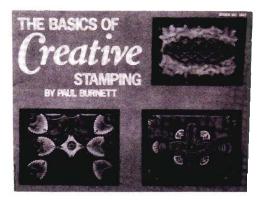
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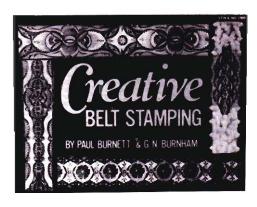
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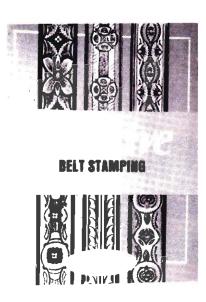
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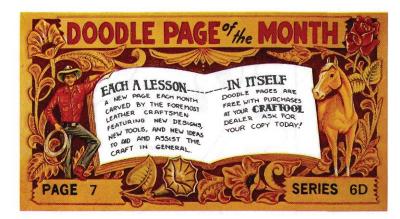


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- 2. Bevel
- 3. Pear Shade
- 4. Undercut with pro-petal and lift with modeler
- 5. Background and matt
- 6. Add decorative cuts
- Smooth all work with modeler and re-lift undercuts
- 8. Let leather dry, then finish

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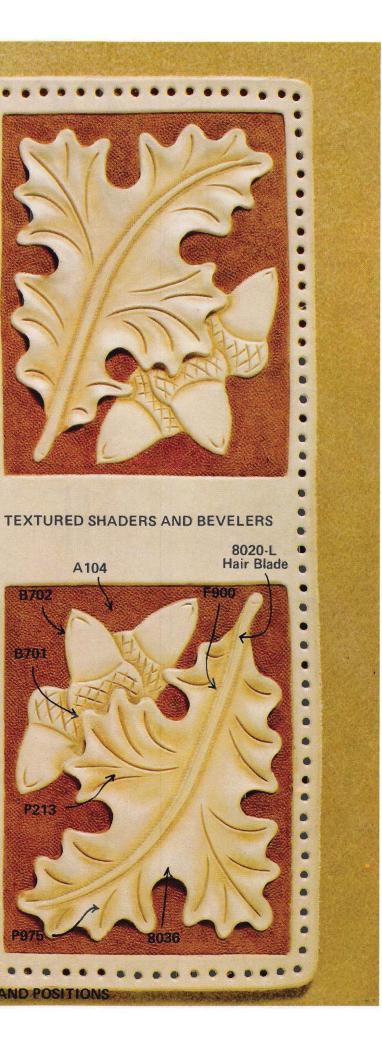
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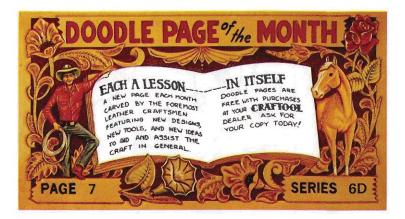
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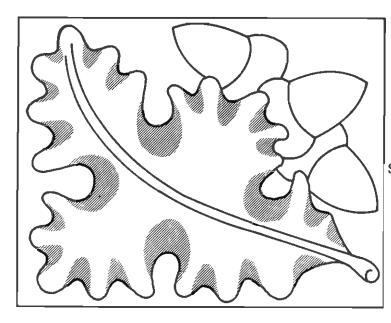
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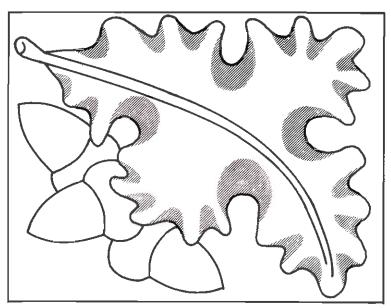
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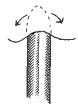
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Cut in and under edge of beveled cut.

TOP VIEW

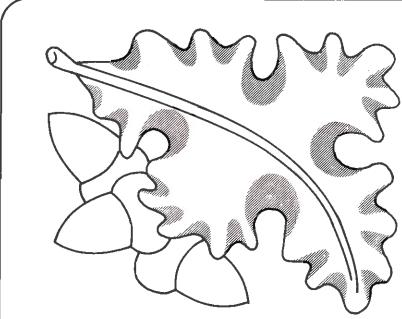


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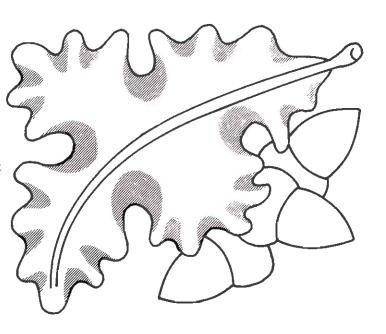
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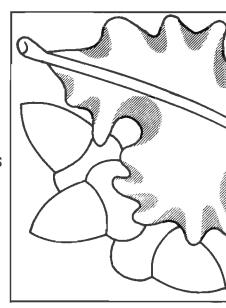








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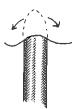
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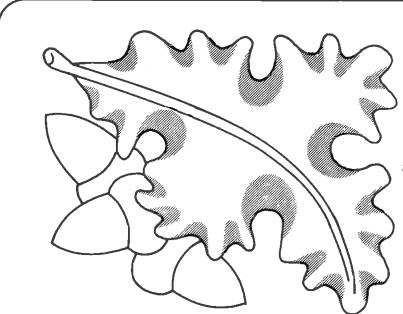


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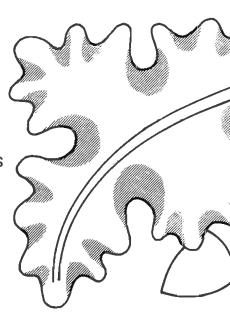
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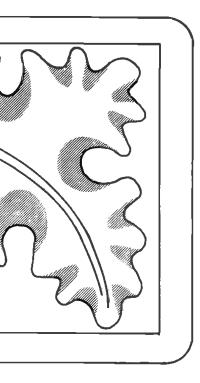


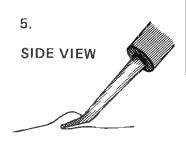
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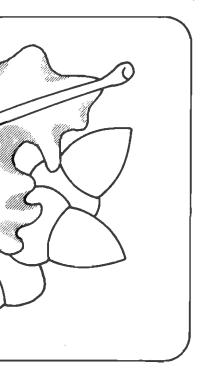
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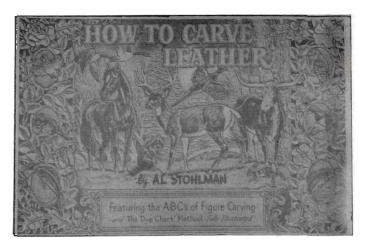


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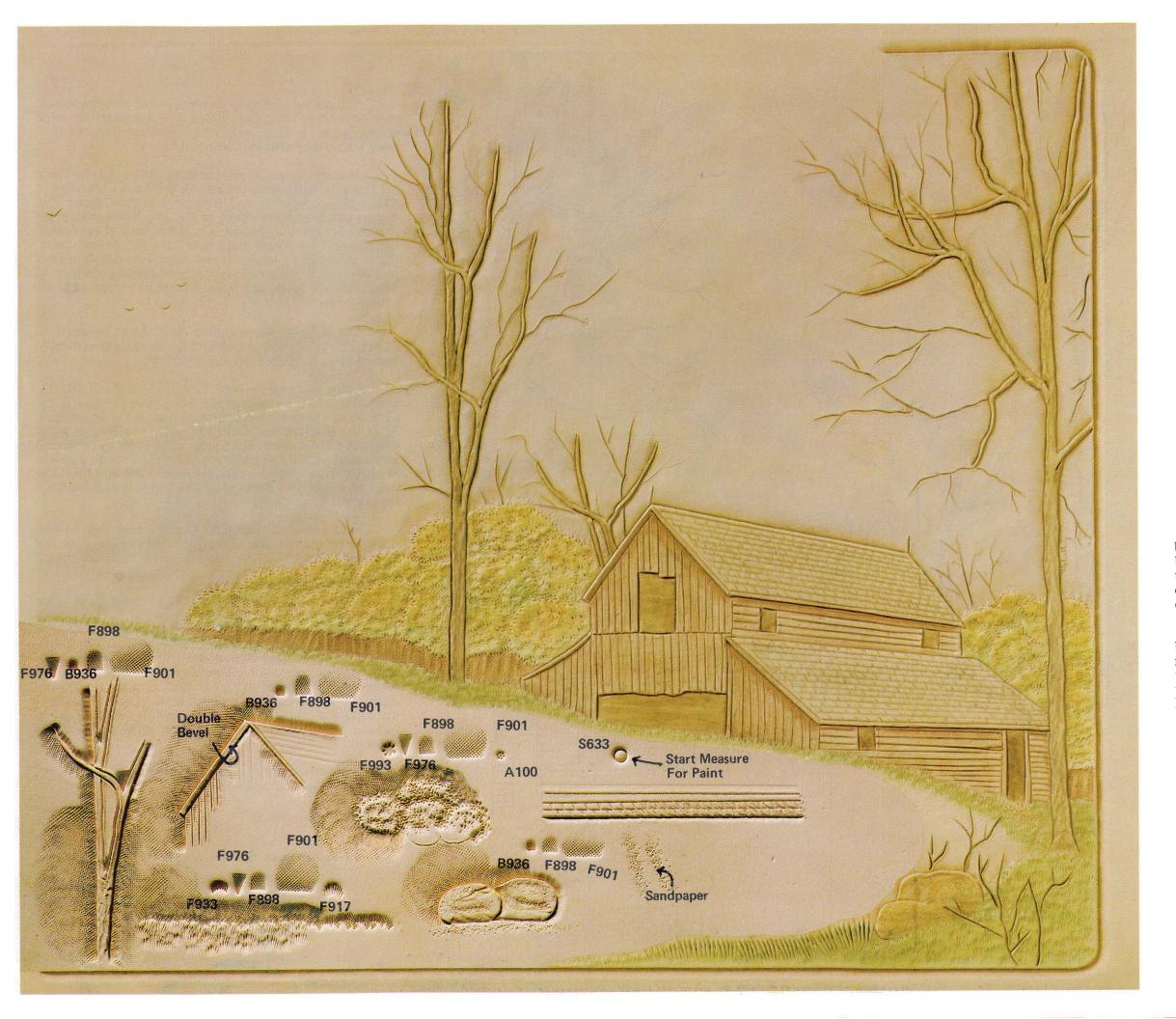
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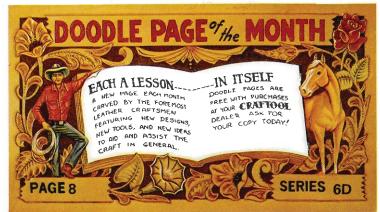
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BARN VIGNETTE by Darwin Ohlerking

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A scene may be improved by use of untouched leather. The vignette style will let the natural leather enhance the piece.

Tools Used: B936, F898, F900, F901, F933, F917, F916, F976, F993, A100, A104, A888, and the 8014 filigree blade. The filigree blade allows a deeper and narrower cut, which is ideal for this style of carving. Since this will be in color no smooth tools are used.

Study the pattern and read the instructions completely before starting. When tracing the pattern, use a straight edge, but when cutting them, cut them freehand. This will give the uneveness of age. The verticle shingle lines are indicated on the pattern—they do not need to be traced; they will be cut randomly. Do trace the horizontal lines.

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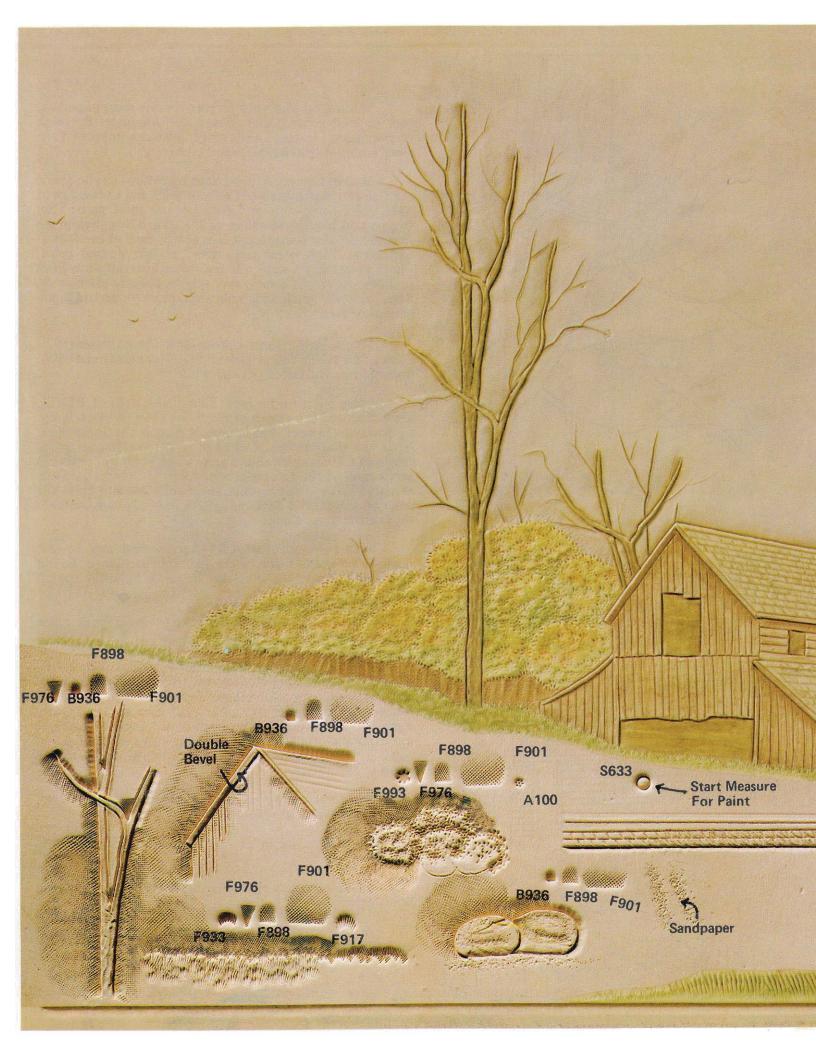
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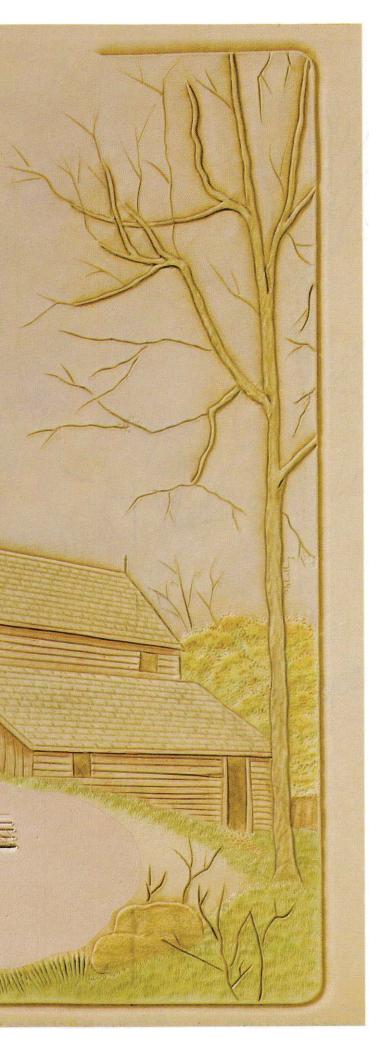
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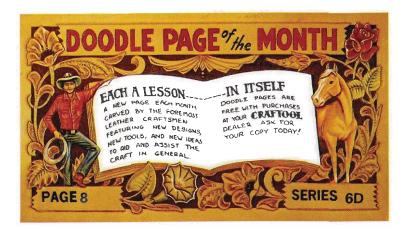
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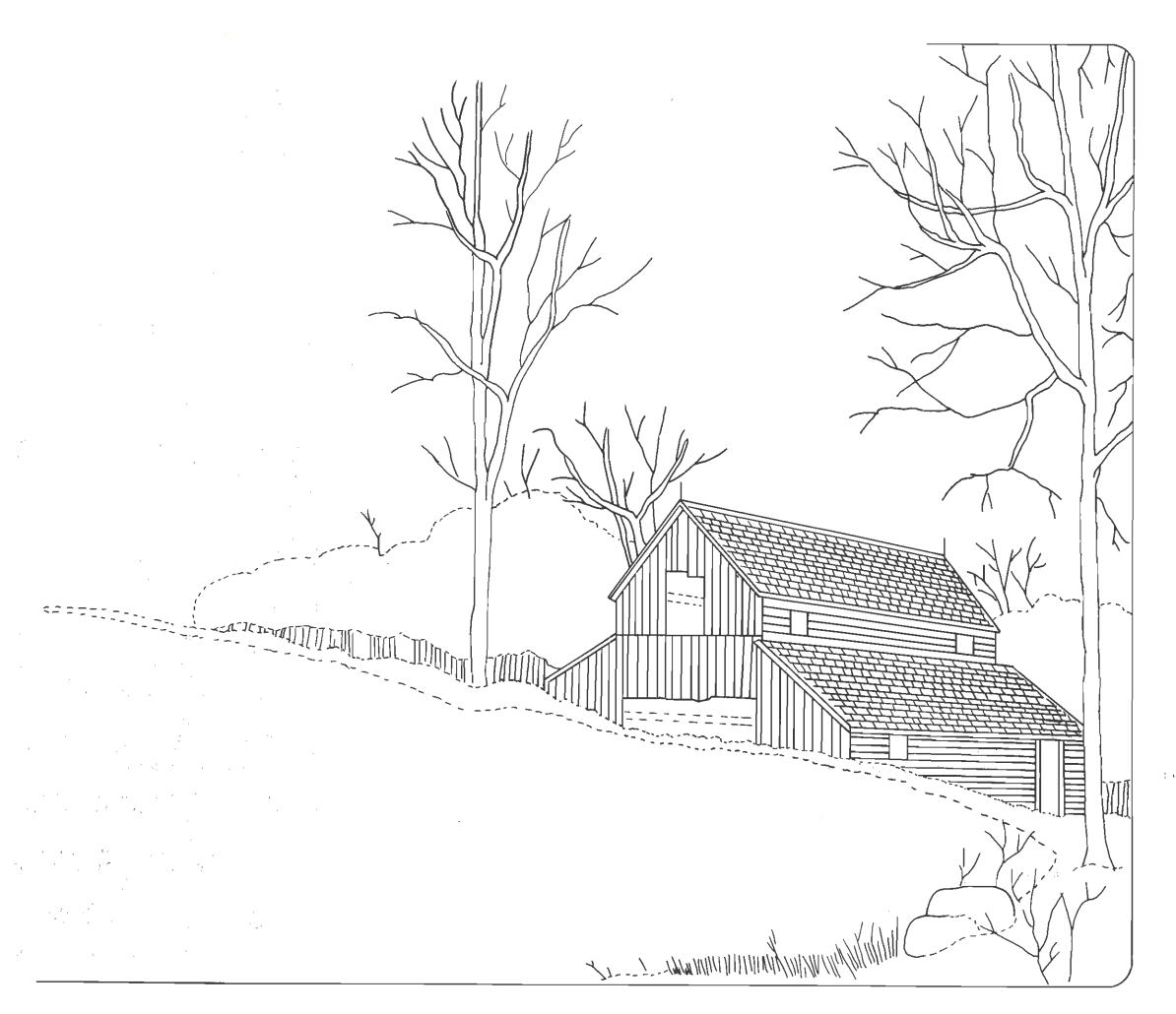
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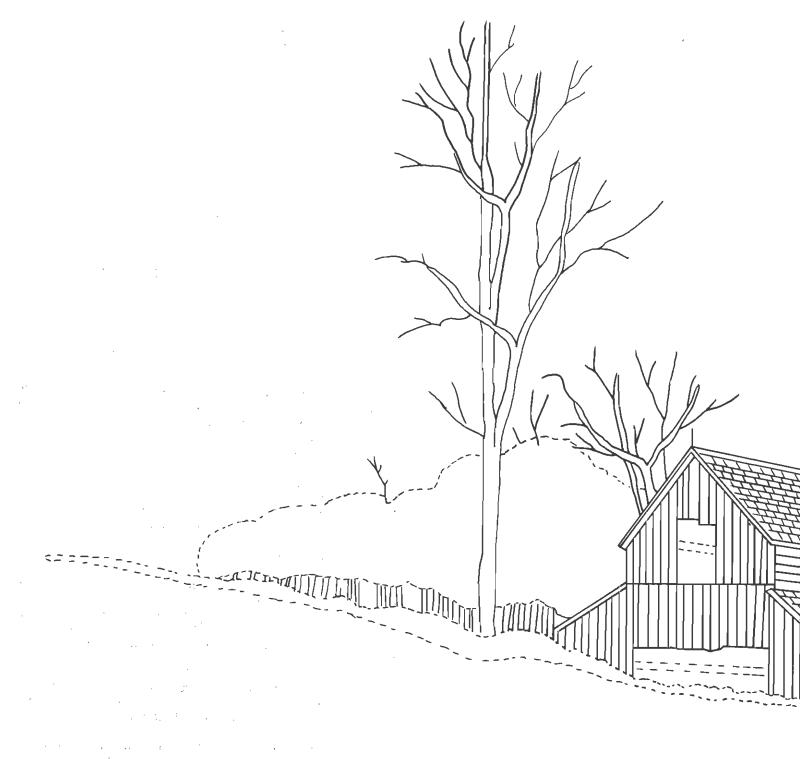
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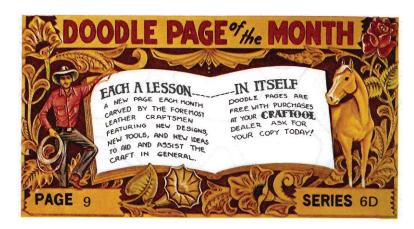
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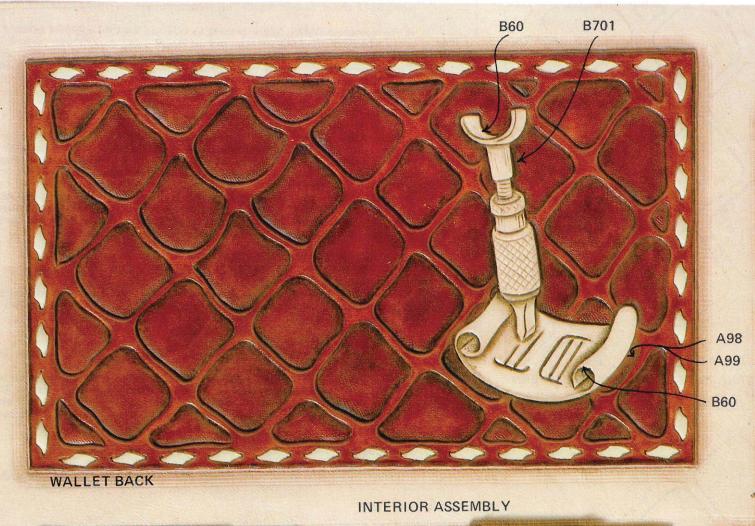
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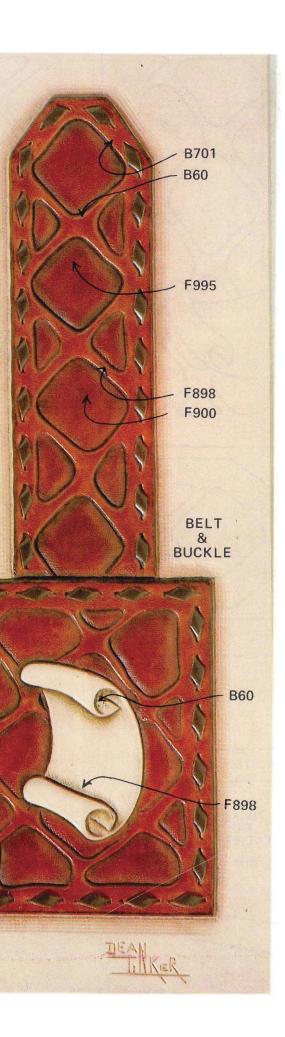
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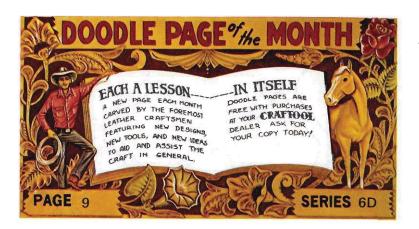
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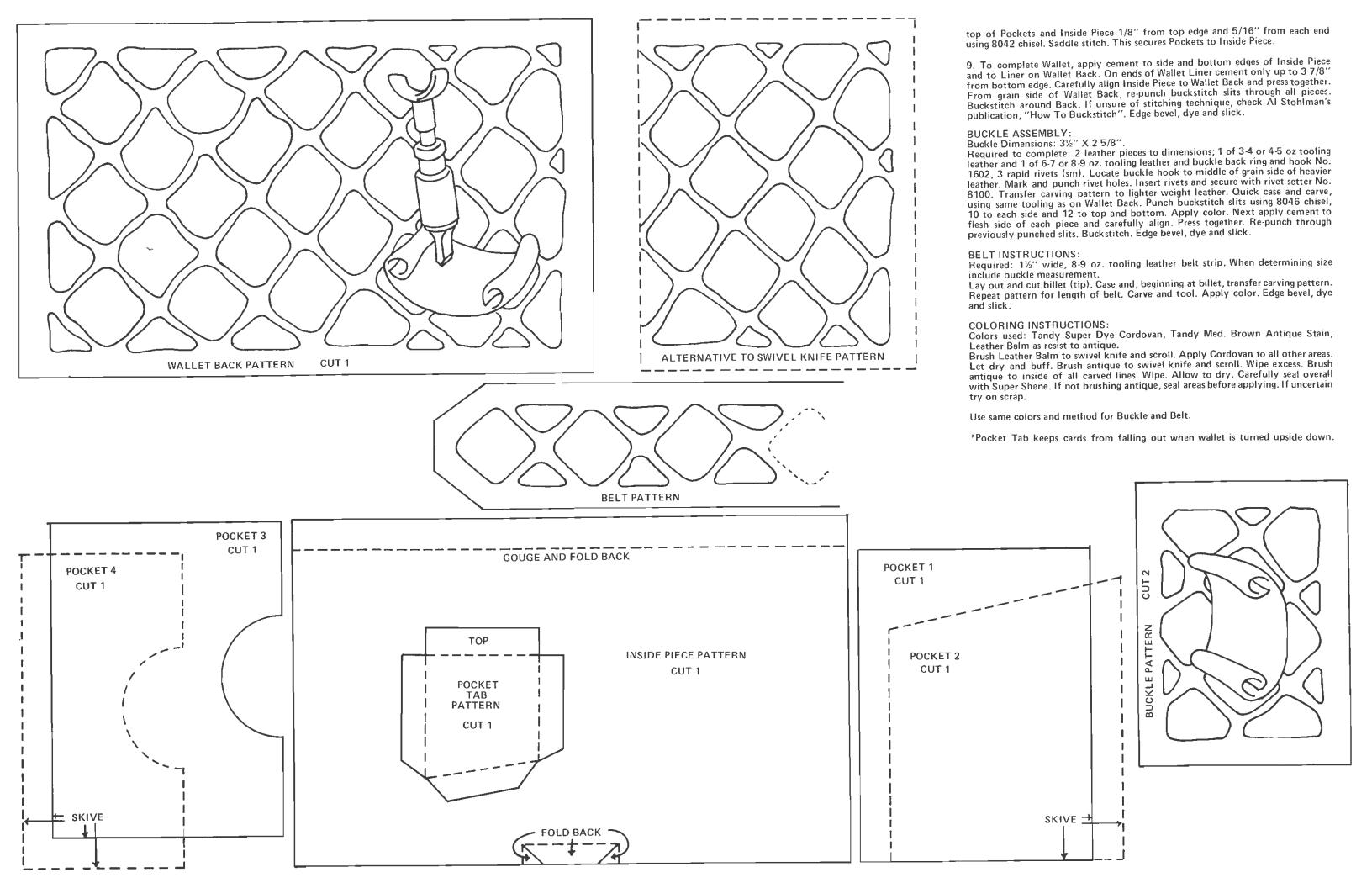
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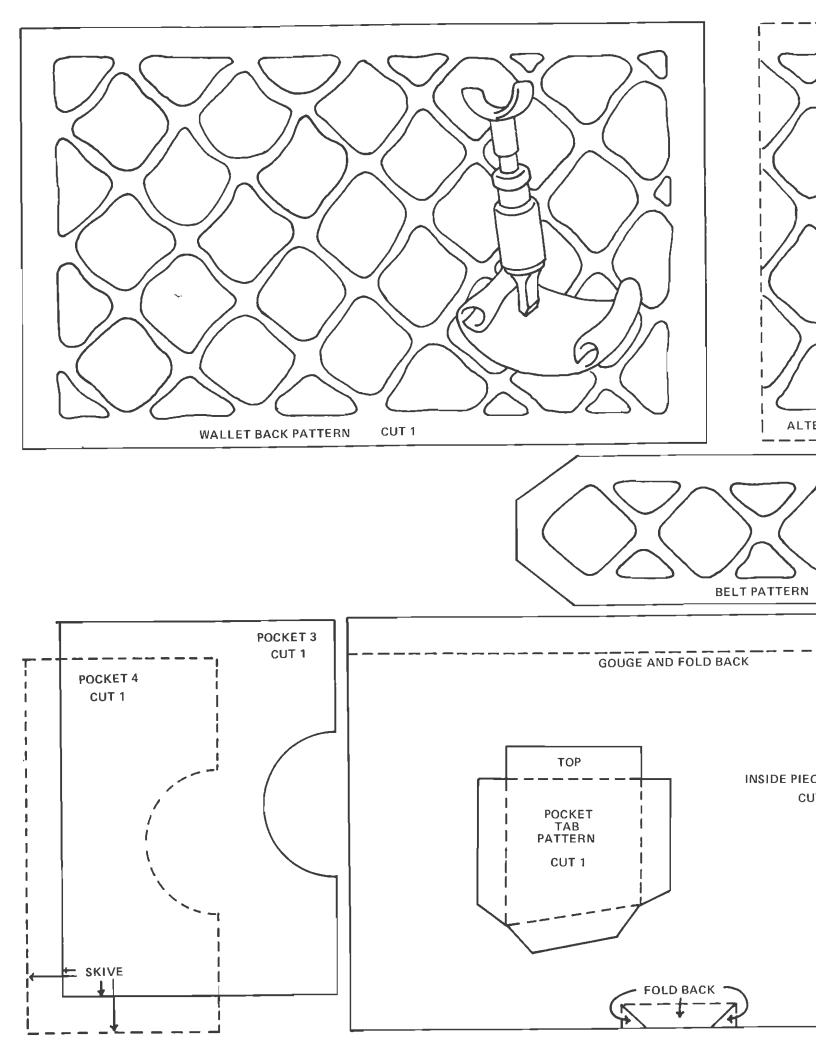
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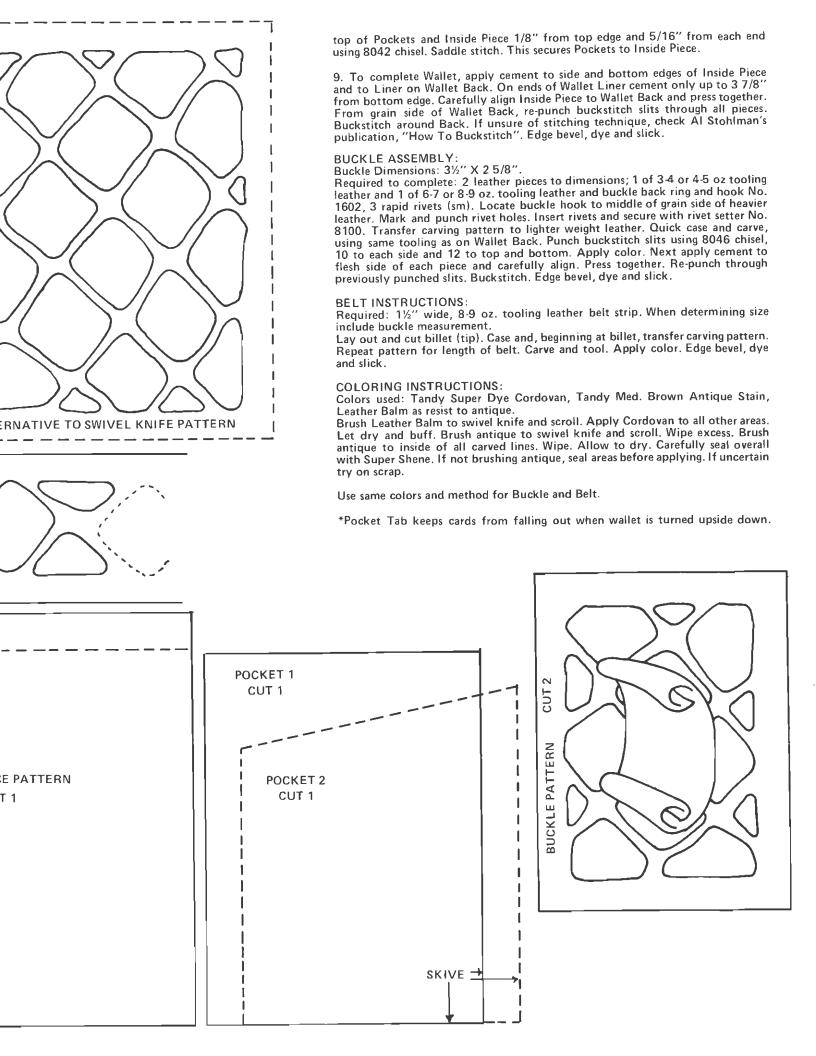
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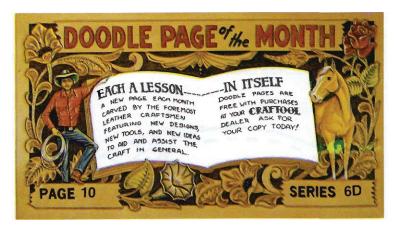
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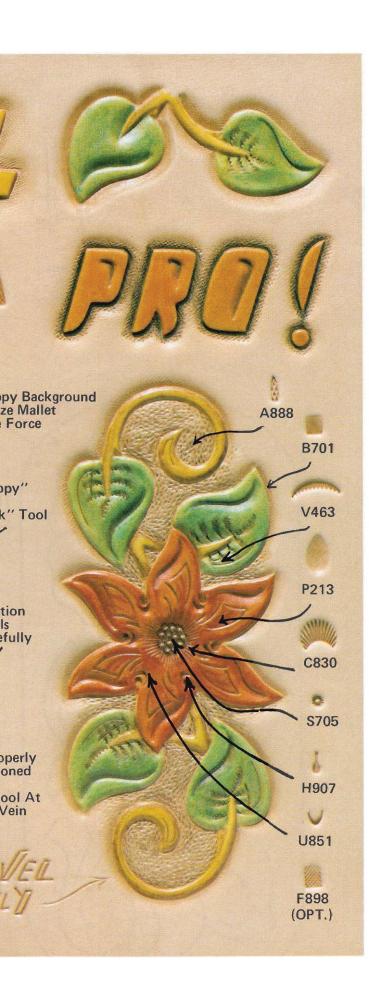
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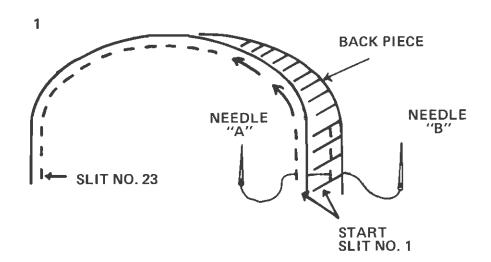
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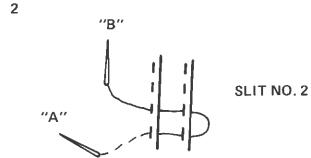
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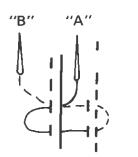
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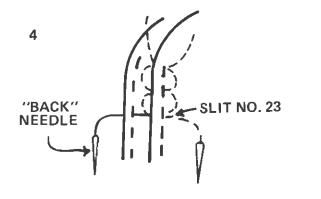


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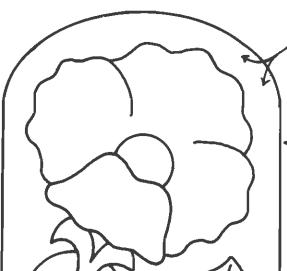
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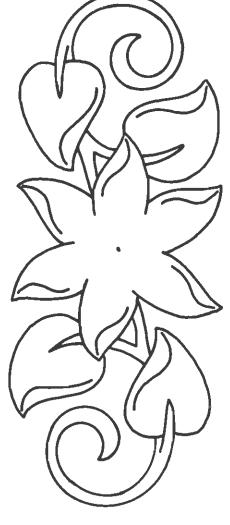


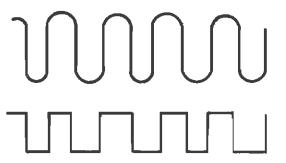
Push "Back" Needle Through Back Piece At Šlit No. 23

Continue Stitch To Slit No. 1

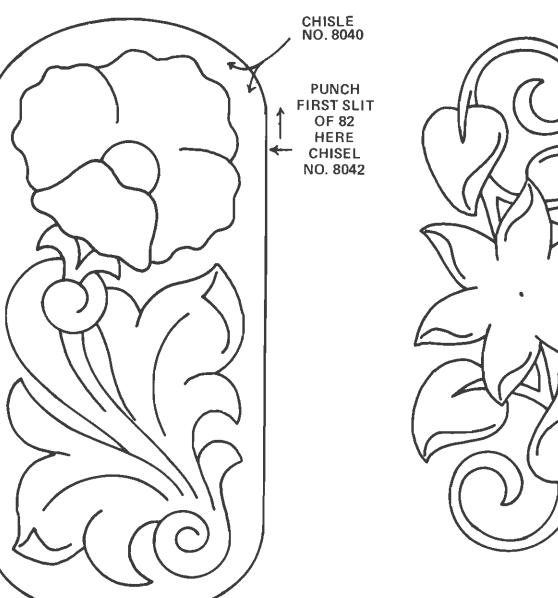
Reverse Step No. 1







BEVEL EXERCISE



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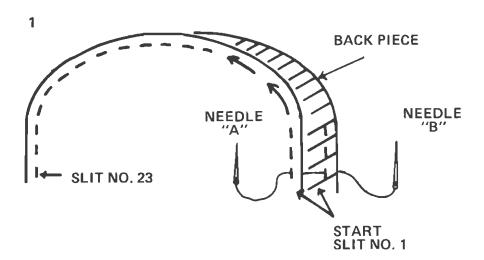
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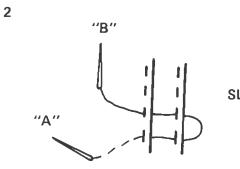
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Bevel Only Pattern: Tandy Super Dye red, orange, yellow, green, blue, med. brown, Leather Glow.

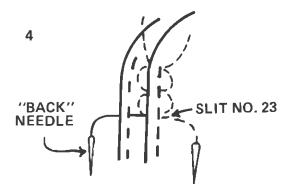
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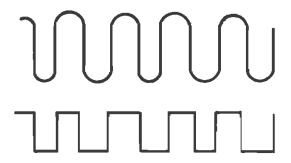
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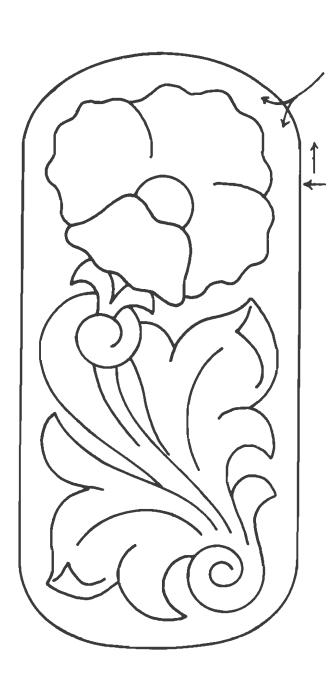
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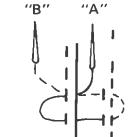
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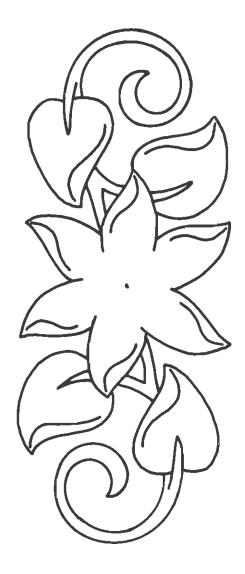


.IT NO. 2

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When coloring your project, it is suggested that you choose your own color scheme to develop color sense. Due to inherent leather properties it is best to try any color on a piece of scrap leather, preferably from leather used in project, before applying to finished work. Always please your eye.

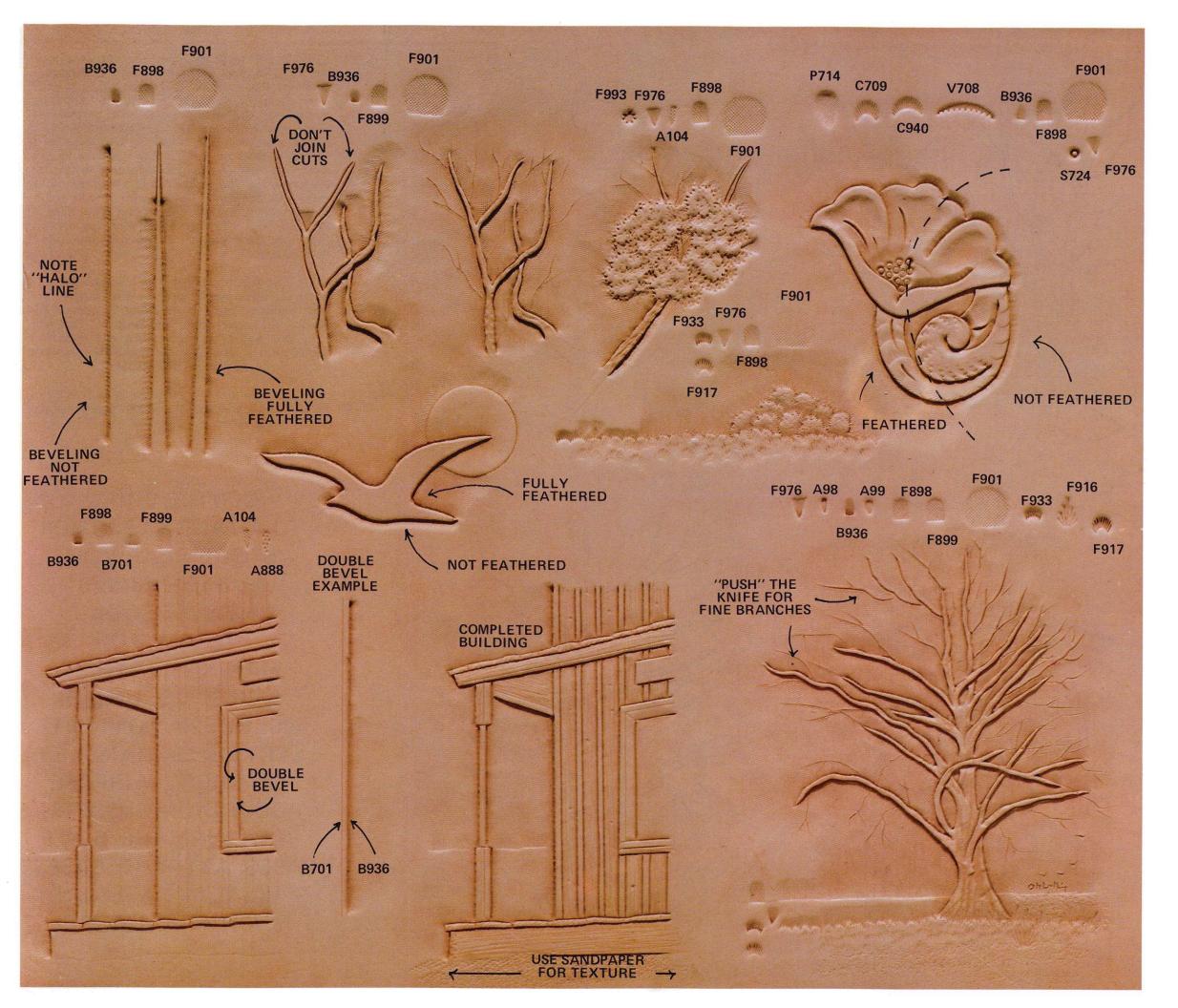
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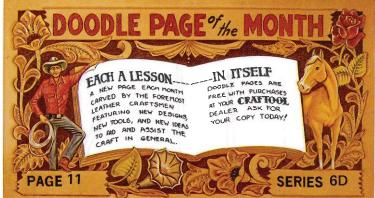
Apply med. brown to case body. Use dk. brown on backgrounding of carving. Brush good quality "sealer" to carving and apply antique overall, wiping excess. Apply final sealer.

Bevel Only Pattern: Tandy Super Dye red, orange, yellow, green, blue, med. brown, Leather Glow.

Apply yellow overall (not to background) to pattern. Next reduce orange about 5 to 1 with solvent. Apply over yellow on flower only. Reduce red about 3 to 1. Apply lightly over orange. Prepare green by reducing about 6 to 1. Add blue sparingly 1 drop at a time, remembering that green will change to a different shade when applied over yellow. Now brush med. brown carefully into "deco" cuts and into and around flower center. Highlight leaf tooling and "cuts" and also apply to edges of end swirls. Carefully seal pattern with Super Shene. Apply Leather Glow to backgrounding, preferably with brush.

Practice these "exercises" faithfully and you will soon be "beveling like a pro"!





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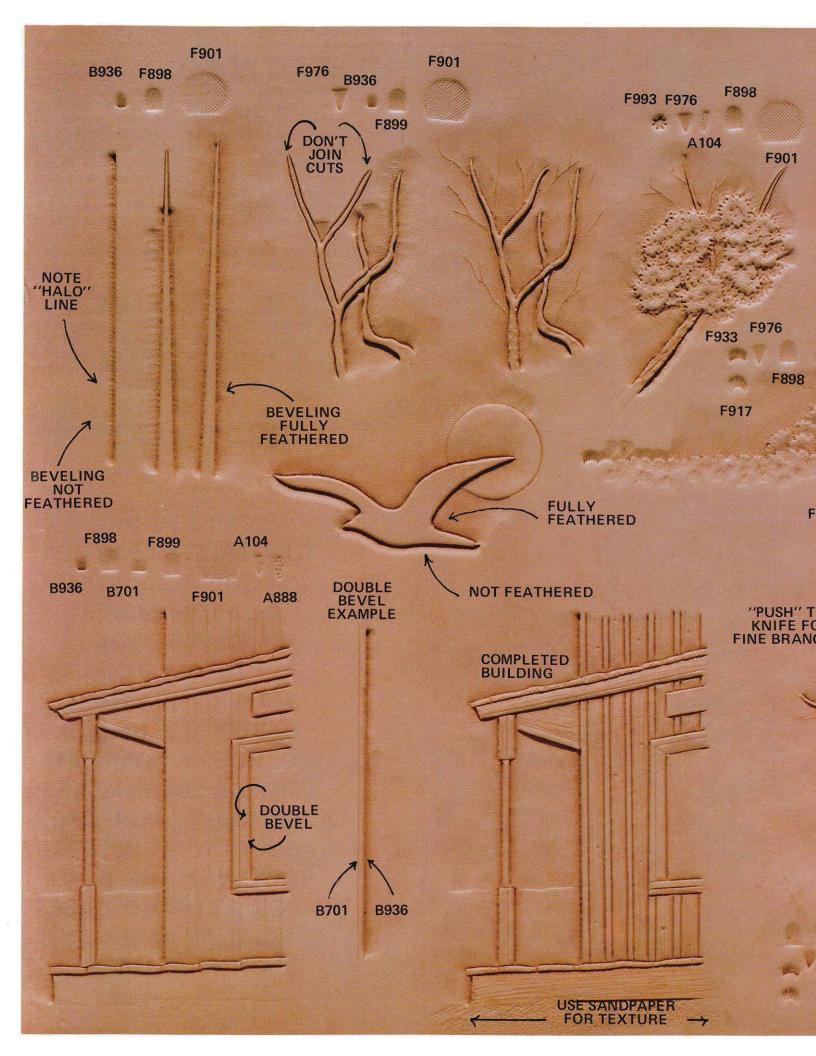
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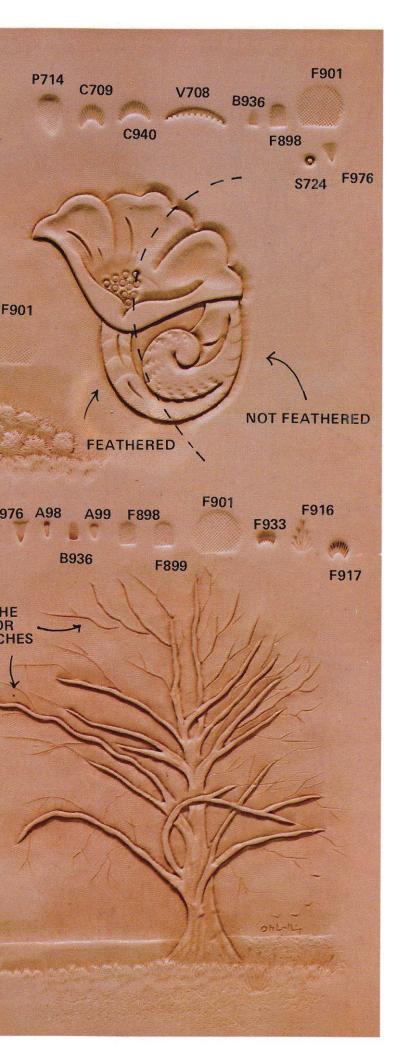
In the second example, the tree branches, note the cutting; the sharp points are never cut to meet. Use the F976 to complete the cut. The tip of the branch cuts are completed with the beveler B936. Some branches will be cut deeper than they are wide; to bevel these, tip the B936 forward to keep the pressure from the branch. After the bevel and feathering is completed, use the modeling spoon to reshape the branch.

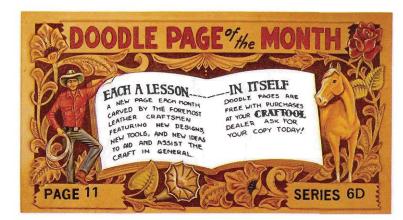
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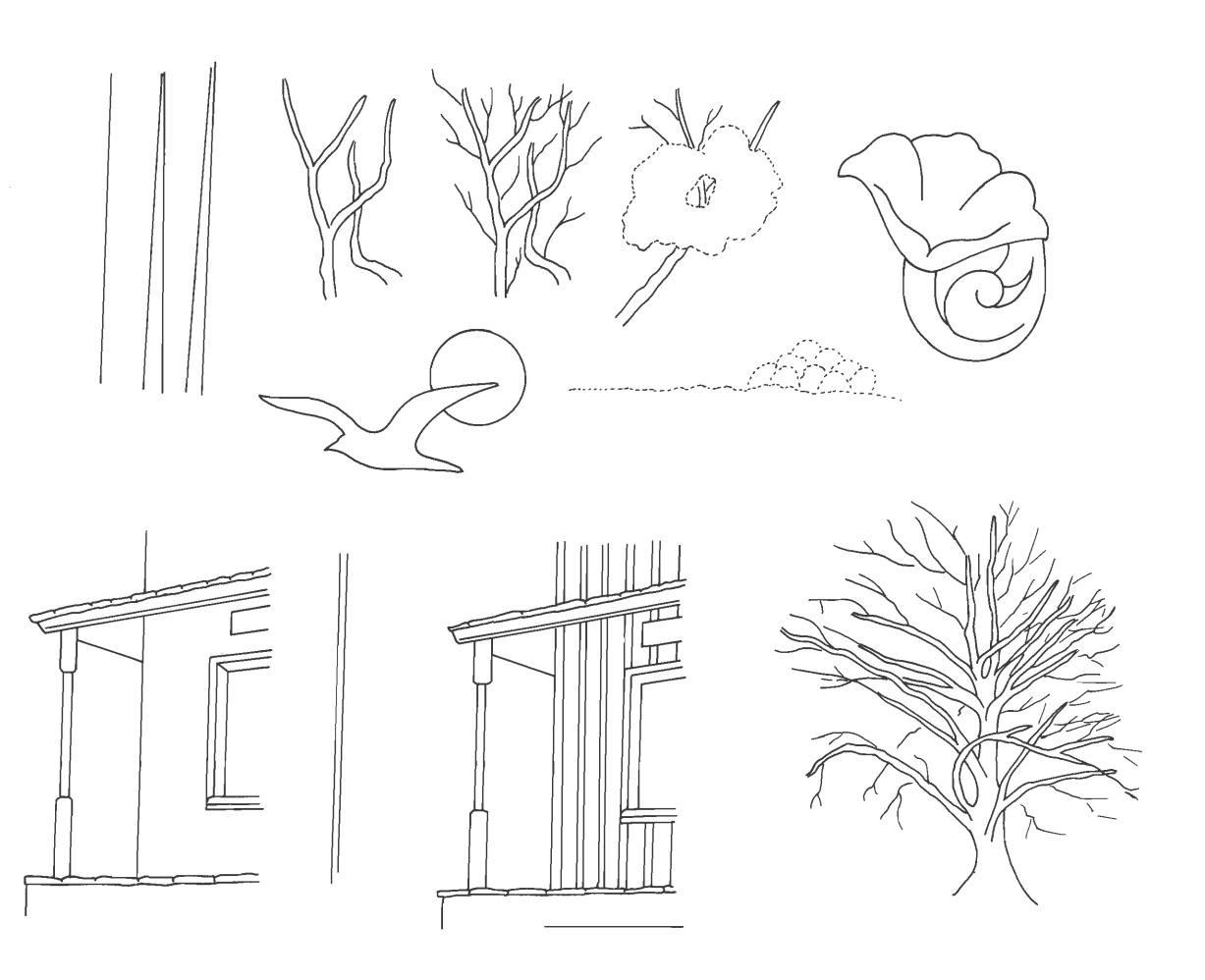
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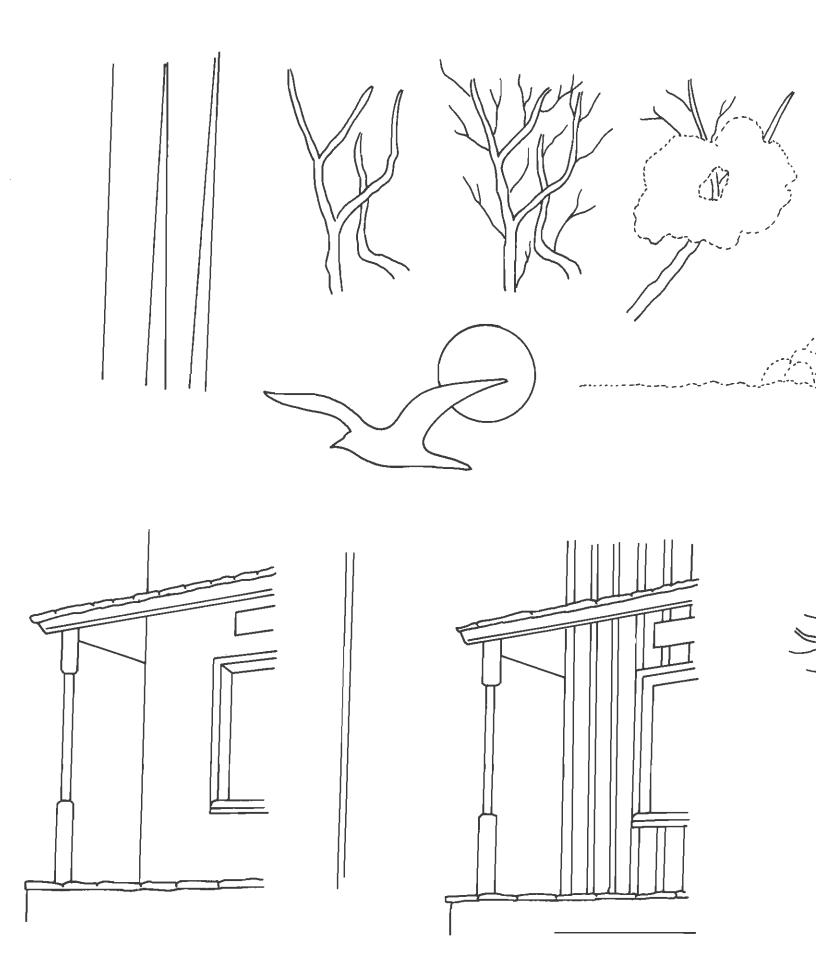


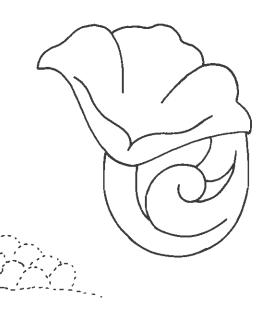
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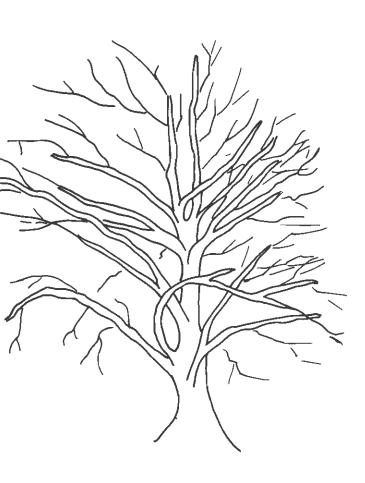
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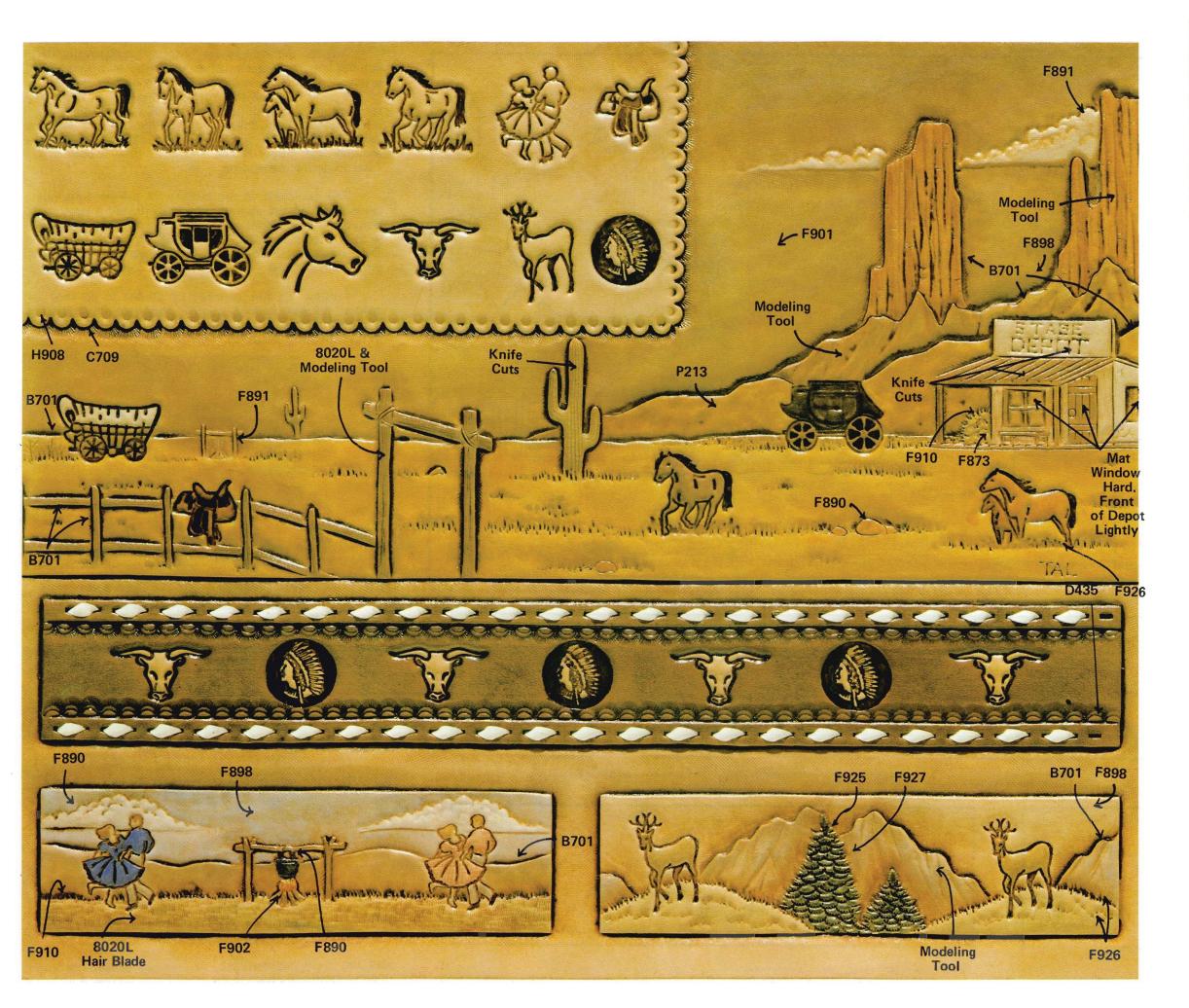


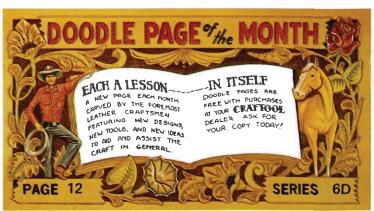
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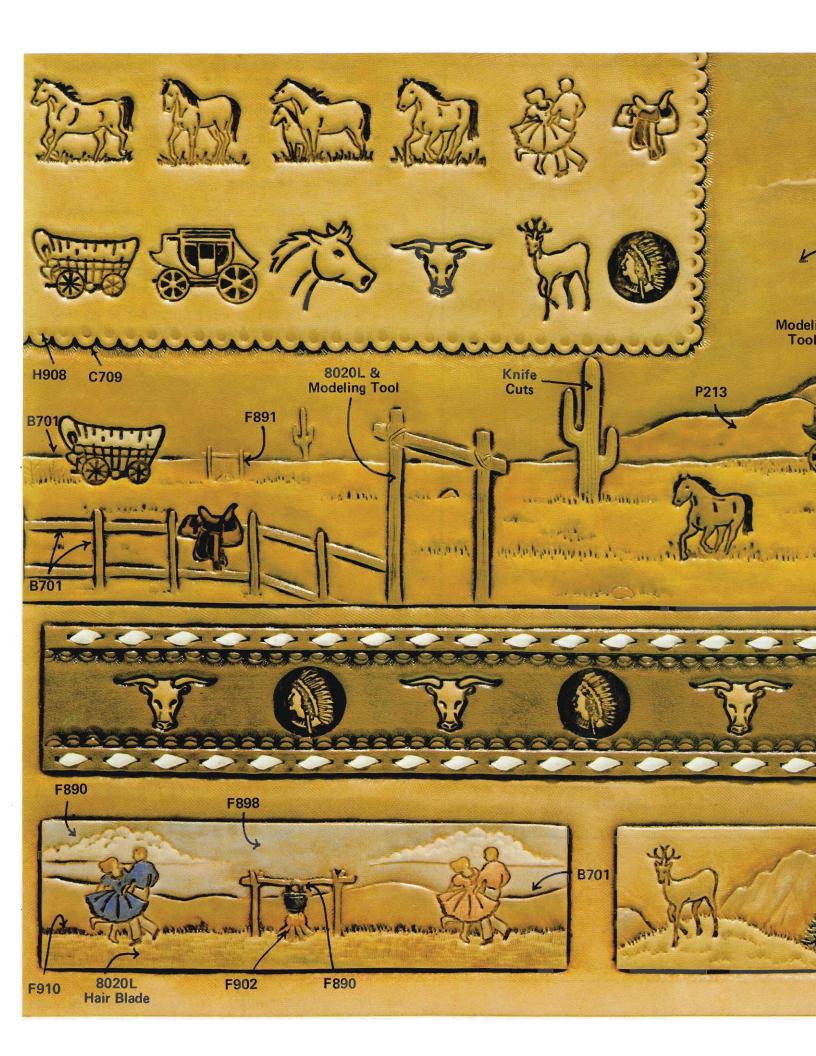
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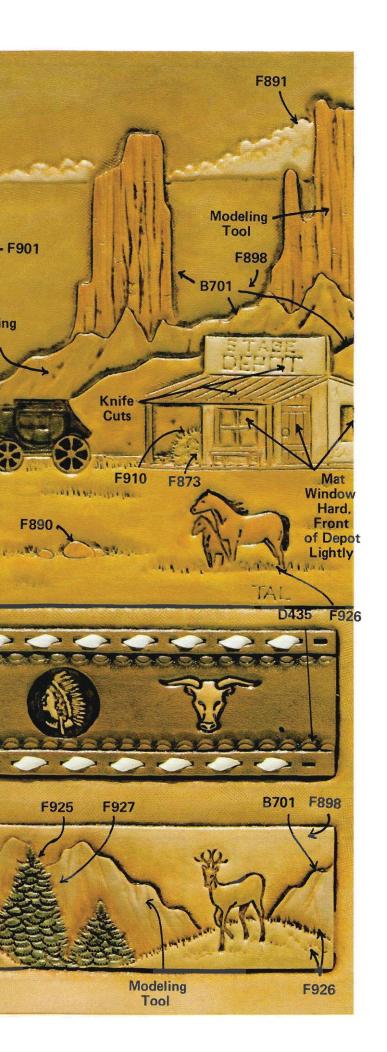
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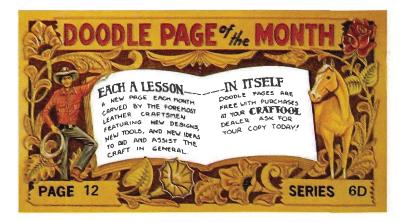
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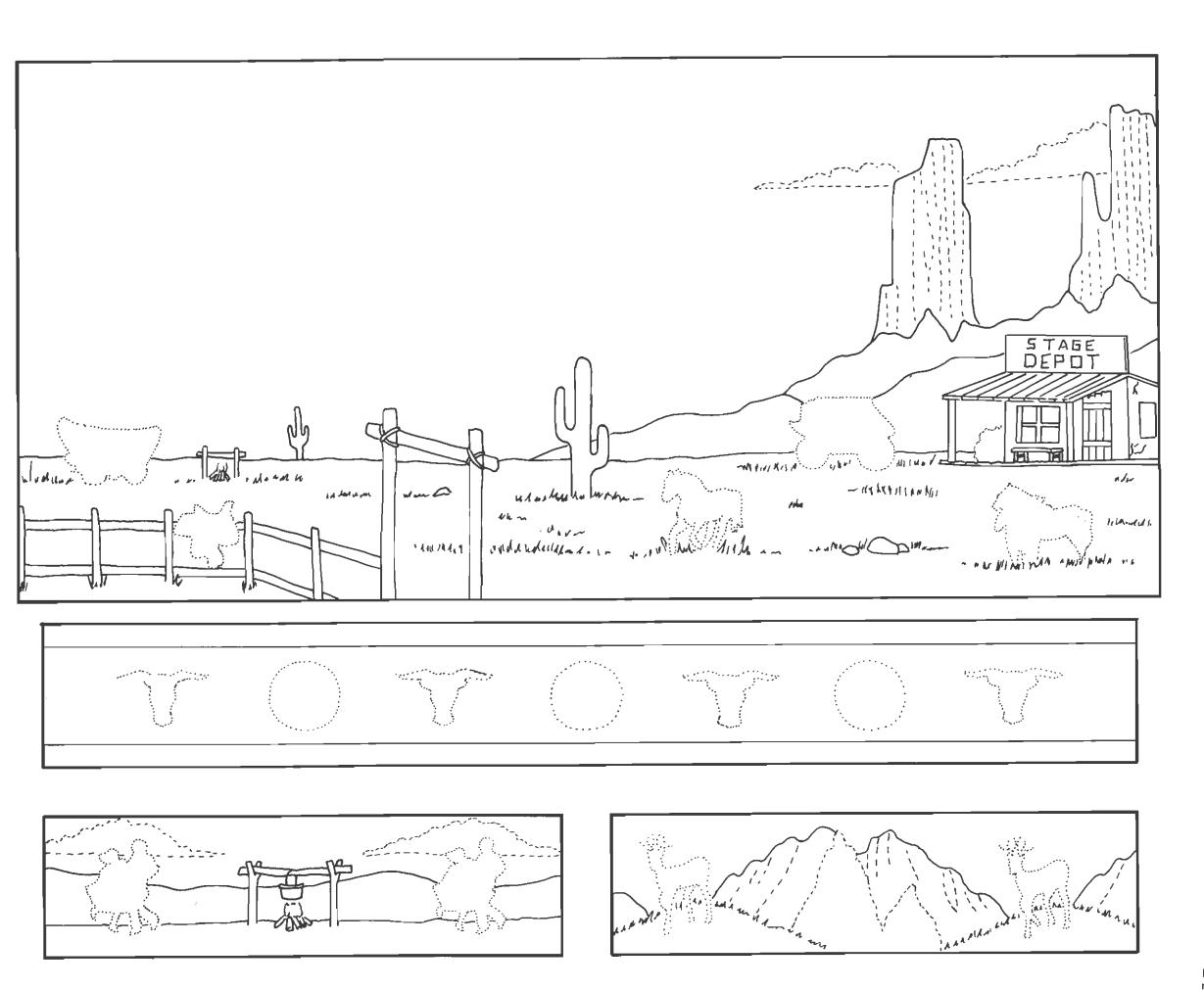
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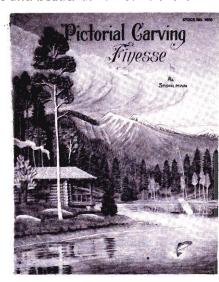
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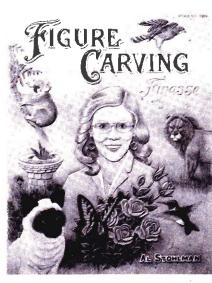
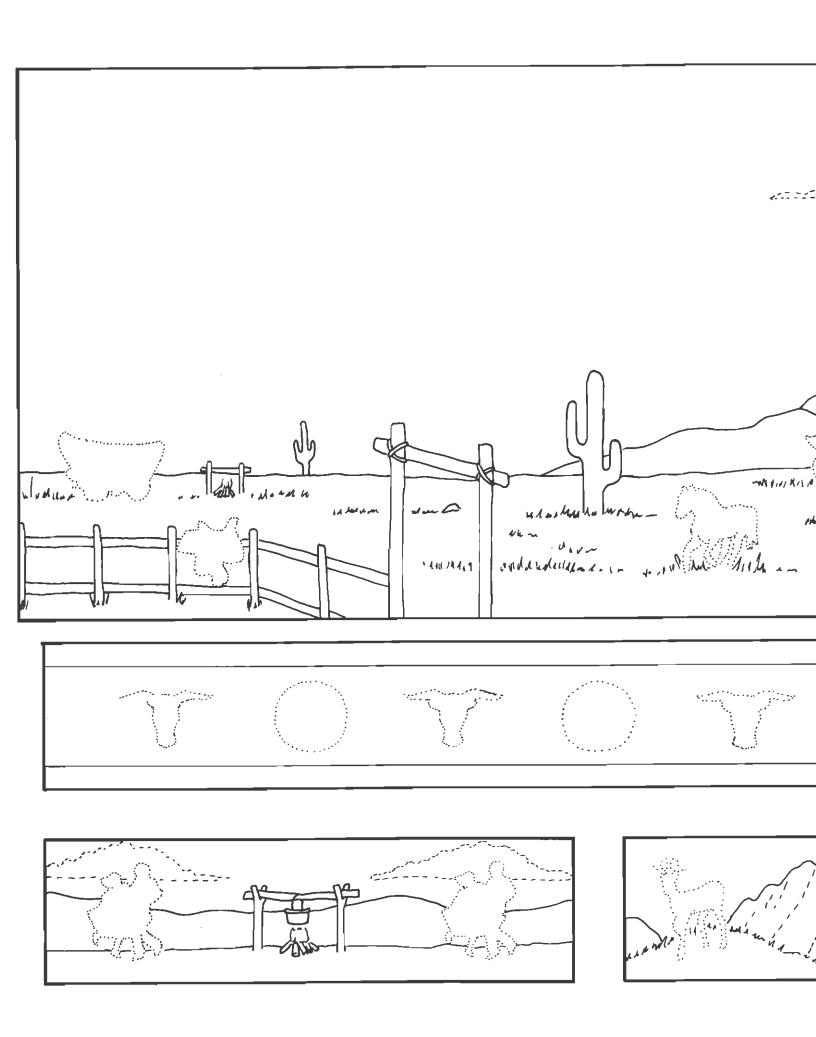
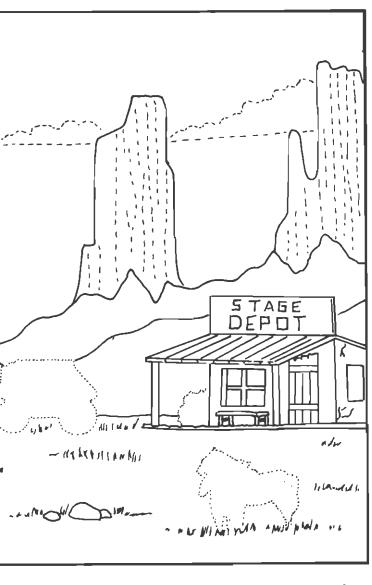
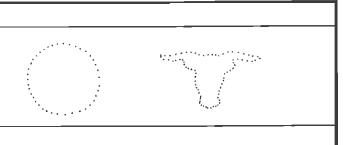
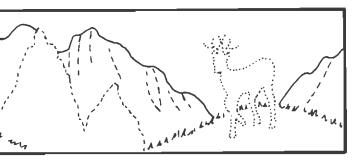


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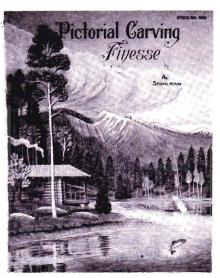




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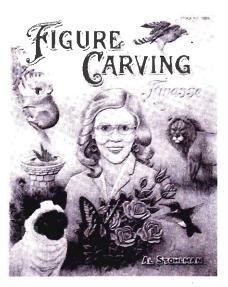


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