

Lessons in Card Carving

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This month we present some simple designs in Card Carving which illustrate how card carving can be used on various greeting cards.

Use a jack-knife. By experimenting a little with various blades you can determine what is best to use. In some places you need a sharp pointed knife and in other places a round end on the blade.

To keep your knife in sharp condition keep a good stone and at frequent intervals, or whenever necessary, touch up the blade on the stone. By designing in pencil the flowers, etc., very beautiful effects can be secured. At least, you should know definitely what you plan to make. Without some kind of an outline it is difficult to get a good design. Most of the strokes are cut by pulling towards the body, however, some of them can be made away from the body.

Use a combination of knifemanship, pen and ink and brush work. A little color adds greatly to the body and beauty of design.