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St. Nicholas

Cut premarked egg into 2 separate segments, discarding small V-shaped wedge of shell, fig.1...Take particular care in doing so as there will be no outlining of cut edges with braid...Carefully clean inner surfaces free of any loosened membrane...Fill-in holes at top and bottom with premixed epoxy...(Place surgical tape on outside surface, fill from within with glue...When 'set', remove tape and sand outer surfaces smooth...) Glue lower portion of shell to upper portion, using epoxy to insure a strong, fast bond, figures 2...An elongated shell unit is the result of this union...

Affix findings (A,B,C) onto outer shell as in fig.3...These pieces will be preshaped to curvature of shell surface...Paint over gold finish with white paint or gesso...Paint interior of shell halves with same medium...Several coats of white will be needed to completely cover gold finish, allowing for drying time inbetween...

Assemble base parts (D) and cement together onto length of rod, figures 4...When firmly joined, set egg atop and shape pieces to bottom of shell...Drill openings at center bottom of rods used at corresponding points...Paint outer shell with red acrylic paint...Several coats will be needed, allowing for drying time inbetween...Epoxy egg atop base unit and slide pearl (E) onto exposed end of rod with egg, fig.5., gluing same in place...Mirror (F) will be affixed within shell, fig.6., reflective side up...(This is the platform upon which figure of Santa will be placed eventually)...

Paint inner surface of shell and top of mirror platform with white, water-base glue...Sprinkle diamond dust over coated walls and platform and shake-off excess...

Austrian bead dangles will be assembled as in fig.7...Two double-bead units will be formed, using flat-head pin, while four single drop units will be made, utilizing small bell caps...Parts (G,H,I,J) will be encompassed within this procedure...

Two filigrees (K) will be affixed to sides of shell, figures 8...S-shaped scroll (L) will be cut and added for support, fig.9...Flower finding(M) will be affixed to filigree, and stoned pins (N) will be nestled within flower centers, fig.10...Cut 2 'eye', ends of filigree, fig.11., and attach bell cap/bead units, fig.12...Press cut ends shut...Double-bead dangle unit will be attached as in fig.13...

Finial unit (Parts O.) will be assembled and affixed onto length of 1/32" brass rod, allowing for length of rod to be passed through into interior of shell, fig.14...Eyelet (P) will be affixed to second pearl (E), fig.15...Finial unit will be glued atop egg, and pearl within egg, similarly as base unit was attached, fig. 16...

Last, but certainly not least, old St. Nicholas himself will be affixed within cavity of shell atop mirror-platform. (Q), fig.17...

Enjoy!

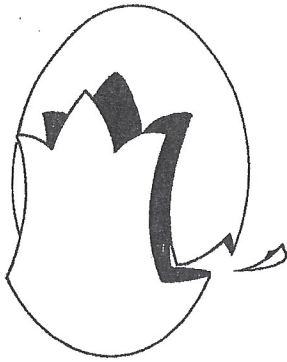
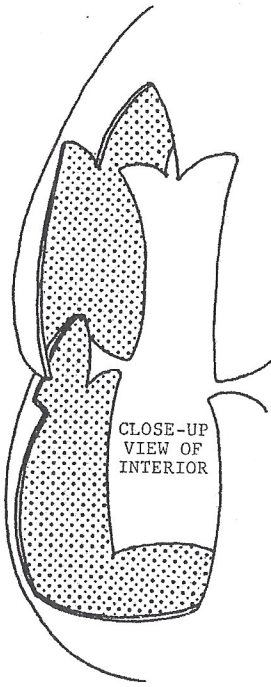
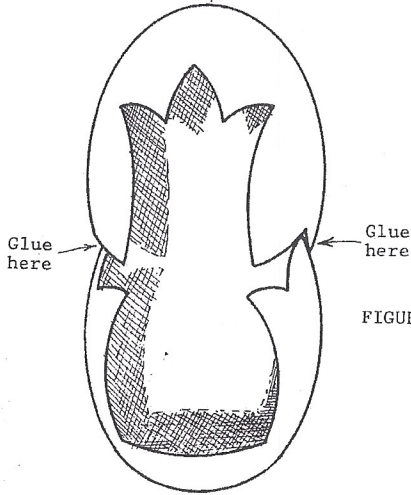


FIGURE 1.



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FIGURES 2.

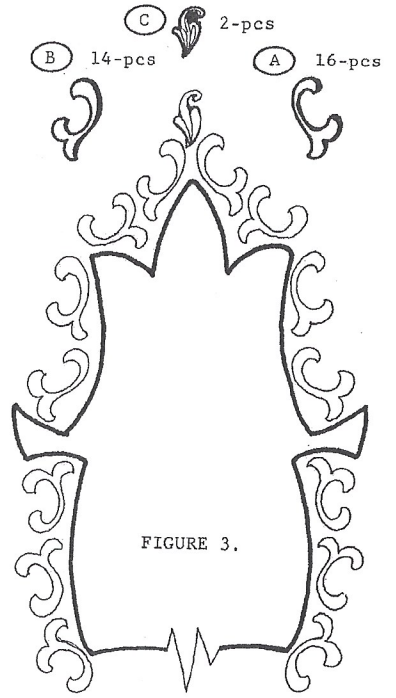
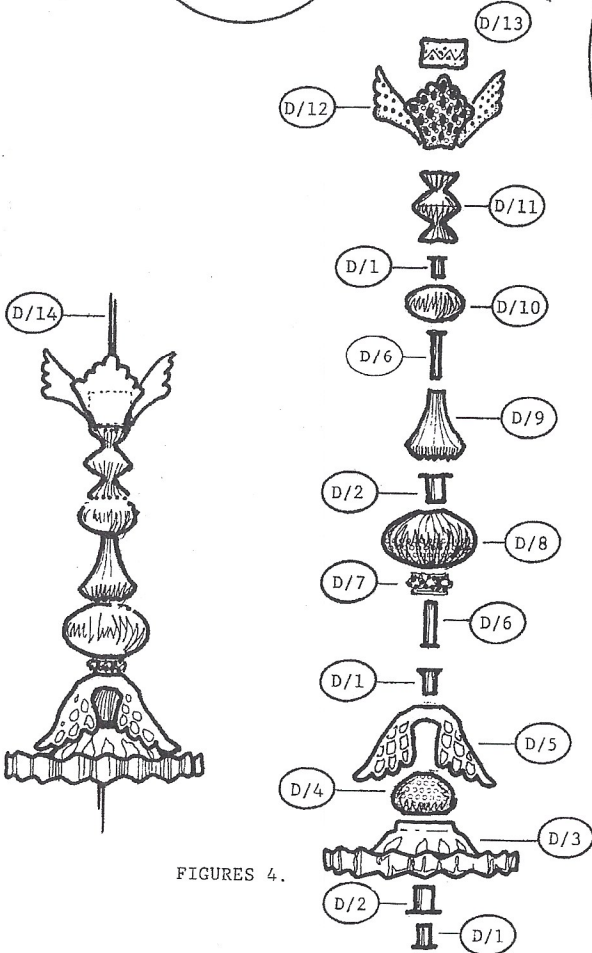
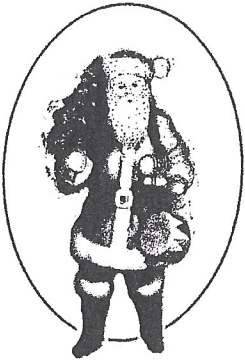
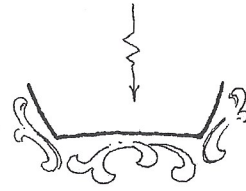


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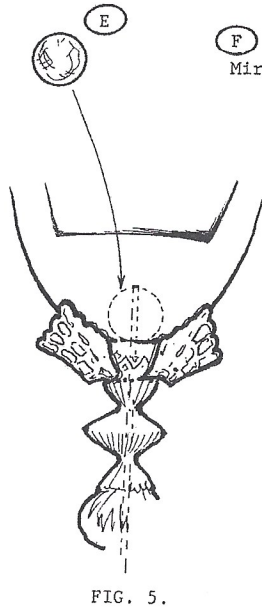


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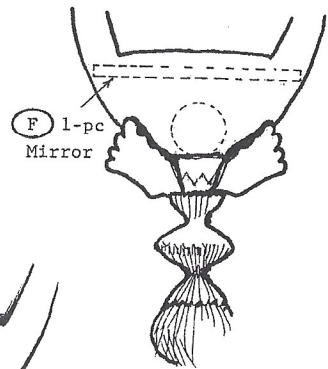


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