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This month I decided to resurrect a pair of boots I made for myself in 2009. They're getting a new sole and heel, and soon will be back on my feet!



The art on cowboy boot tops is unique in that it must be reproduced in reverse. It's not enough to make three perfect feathers—you must repeat the design as a mirror image.

Another interesting moment happens when leather inlay is requested on the foot of a boot. It's difficult to place since leather can stretch during lasting, so there are many fun-filled moments of worry while you wait to see if it's correct.



There's no foolproof way to verify a design element is correctly positioned until the boots are actually put on the last. Fortunately, these feathers floated down and landed in exactly the right spot.