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Posted by razoredgeknives - 27 Jul 2012 01:09

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Re: A new idea ...
Posted by mark76 - 27 Jul 2012 06:26

Great idea, Josh. Please give us the photographs

But seriously, it shouldn't be too difficult to achieve with an aluminium strip and a mouse mat. And then some sandpaper or perhaps stropping compound.

For my information, was sort of mouse mat do people usually use to obtain a convex edge? The local computer store has many different types, with a thickness ranging from less than 1 mm to over 1 cm.

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Re: A new idea ...
Posted by cbwx34 - 27 Jul 2012 07:04

I did something similar to this using sandpaper mounted to the leather...

I used "Removable Double Sided Tape", which had just enough hold to keep the paper on, but didn't leave any residue. (And a surprise to me, I only need one piece for the entire process.) Sandpaper from 100-2500 grit. Then, just removed the tape for the final stropping with the leather.

A lot of posts I've read... people switched from using mousepads to just using leather, because the mousepad had too much give... although it's still commonly called the "sandpaper on mousepad" technique.

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Re: A new idea ...
Posted by KenBuzbee - 27 Jul 2012 08:37

Seems like your idea should work perfectly, Josh. The leather idea is good too. Probably less compressive than the neoprene, so the "convexing" would be a bit less, depending on your goal.

Ken

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Re: A new idea ...
Posted by wickededge - 27 Jul 2012 08:39

Hey Josh,

Thanks for your post! It's a thought that's been lurking around in my mind for a long time - mounting neoprene pads to the handles. If you do it, I'd love to hear your results. I have a couple other tricks up my sleeve for convex edges that I think you'll love, once I get them into production.

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