Nano or roo?
Posted by Rlb - 29 Sep 2012 15:04

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Posted by wickededge - 29 Sep 2012 16:45

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Posted by Rlb - 30 Sep 2012 08:28

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Re: Nano or roo?
Posted by wickededge - 30 Sep 2012 11:40

You might try getting a super polished bevel with the roo strops and then adding in a nearly invisible micro-bevel, either with the nano-cloth strops and your choice of abrasives or with the Micro-Fine ceramics. That's what I'm doing with my carry knives because it's important for me to be able to show off a beautiful and hyper-aggressive edge and still be able to use it for everyday tasks. I use my knife constantly and people always want to check out the kind of edge I have on it.

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Re: Nano or roo?
Posted by Rlb - 30 Sep 2012 18:11

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Perfect solution bc I already own the micro fine ceramics! great thought!

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Re: Nano or roo?
Posted by ApexGS - 02 Oct 2012 16:34

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Posted by wickededge - 02 Oct 2012 16:46

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I think that's a great approach, especially since your stones are already broken in. I bet the results are really nice.

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Posted by TPeters - 02 Oct 2012 19:37

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I second the inquiry for a "quick rule of thumb" on a micro bevel.

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Re: Nano or roo?

Posted by StevenPinson - 02 Oct 2012 20:20

A micro bevel is a application type item. You first really have to know what you are going to do with it. A couple of questions would be: Do I want to push cut? Do I want to slice? or do I want a show blade?

Also, are you putting this micro on a LH or RH knife? A X/Y split? or just a symetrical folder? Are you really wanting a convex edge for the application or a true micro?

All of these things make up and go into the application of the edge. The idea is to get as small of an edge as possible that will do the work (keep all the steel you can).

If you just want a micro to put one on your edge, just pick an angle number higher than your secondary or primary bevel (i.e. 22 Deg gets a ten stroke 5k stone at 25 Deg). Use a scope to tell how the steel reacts, and then go from there (watch for chipping, rolling, and plastic deformation).

Micros are nice on some knives and will work well ... they also can ruin your last thirty minutes of work.

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