Strop micron order?

Posted by KellyCurtis - 09 Oct 2012 19:01

Is there a posting of the strops and paste in order from largest to finest? As well as paste/strop material? I know there is a lot of numbers being thrown around and I loose track of what is rougher or what is finer than the next. For instance, will you get a more polished edge with a balsa, nano fiber, kangaroo, or leather strop with the same paste? I'd love to have a visual data sheet of all of the items available from WE in order so I don't accidentally grab the wrong paddles and take a step backwards. Hey, I'm getting old and need visual info instead of numbers!

For instance, I just ordered some random balsa strops and paste to add to the collection, and I'm sure I can sort out easy enough what will cut harder than the rest or what will give more of a polish, but to be able to see a list would make me have to think less. Thanks.

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Re: Strop micron order?

Posted by KellyCurtis - 12 Oct 2012 14:54

That list really helps. I just got in a few more strops today, they balsa 14 and 10 micron as well as the 1 and .05 leather. These will go with my pro pack 1. I think I'm going to order the fine ceramic stones as a last "stone" before stropping, being I think the ceramic will give it finer scratches to remove with the strops. Or am I headed in the wrong direction? The 800 and the 1000 do a good job, but I can still see some scratches after stropping like a mad man with the 5 and the 3.5 leather. I think the balsa strops will remove those last deep scratches I'm talking about, but you can never have enough parts for you kit! On that note, I'm going to need more knives! Anyone have a Kershaw Tilt they want to sell, cheap?!?

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Re: Strop micron order?

Posted by BobNash - 12 Oct 2012 15:07

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You are heading the right way with what you are thinking. Until your diamonds really get broken in, it is hard to get out those scratches with just the strops. Having the extra steps, including the balsa, will definitely help some, as will spending plenty of time at each grit to make sure you have obliterated the scratches from the previous grit (of course even when you think you have done this, the strops often have the effect of uncovering scratches that have just been buried). Having ceramics is a big help - the 1200/1600 and/or Micro fines - to help get those scratches out. But even then you'll sometimes notice that your strops uncover things.

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Re: Strop micron order?
Posted by KellyCurtis - 13 Oct 2012 10:22

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The balsa strops work awesome! Wow! They really take down the surface profile! I shaved last night with my ZT/Hinderer, and that is a thick blade! I also went to Walmart and got a cheap set of knifes to work on to break in the stones a bit. For the life of me I can't figure out why trying to get a perfect edge get's so addicting, but it is!

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Re: Strop micron order?
Posted by ApexGS - 13 Oct 2012 11:58

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Uh oh, you're already falling down the rabbit hole

You'll probably end up with lots of cheap knives to work on, I know I'm always picking up the bargain bin blades at auctions and yard sales. Even dad is bringing home knives when he finds them cheap! It's amazing what a great edge can do on even the cheapest of blades. I have a feeling I'll have quite the selection of razor sharp pieces to sell on the cheap at the next gun show!

Have fun and enjoy the pursuit of that perfect mirror edge

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Re: Strop micron order?
Posted by PhilipPasteur - 13 Oct 2012 13:06

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Kelly,

Is this what you are looking for?

www.wickededgeusa.com/index.php?option=c...eneral&Itemid=46

It is in the FAQ, you get to it under the resources tab from the main page.

It has been up there for at least a year, likely much more. It is quite useful as it has small micrographs of what the scratches for each grit actully look like.

Phil

KellyCurtis wrote:

Thanks for the info, guys. So many stones, so many strops, so many tubes of pastes, and not enough time in the day! With just the basic pro pack 1 and one evening I am extremely impressed at my results. My other strops and paste should be here by friday giving me all weekend to mess with my WE. As a suggestion for marketing, I'd still do a list from the roughest stones to the finest paste/stop combo. Plus it would give me a clear list of where my money will be going!

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Re: Strop micron order?

Posted by KellyCurtis - 13 Oct 2012 13:14

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That is the one! I noticed it was done in 2011, and I'm sure Clay has more insight as of now. I'd like to see an updated one with the new line up of paddles and sprays, just listed in order of what WE sells. The pics are also a huge help, but I'm sure it's a pain to go through the hassle of taking pics between steps and then listing them on a webpage.

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