I have officially dulled a blade with the WE

Posted by MichaelBessinger - 09 Oct 2012 19:20

New to the WE and am a very inexperienced sharpener. I hope this system is better than all the others I have tried and what little time I have spent on the WE, I can easily claim that it is.

New to the WE as of 2 days ago and I have officially dulled the edge on my Shirogorov Hati. I called WE and spoke with a gentleman named Kyle, who was very polite and helpful. He said that stones have to be broken in and that I need to give the knife about 40-75 strokes per side using the coarser stones until I get a burr. I could barely get a burr after about 80 strokes on one side at 100 grit. I am guessing that the stones need to be broken in more, but I even rubbed the stones together to increase the breaking in process. So, my knife is more dull now than ever. Seriously frustrating. What am I doing wrong?

Also, what do you do when you have A LOT of metal shavings and dust that settled into my Hati's pivot area? I rinsed it off and the action is extremely gritty now.

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Re: I have officially dulled a blade with the WE

Posted by PhillipHyun - 15 Oct 2012 18:45

How did you set your angle? Did you use a sharpie to make sure that you were sharpening right up to the apex? That's like the most important thing, or else you could spend a LOT of strokes reprofiling the blade and instead of 80 strokes it could take 200 strokes to get all the metal removed to get a burr... By the sounds of it you were removing a lot of metal (wrap your pivot and handle with saran wrap to prevent the shavings from getting in there). Was the knife really that dull to begin with or were you trying to re-profile to a significantly lower angle?

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