Touching up the edge
Posted by PhillipHyun - 15 Oct 2012 12:31

I don't need to reprofile or start at 100 grit to sharpen my knife. I want to touch it up a bit. Where do you start for a touch up? 400? 600? Thanks!

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by wickededge - 15 Oct 2012 12:33

If you're using a marker to help identify the angle and you're sure you're hitting the apex of the edge with the stones, you should be fine with the 600# stones.

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by PhillipHyun - 15 Oct 2012 12:46

I do use a marker as well as careful set-up measurements to the mm. Should I be feeling a burr at 600 before moving to 800?

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by wickededge - 15 Oct 2012 13:11

If you're using good magnification to examine the edge and verify that the marker is all gone then you probably don't need to go all the way to a burr but if you're not sure you've reached the edge then working to raise a burr will be important.

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by PhillipHyun - 15 Oct 2012 13:12

Thanks. I should probably invest in a good magnifier. Any suggestions on magnification level?

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by wickededge - 15 Oct 2012 13:27

There are a bunch of magnifiers available on Amazon. Here is the little one I use and I've been very happy with it: 60x Lighted Loupe .

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by PhillipHyun - 15 Oct 2012 15:21

Thanks Clay!

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Re: Touching up the edge
Posted by ApexGS - 15 Oct 2012 18:43

I still can't get over how easy touch ups are. I thrashed my Hogue chopping saplings just to torture it, and rolled over part of the edge. A minute or so with the 1000 grit diamond stones sorted it right out using my noted settings. I think that's another good reason why so many folks here mention the 1000 grits for daily use; they strike that balance between an attractive matte finish and being easy to touch up with.

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Re: Touching up the edge

Posted by PhillipHyun - 15 Oct 2012 18:53

ApexGS wrote:

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Amen brother! Me too!!! I just ordered one of those nifty 60x lighted magnifiers that Clay suggested. Dirt cheap!!!!

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