Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by dschur - 20 Aug 2011 18:17

Clay, I was wondering if you could share your routine for strop care and maintenance.

How often would you guess you reload diamond paste on your strops? For example In how many knives (at say 100 or 200 strokes per knife)? Do you get through 5, 10, 25, 50 knives? How do you know when to reload?

Do you ever totally clean them (i.e. scrub them down with a brush/soapy water, dry and load new compound)?

Thanks for any tips! I already picked up off your vids to alcohol wipe between strops, and store them same size together in a ziploc.

If you don't mind, I'll post some of my newb questions here rather than calling so all can benefit.

Thanks

Dave

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance

Posted by wickededge - 19 Mar 2012 10:54

Deputy115 wrote:

I've tried to open the documents but I"m getting XML data format, bunch of numbers and symbols.

It's an Excel document, so it might be a version issue. What version, if any, of Excel do you use?

The new knife wiki is going here: Knife Sharpening Recommendations . As soon as I can figure out how

to use it, we'll be up, I'll post the data I already have and it will be open to all to contribute.

I'm hoping we'll get some great contributions for all kinds of knife sharpening tops, not just stuff for the Wicked Edge. I'd love to see a comprehensive steel section, a comprehensive knife anatomy section, another for blade designs, a good history section - really anything knife related with solid research and references.

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance
Posted by Deputy115 - 19 Mar 2012 11:02

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Excel 2007 ..and I agree with the knife related topics and references. Comprehensive is the key word here

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance
Posted by razoredgeknives - 28 Mar 2012 12:08

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Posted by wickededge - 28 Mar 2012 13:55

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I haven't tried tape for the strops, we use hot glue. We only use the tape for the stones.

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance
Posted by DennisHibar - 28 Mar 2012 17:06

Try Elmers Glue All. It holds tight and if/when you want to remove the strop material (leather or balsa), it comes off very easily by soaking in hot water. Just make sure to use clamps to get a tight seal.

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Re: Strop Care & Maintenance
Posted by davidmcm77 - 05 Apr 2012 14:27

Where are you guys getting the leather to replace the damaged strops?

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