Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by CraigDavis - 01 Mar 2013 21:41

So I have been bitten by the sharpening gods (lower case g)... In my search for the finest sharpening system I found Wicked Edge. Great information here on this forum and I've been reading (doing my homework) lately in an effort to minimize the learning curve--I do know how to use the search funtion.

I've been using a Sharpmaker for around 15 years and I have always been able to put a keen edge on a blade. Recently purchased a wa-gyuto and a paring kinfe (both thin blades) and now the Sharpmaker just doesn't "cut" it. Plus I want my blades sharper than they have been.

Been collecting knives for 15 years (one brand) and have a lot of blades to work on. Will be starting with my cheaper knives and after the learning curve on the Wicked Edge Pro 2 I will progress to my CPM M4 Grip I got a couple weeks ago and then to my more prized users.

Thanks for all the info you guys post and for keeping respect in this forum.

Craig

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by mark76 - 08 Mar 2013 02:57

Nice pictures! Your table fits the WEPS base fine

1. I wasted time when I did not raise a burr initially.

2. The coarse diamond stones remove steel fast. It really didn't seem to matter what type of steel it was. I put a 17° edge on my CPM M4 and it really didn't take long at all to raise a burr.

3. I didn't do so well with the Strops. Good thing they only cost $40. I was trying to go to fast on my wa-gyuto and they don't look so new anymore.

Sounds like the top 3 of things everybody has to go through when starting with the WEPS.

6. You must stop sharpening when there is no more hair on your arm.

Your next ambition should be facial hair

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by CraigDavis - 10 Mar 2013 20:40

So tonight I sharpened four blades. All went OK (still learning) except a fixed SOG knife. This knife has temporarily kicked my ass.

The SOG blade is tapered and does not have a flat place to mount it in the Wicked Edge base. For this reason, no matter how I tried to mount it, it was not mounted as tightly as it should have been. I started over three times from 100 grit to strops and it just is like it should be...

The only thing I can think is that the knife moves in the base slightly because of the tapered blade making the base only hold the blade on the very edge. Actually, I have to sight the blade while working it as it moves slightly. I wish my loupe was here so I could actually see what I'm doing.

Is there a way to clamp this type of blade up in the WEPS? I had to stop for the night...

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by ChetParks - 11 Mar 2013 05:43

Craig,

I use "electrical friction tape" on all my knives, it really locks and holds the knife in the vice with no residue and no over tightening. Another thing and I know it won't help with the SOG but with folders, especially those with heavy handles is I fold the handle up 90 degrees so I don't have all that

weight of the handle hanging out there.

Chet

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by cbwx34 - 11 Mar 2013 06:29

CraigDavis wrote:

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In addition to Chet's idea, I use a thin piece of leather to hold some blades, others have recently said using a piece of Moleskin works well.

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Posted by CraigDavis - 11 Mar 2013 08:59

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Chet

I have read about using friction tape. I will give it a try. I've not had any issues with this until I tried to sharpen a blade with a full taper and no flat areas to grab.

Thanks for taking the time to help.

Craig

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by CraigDavis - 11 Mar 2013 09:00

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I have not seen the Full Flat Ground Blade page. Guess what I will be reading...

Thanks for the info.

Craig

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by wickededge - 11 Mar 2013 11:09

CraigDavis wrote:

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Thanks for taking the time to help.

Craig

I just sharpened 4 railroad spike knives that a guy sent in. They are very thick and have a radical taper, both from spine to edge and heel to tip - absolutely nothing close to parallel on those blades. I used friction tape on them and it worked great. The heel-to-tip taper was so pronounced that I had to put an extra piece of tape, folded up on the far half of each jaw to fill in the extra space. Once I did that, they knives locked in very solidly.

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by cbwx34 - 11 Mar 2013 12:34

Photos!!!

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by wickededge - 11 Mar 2013 13:10

Here is the spike knife in the clamp:

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Re: Hey all. Just ordered up an Wicked Edge Pro Pack

Posted by wickededge - 11 Mar 2013 13:11

Here's the whole collection:

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