

KNIFE STROPPING

E-BOOK GUIDE

FIRST EDITION



SHARP PEBBLE

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WHAT IS IN THE BOX?



The box contains:

1 x Leather Strop

1 x Green Compound

1 x Bamboo Base

1 x Non Slip rubber base (Attached to Bamboo Base)

Tip 1: You never ever want to cut into a strop, so you always pull backwards.

Tip 2: If you're going to store a knife for a longer period of time, wrap it up in newspaper. The oil in the ink helps prevent rust over time.

WHAT CAN I SHARPEN?

You can sharpen Woodworking Chisels, Straight Razors, Utility Knives, Hunting Knives, Folding Knives, Fillet Knives, Kitchen Knives, Chef's Knives.



DO I NEED A GREEN COMPOUND?

A strop can be used without any compound. Sharpeners of straight razor often prefer using a smooth leather strop with no compound applied. The leather polishes the metal and removes any burr from the edge, leaving it crisp and sharp.



Knife and tools users on the other hand often use a compound on their strops. They find it quickly and easily gives them an excellent edge that meets their needs.

In our experience, excellent results are achieved using the compound but make sure its evenly distributed since honing compound with its abrasive particles will show results more quickly than plain.

Note that the honing compound is the final abrasive used in the sharpening process. The abrasive particles are extremely small and will polish an existing edge to a mirror finish but are not aggressive enough to bring a dull edge back to sharp. The edge being sharpened must be taken through the finest sharpening stones before the compound is used for it to be effective..

WHAT IS HONING COMPOUND?

Honing compound must be applied to a surface in order to be used. Many surfaces can be used with compounds, leather strops being one of the most common.

The particles in our selection of compounds range from 6 microns. Various materials are used for the abrasive particles such as aluminum oxide, chromium oxide, and diamonds.

HOW DO I USE HONING COMPOUND?

Here are two methods of applying compounds to a leather strop.

Method 1:



1. We will suggest wearing gloves to perform this method.
2. This method involves rubbing the green compound onto the leather strop.
3. Then Take a bit of mineral oil, apply few drops on the loaded strop and rub.
4. Rubbing will soften up the compound by breaking uneven layers of stropping compound.
5. Re-apply oil if needed.
6. Also, you can reapply the compound again if need (now the compound will get easier to apply)
7. Using this method the compound will be evenly distributed across the strop.
8. Wait for the compound to dry before starting the honing process.

Method 2:



1. We will suggest wearing gloves to perform this method.
2. Pre-Prep the strop with mineral oil.
3. Load the strop with compound.

4. It will take some time to heat up. Once it heats up then applying the compound to the strop becomes easy.
5. Apply Oil if required.
6. Using this method also the compound will get evenly distributed across the strop.
7. Wait for the compound to dry before starting the honing process.

HOW DO I USE A STROP?



1. Place your knife on the leather strop at the desired angle. Remember you will be moving from heel to tip.
2. Slowly draw your knife in a backward motion from heel to tip. Remember to maintain the angle throughout the whole process.
3. Flip your blade to strop the other side. Repeat steps 1 & 2.
4. Repeat for a total of 7-10 alternating passes (You can always add more passes as required). Do one draw on one side, followed by one draw on the other side, until you have completed equal amount of passes on each side.

The process is the same on any stropping surface with or without a honing compound. Never move the Blade toward the cutting edge as it will cut into the strop, resulting in dulling of the edge and damage to the strop.

A few strokes are usually sufficient. A strop is best used before you even think your edge is dull. Using consistently is the key step in maintaining a razor sharp edge.

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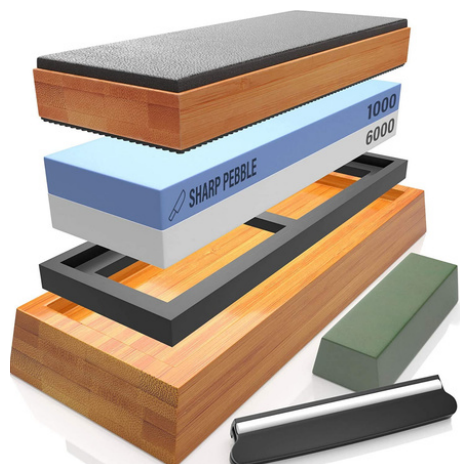
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