1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method

Posted by KennethPeel - 28 Aug 2012 17:53

Im not sure how the best way to clean them is without having the superaser any tips?

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 28 Aug 2012 19:43

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Posted by KennethPeel - 28 Aug 2012 21:17

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Phil

Thanks for the advice I probably dont need to clean them yet then. They look dirty but I probably havent done more that 10 - 15 knives with them yet.

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method

Posted by Billabong - 04 Sep 2012 22:17

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Hi again,

Just received mine.

Should I keep water away from them?

Do they absorb moisture?

Apologies if my "blondeness" shows here.

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method

Posted by PhilipPasteur - 04 Sep 2012 22:37

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I can't speak yet to why it works so well to use water with the ceramics, but I can attest to Mark's results; I get tremendous results by keeping the ceramic stones wet. I use a spray bottle with water and a few

drops of dish soap and get great results -

From Clay

www.wickededgeusa.com/index.php?option=c...4&Itemid=63#3001

I do remember you mentioning a while ago when you were doing grit progression images, that you did a test with the wetting down the ceramics. It was interesting to see that the manufacturer recommends wetting them down...

Denis Hibar

www.wickededgeusa.com/index.php?option=c...4&Itemid=63#3283

They should not absorb much water, at least the ceramics that I have used do not. I have not seen anyone say to soak them, just a pritz.

Just let them dry well before you put them away.

Phil

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method

Posted by Billabong - 04 Sep 2012 23:29

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Once again, thanks Phil.

I'm feeling very special with all my diamonds and ceramic.

edit - The ceramics feel more like gold after paying $33.95 postage from Howes.

Said $16.95 on the envelope.

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method
Posted by StevenCorpstein - 06 Sep 2012 14:56

Probably similar to what I get sharpening plane blades on the Shapton Glass Stones. The water doesn't soak in but helps keep the swarf from glazing over the stone. On the Shapton GS stones, the more you spritz, the better they cut and polish.

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method
Posted by Allgonquin - 06 Sep 2012 18:43

I also wet the stones. I take a cup of water and use a small paint brush to wet the stones before I put them on the rods. It takes quite a few swipes of the paint brush before the stones get saturated, they are like sponges as they soak up the water. Finally the water will sit on the surface of the stones and that's when I start to use them. After that point you can rewet them with the brush while on the rods if needed.

After use I just stand the stones on end on my workbench and let them air dry before I put them away.

Rgds,

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Re: 1200/1600 Ceramic stones cleaning method
Posted by wickededge - 10 Sep 2012 15:13

I've been using the spray bottle method with a few drops of dish soap for a long time but lately have also started enjoying keeping a flat bowl with a little water in the bottom and a sponge in there on the far side of my base. I just lay the stone onto the sponge for a moment to refresh the soapy water on it and keep going. The set up takes just a minute more but the workflow is much smoother.

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