Upgrade Dream List

Posted by FredHermann - 02 Nov 2012 21:13

So I was thinking of things that could be improved or additions to an already fantastic tool.

A couple things for the next batch...

improved finish on the slider rods

More base type choices.

A second set of vise screws that allows for thicker blades (there may be a design reason this is not offered now)

longer rods to allow for longer blades (I'm sure these would need more thought as longer blades need more support)

maybe brass rods for bling factor.

custom engraving on the base

Gold plated spinners....wait...now I'm just hallucinating....

You see where I'm going with this.

maybe we can brainstorm and ensure Clays world domination....

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Re: Upgrade Dream List

Posted by wickededge - 21 Nov 2012 08:40

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mr.cheapguy wrote:

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Thanks for bringing that up. I've been slowly working on that concept but your post just gave me a good idea that I'll try to pursue.

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Re: Upgrade Dream List

Posted by LukasPop - 21 Nov 2012 11:35

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Re: Upgrade Dream List

Posted by razoredgeknives - 21 Nov 2012 14:32

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Re: Upgrade Dream List

Posted by Billabong - 23 Nov 2012 01:03

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I wonder if Clay has ever used two vise clamps to hold a knife?

Might simply mount two arms each side of my bench vise.

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Re: Upgrade Dream List
Posted by FredHermann - 28 Nov 2012 23:29

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Re: Upgrade Dream List
Posted by xuzme720 - 01 Dec 2012 12:21

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If it works, maybe get machined in metal for longevity and durability...?

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Posted by razoredgeknives - 01 Dec 2012 12:24

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Riser? Could you post pics? Haven't seen this yet I don't think...

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Re: Upgrade Dream List
Posted by Mikedoh - 01 Dec 2012 12:32

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The block is an ~ 1 inch tall addition that comes with the upgrade arms. It installs at the base of the vise triangle.

Take a look here

www.wickededgeusa.com/index.php?page=sho...uemart&Itemid=53

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Re: Upgrade Dream List
Posted by razoredgeknives - 01 Dec 2012 12:37

So the "riser" doesn't actually raise the knife higher... Just the base of the rod arms, right? And how does this affect being able to use the stabilizing rod for fillet knives? I don't see how it would make a difference...

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Posted by xuzme720 - 01 Dec 2012 12:42

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It raises the vice effectively lengthening the "pivot point to blade edge" distance, but in doing so it raises the knife higher above the base making the stabilizing rod too short, unless you take and rotate the tip of the knife downwards in the vice, which will possibly introduce some funky angle changes on your bevel.

Does that help or have I really confused you now?

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