Task Specific Sharpening Section
Posted by wickededge - 01 Dec 2012 12:41

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section
Posted by xuzme720 - 01 Dec 2012 12:50

I think it's a great idea. Might make searching a little easier for anyone looking for specific sharpening evolution or even just to see what works best for different people for the same tasks.

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section
Posted by WesleyAdkins - 01 Dec 2012 17:37

I think that's an awesome idea. With the wicked edge it's possible to do so many different edges for specific tasks it would be very helpful Plus there is such a wealth of knowledge in this community it would become a very thorough database

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section
Posted by razoredgeknives - 01 Dec 2012 18:39

I think it's a great idea.... But I haven't found need for something like that myself at this point. I think it would be very beneficial as the WEPS forum grows, not sure if anyone will use it at this point or not (as the existing sections seem to be fine) but it wouldn't hurt to go ahead and have it in place!

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section
Posted by Geocyclist - 01 Dec 2012 20:30

Sounds like a good idea. I hear all the time people use their knives in a "normal" way. Then some go on to say they just open letters and other says they chop branches and dig in the dirt. So I task specific section makes sense.

Also I would like a steel specific section, here or elsewhere. I have heard others say they sharpen different steels differently, angle, stones, etc. Of course the task and knife geometry also affects this.

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section

Posted by Mikedoh - 02 Dec 2012 00:14

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section

Posted by cbwx34 - 02 Dec 2012 10:17

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There's so many variables, this becomes tough to answer. The Knife Database can be useful in answering it by seeing what others are doing. Over time, the more this resource is used, the more valuable it can become, especially if patterns start to emerge.

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section

Posted by 4jlcc - 02 Dec 2012 17:40

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I think it is a great idea. I would find it helpful.

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section

Posted by mark76 - 03 Dec 2012 04:13

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Exactly my idea. Adding these categories sounds like a good idea.

But also try to maintain a simple structure, and not too detailed. Otherwise it becomes more difficult to find relevant posts, rather than easier.

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Re: Task Specific Sharpening Section

Posted by cbwx34 - 03 Dec 2012 12:58

After reading the shaving thread, I wonder if a shaving and/or "Ultimate Sharpness" section would be fun... the 2nd one for documenting the steps used to get the absolute sharpest edge you can achieve. A lot of sharpeners usually like to have at least one crazy sharp edge.... would be interesting to see how they get there.

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