



KNIFE MAKING INSTRUCTIONS - POCKET KNIVES **PREMIUM KNIFE SUPPLY**

Make at your own risk, be sure to wear appropriate safety equipment!

Take it slow; don't rush yourself with making your knife. Pocket knives are a little more advanced due to the need to thin down the material for the handle. Due care is required, or you WILL crack your handle material! It is going to take some time. Read ALL instructions before you start.

Suggested additional materials: Duct tape, sandpaper and some type of finish for the handle

1. First, protect the finish of your blade/bolster. Using duct tape, cover the blade where the handle material will end.
2. Mark the nicest sides of the handle material. This will face the outside.
3. Create a template for the handle material to fit on the pocket knife out of cardstock or cardboard.
4. Once you have a template, use it to shape the handle material. Remember that the supplied handle material might need to be thinned to fit correctly.

5. With pocket knives, you might want to skip to #9 and come back to #6 once somewhat finished, but be sure not to take off too much, dry fitting along the way.
6. Once the handle material looks good in the space for the handle, drill holes for the screws (NOT ALL POCKET KNIVES COME WITH SCREWS. SOME ARE SHAPE AND GLUE) dry fit using the screws.
7. Using CA glue (super glue) place a fair amount on the back side of the handle material and put into place for each side.
8. Place the c-clamps on the handle material and crank down so that it is tight on the knife and the glue oozes out from under the handle material. Wipe excess glue. Let cure.
9. Using sandpaper, starting with the most aggressive, 150. Move on using the 220, 320, and 800 grit sandpapers. If you still see scratches in the finish, go back to 150 to remove and work your way up to 800 again. The more time you spend on this step the better outcome you will have.
10. It is best practice to put a finish on the outside of the handle material. Some options are: polyurethane, tru oil, danish oil, knife oil, wax polishing compound on a buffing wheel.