

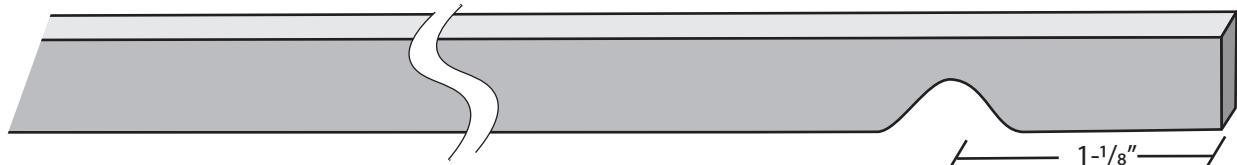


the Kvinde Kniv

Original by Beth Holmberg
an Iron Age utility knife from pre-Viking Scandinavia
(after J. Kristensen, "Poul's Smedning Trin for Trin," Esbjerg, 2004)

Material: $1/4" \times 3/4" \times 16"$ hot rolled steel

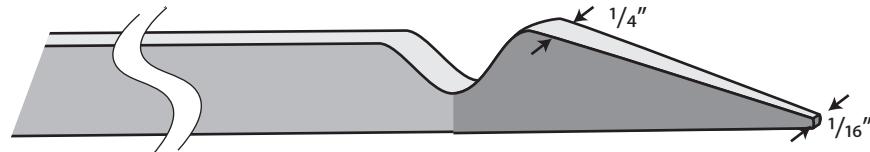
1 ISOLATE - Using a soft corner of the anvil, dent the long side of the stock at @ $1-1/8"$



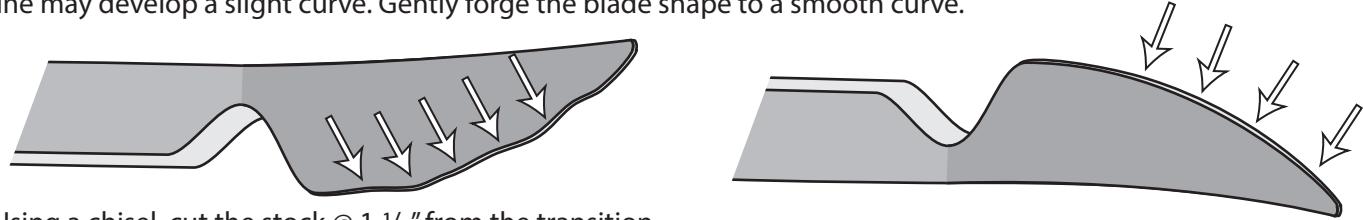
2 TAPER - Forge the isolated section into a straight tapered blade. Maintain the $1/4"$ width. Rasp off any resulting "fish lips," leaving at least $1/16"$ at the tip.



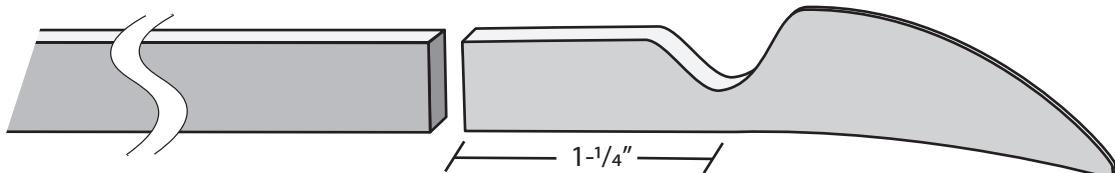
3 DISTAL TAPER - Taper the width from the $1/4"$ at the base to $1/16"$ at the tip.



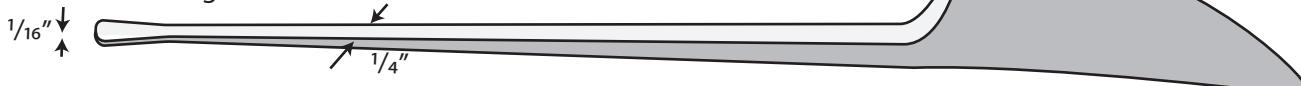
4 BEVEL - Using a peen, parallel to the edge, bevel and widen the blade edge. Leave the edge thick to avoid burning. The spine may develop a slight curve. Gently forge the blade shape to a smooth curve.



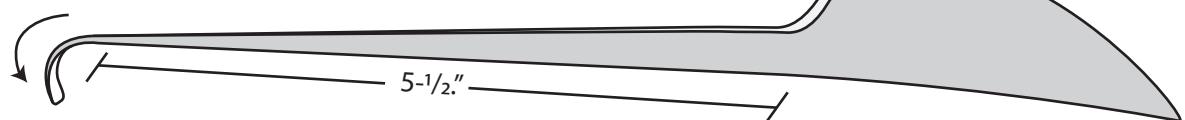
5 CUT - Using a chisel, cut the stock @ $1-1/4"$ from the transition.



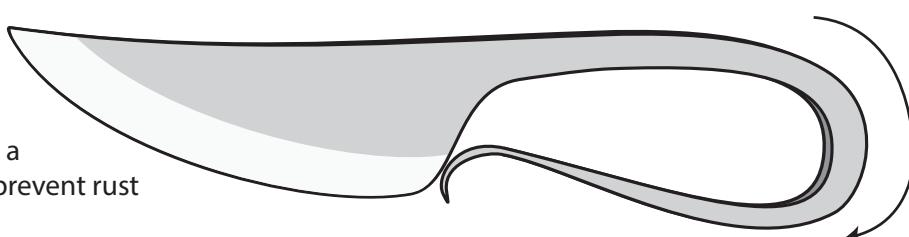
6 TAPER - Draw out and taper the handle smoothly to @ $5-1/2"$ leaving the tip @ $1/16"$ thick. Maintain the $1/4"$ width throughout the handle section.



7 SCROLL a small gentle curl back toward the spine.



8 SCROLL - Quench the small scroll to avoid crushing it. Scroll the handle into a pleasing curve to bring the small scroll to the heel. This creates a guard between the handle and the heel of the blade.



9 FILE & FINISH - Cold file the edge shape into a pleasing curve and sharpen the edge. Oil to prevent rust