

Our Philosophy

I began making knives as a hobby 50 years ago.

Today, hand crafted knives carrying my name are in daily use around the globe and many models are prized by collectors.

The first seven astronauts carried specially designed (Model 17) RANDALL MADE™ knives ... General William Westmoreland wore his Randall while commanding forces in Vietnam ... there's a RANDALL MADE™ in the Museum of Modern Art and the Smithsonian Institution.

And, during World War II, one Army Air Force Captain was so enthusiastic about his first Randall that he ordered two more, saying, "I have become your personal representative ..." His name is Ronald Reagan.

How did we earn this reputation?

Hours of painstaking care go into the creation of every RANDALL MADE™ knife. Only the finest steel is used and every blade is hand-forged, which gives the molecular structure a quality that cannot be found in a factory-stamped knife.

Because each knife is hand made, it possesses an individual characteristic and quality all its own. In fact, no two RANDALL MADE™ knives are exactly alike, for no jigs or patterns are used in their final construction.

Most importantly, each Randall craftsman is proud of the reputation these knives have. As a result, just as we take immense pride in each RANDALL MADE™ knife we produce, you can take pride in each one-of-a-kind RANDALL MADE™ knife that you own.

One last point: Some people have been kind enough to say that RANDALL MADE™ knives are the world's finest. I don't make that claim. All I say is that every knife we produce is the best possible knife we can make, considering time and cost.

And every customer we have is our best customer, because we try to treat people the same way we like to be treated.

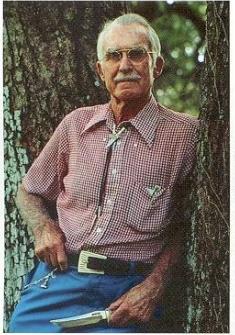
It's a simple philosophy. But I assure you it won't change as long as my name is on your knife.

I hope you enjoy our "new" catalog, designed especially for our 50th anniversary. And as always, thank you for your business.

W.D. "Bo" Randall



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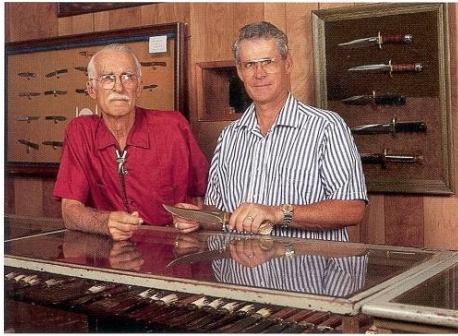
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Choosing A Knife

It makes sense to choose the best knife you can afford, because you'll likely use your knife more than any other single item.

The groupings in this catalog indicate the types of uses for which our knives of varying sizes have been designed. We believe a 7"-8" blade is the limit for a practical, easy-to-carry knife. But we do make a replica of the historical Bowie (Model 12) in several variations, because of significant demand for it.

RANDALL MADE™: The History



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For me it started very simply as a hobby. In the summer of 1937 I was taking a stroll near Walloon Lake in Michigan when I saw a fellow scraping paint from a boat with a distinctive looking knife.

I wasn't much impressed with the man who was using such a fine tool recklessly. But I sure liked his knife, which was standing up to some really tough use.

So I bought it.

As it turned out, the knife was hand crafted—the first hand-made knife I'd ever seen—by W.C. Scagle. Today, Bill Scagle is justly recognized as a pioneer in hand-made knives.

Back then, his name wasn't widely known. But I was truly impressed with what he'd created at a time when virtually all knives were being mass produced.

A Personal Challenge

I challenged myself to make a knife that was just as good, or at least make the best knife I could make.

My first knife was a simple blade ground from a file. But before long I had a shop with a small forge and I put a lot of time into crafting knives that I could be proud to make and use myself.

And before long, I began selling them at my father-in-law's clothing store in Orlando.

As an outdoorsman, I took a lot of personal satisfaction in creating knives that were simple in design but very functional. And a growing business evolved among friends, fellow sportsmen and sales to a few large sporting goods stores.

Through it all, I managed our family's citrus groves and I continued to think of my hand-made knives as an avocation.

Then, World War II began. A young sailor asked me to make him a knife for use in man-to-man combat. When his friends saw it, they placed orders, and their friends placed orders, and my knives were used in combat, and a reporter wrote a story and ...

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All hell broke loose.

Suddenly, unexpectedly we were in the knife business as envelopes addressed simply to "Knife Man, Orlando, Florida" arrived on the doorstep.

I built a full-scale shop and for the first time began using apprentices. With demand so strong, it was tempting to develop mass production methods.

But now, more than ever, I wanted "RANDALL MADE™" to stand for quality and dependability, because servicemen were telling me how much they relied on my knives.

One wrote, "It was a terrible thing at close range. (Your knife) would cut a man's head nearly off with a quick swing ... I also used that knife to open cans, cut wood, dress water buffalo ... and it stayed sharp. I was offered all kinds of trades, but I wouldn't part with it."

Since that time, RANDALL MADE™ knives have been used extensively by soldiers and Marines, flyers and sailors, generals and infantrymen.

Our customers have also included astronauts, government agents, celebrities, statesmen and royalty.

Most importantly to me, there are thousands upon thousands of individuals who choose Randall knives because they need a superbly crafted knife they can count on in the home and in the field. Or, as is often the case today, they've wanted to have a RANDALL MADE™ knife in their collection.

For some years now, my son, Gary, has been instrumental in the business. He is honored, as I am, that RANDALL MADE™ knives are on display in museums, as well as in many private collections of fine weapons and armor.

That's one of the reasons we decided to issue a limited edition Collector's Knife to commemorate our 50th anniversary. And we were most gratified when all 300 knives were ordered so quickly.

But frankly, our favorite models are those specifically designed to be carried and used day in and day out, year after year. The reason is because, like many of you, Gary and I are both sportsmen, so we make knives we want to use.

Over the years, I've had the good fortune to talk to many of our customers personally. Many, many more have written to compliment the design, craftsmanship and durability of their RANDALL MADE™ knife, and I cherish every one of those letters.

But I'm most grateful to those who have made suggestions on ways to improve our knives. Even though some have said "they're perfect," we know there is always room for refinement.

In short, for me and every man who crafts a RANDALL MADE™ knife, the challenge today is exactly the same as it was 50 years ago: To fashion the best knife we can make.

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100% Hand Made

Hours of painstaking care go into the creation of every RANDALL MADE™ knife. Only the finest steel is used, either imported Swedish .01 tool steel or high carbon domestic 440B or 440C stainless steel. If we knew of a finer forgeable steel, we would use it.

Every blade is hand-forged (with exception of #9, #10 and #24), which gives the molecular structure a quality that cannot be found in a factory-stamped knife.

After uniform tempering in an electric furnace, Randall craftsmen grind, hone and polish every knife by hand.

Each keen-edged blade is balanced, the handle skillfully designed for the best grip and the hilt permanently soldered in place.

Finally, the special features specified by the owner are added, and the knife is carefully inspected for any flaws in workmanship.

Each Randall craftsman is proud of the reputation these knives have as the world's finest. And because each knife is hand-made, it possesses an individual characteristic and quality all its own.

No two RANDALL MADE™ knives are exactly alike, for no jigs or patterns are used in their final constructions.

Large scale commercial production with this kind of attention to detail is not feasible, and that's why knives of this unique quality are not widely available.

As a result, just as we take immense pride in each RANDALL MADE™ knife we produce, you can take pride in each one-of-a-kind RANDALL MADE™ knife that you own.



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Military Style Knives



Sawteeth are an option on several models.

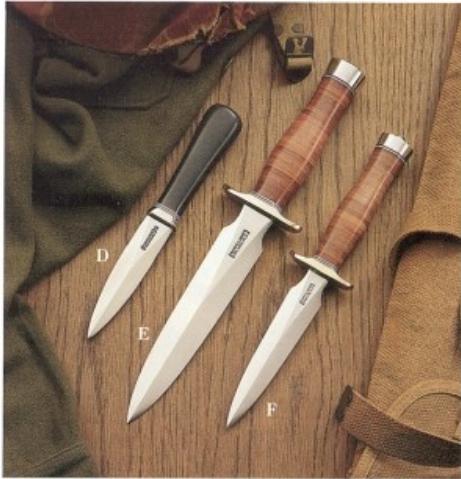
A. Model 1 "All-Purpose Fighting Knife" — 5", 6", 7" and 8" blades of $1/4$ " stock. Top cutting edge also sharpened approximately 3 inches. $4\frac{3}{4}$ "-.5" leather handle. Brass double hilt. Duralumin butt cap. This is the knife made famous by Allied combat troops in World War II and since widely used in all theaters of war. Commando-shaped, straight handle, as illustrated on Model 2, available at no extra charge. (Wt. 8-10 oz.)

B. Model 15 "Airmen" — $5\frac{1}{2}$ " blade of $1/4$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Black Micarta handle. (Name etching, name plate, stainless steel blade, sawteeth, forward curved hilt and nickel silver hilt are available at additional charge.) Construction same as Model 14 except shorter blade. Comes with standard Black Micarta finger grip handle. Single finger grip and Border Patrol shapes available at additional charge. Designed especially for air crew survival and combat purposes in cooperation with U.S. Marine Corps Equipment Board. (Wt. 10 oz.)

C. Model 14 "Attack" — $7\frac{1}{2}$ " blade of $1/4$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " handle of durable Black Micarta. (Name etching, name plate, stainless steel blade, sawteeth, forward curved hilt and nickel silver hilt are available at additional charge.) Extra heavy $7/8$ " wide tang runs through channel in handle, which is firmly fastened with epoxy. (Note: Comes standard with finger grip handle. Single Finger Grip and Border Patrol handle shapes available at additional charge.) Straight oblong hilt of $1/4$ " brass. This knife was designed to meet the demand for an almost indestructible all-purpose knife, though it is especially suited for combat and survival purposes. With wrist thong through brass ferrule in handle.



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D. Model 24 "Guardian" — 4" x 7/8" blade of 1/8" stainless steel stock. Blade sharpened 3" with 1" of thumb notches. 3 3/4" Micarta handle, 3/4" thick. Micarta only handle available, in maroon, white or black color (please specify). Nickel silver hilt. (Name etching only extra feature available.) Especially designed in 1968 for use of police, undercover agents and law enforcement personnel for self-protection and as a back-up weapon. Concealment sheath included. (Wt. 2 oz.)



E. Model 2 "Fighting Stiletto" — 6". 7" and 8" blades of 1/4" stock. This is a heavily made dagger or dirk. 4 3/4"-5" leather handle is shaped along lines of famous British Commando knife but is larger, stronger and has a more comfortable grip. Brass double hilt. Duralumin butt cap. (Wt. 7-9 oz.)

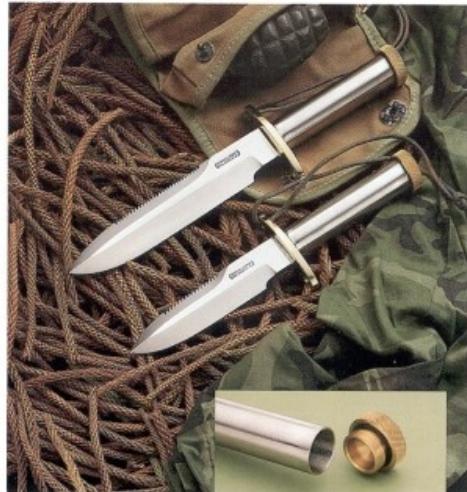
F. Model 2-5" "Letter Opener and Boot Knife" — 5" blade of 3/16" stock. Similar to fighting stiletto but lighter and smaller throughout. For desk or concealed weapon use. (Wt. 4-5 oz.) (Also see Model 24.)

Manual for combat available, see page 31.
"I carried your knife for 5 years, from Africa to Berlin. It certainly was the most handy combat weapon any infantryman could possess."

JSK, Pasadena, CA

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Survival Knives



Model 18 "Attack-Survival" — 5 1/2" and 7 1/2" blades of 1/4" stock. Sawtooth edge on top. 4 3/4"-5" stainless steel tubular handle, 1" diameter, silver-soldered to 1/4" oblong brass hilt, fitted with removable, threaded brass butt cap and waterproof "O" ring. (See detail above.) Flared holes in top and bottom of hilt accommodate wrist thong and facilitate placement of rod for conversion to spear. (Name etching and stainless steel blade, and compass only extra features available.) (Wt. 5 1/2 = 10-12 oz., 7 1/2" = 12-14 oz.)



Model 17 "Astro" — 5 1/2" blade of 1/4" stainless steel stock. 4 3/8" Black Micarta handle, fastened with removable stainless steel bolts. A slot in the heavy tang and matching hollow inside the handle may be used to carry matches, fish hooks, line and other survival items. Large stainless steel hilt, silver-soldered. Wrist thong. (Name etching only extra feature available.) This RANDALL MADE™ model was especially designed for the seven Mercury astronauts who carried them on America's first manned space flights. Astronaut Gordon Cooper did the final design, and two of these historically valuable knives are on display in the Smithsonian Institution. (Wt. 8 oz.)

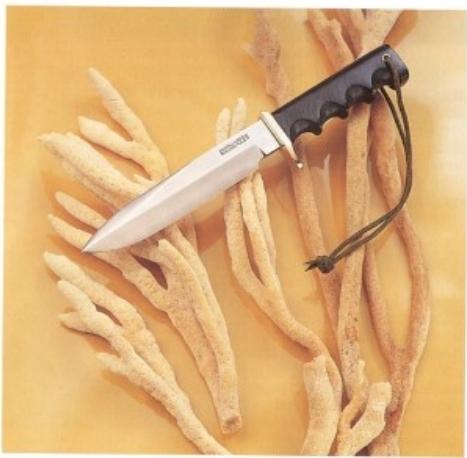
"... Your knife was used in surgery of a crash victim and was also instrumental in prying open an airplane canopy and cutting tough airplane harness."

Rescue Crewman, Seattle, WA

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Saltwater Knives

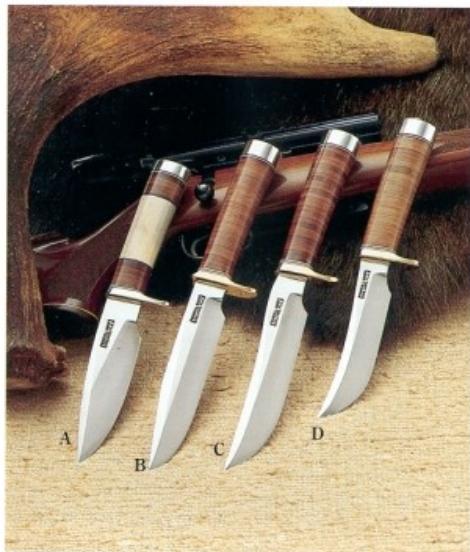
Model 10 "Salt Fisherman and Household Utility" — 5" and 7" blades of $\frac{1}{8}$ " stock. Rust-resistant. Holds the keenest edge. Blade not forged, but is fully hand-ground from high carbon stainless steel. $4\frac{5}{8}$ " Black Micarta handle (illustrated) has comfortable slip-proof grip, including notches for thumb placement where blade and handle join. Wrist thong supplied. Available with Duralumin, Micarta or rosewood handle at no extra cost (please specify). An ideal knife for yachtsmen and fishermen, as well as for general household uses. Available for delivery within 5 to 6 weeks. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)



Model 16 "Diver's Knife" — 7" blade of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stainless steel stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Micarta handle, similar to Model 14 and 15. Brass hilt, single or double (please specify). Wrist thong through brass ferrule in handle. (Name etching, name plate, sawteeth and nickel silver hilt only extra features available.) Designed especially for heavy duty salt water use, this knife is as nearly indestructible as possible. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 14 oz.) A special wax impregnated belt loop sheath or nylon sheath supplied. (Please specify)

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Outdoorsmen Knives



A. Model 25 "The Trapper" — 5" and 6" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. $4\frac{3}{8}$ "- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " handle of leather and stag. Thumb notch and top of hilt molded for thumb placement. Duralumin butt cap. (Name etching, stainless blade and wrist thong only options available.) Drop point hunter, similar to Model 11, but handle construction is reminiscent of 1930's design. Excellent skinning, outdoors knife. (Wt. 8 oz.)

B. Model 5 "Camp and Trail Knife" — 5", 6", 7" and 8" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. $4\frac{1}{2}$ "- $3\frac{1}{4}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt and Duralumin butt cap are standard. This is a straight-bladed knife preferred by many for all-around camp and trail use. Also ideal for yachtsmen and sailors for general boating purposes. Among users of this model is Bradford Angier, famed wilderness expert and author, whose special adaptation is the nickel silver hilt, black Micarta handle, wrist thong and compass. The late Ross Allen, internationally-known authority on reptiles, also carried a Model 5. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 7-10 oz.)

C. Model 3 "Hunter" — 5", 6" and 7" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. $4\frac{1}{2}$ "- $3\frac{1}{4}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. An ideal all-around heavy-duty sportsman's knife. Scientifically designed for every outdoor use and our most popular sporting model. (See Model 7 for smaller and lighter blade.) (Wt. 6-8 oz.)

D. Model 4 "5" Big Game and Skinner" — 5", 6" and 7" blades. $4\frac{1}{2}$ "- $3\frac{1}{4}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Similar to Model 3, but with more curved blade. This knife has been extensively used by Alaskan and Canadian guides, trappers and sportsmen. (Wt. $4\frac{1}{2}$ " = 4-5 oz.; 5",

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E. Model 8 "Trout and Bird Knife" — 4" blade of $\frac{3}{16}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened approximately 2 inches. $4\frac{3}{8}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " genuine imported stag handle. Brass hilt. (Not available with leather handle.) Especially suitable for small fish and feathered game. Historical note: Francis G. Powers, U-2 pilot, was carrying a Model 8 when he was shot down over Russia in May, 1960. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)

F. Model 7 "Fisherman-Hunter" — $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and 5" blades of $\frac{3}{16}$ " stock. $4\frac{1}{4}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Similar to Model 3 except this knife is smaller and lighter. Ideal for small game, creel and tackle box. (Wt. 4-5 oz.)

G. Model 4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " A A $4\frac{1}{2}$ " blade of $\frac{3}{16}$ " stock, $4\frac{1}{4}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " leather handle, brass hilt, duralumin butt cap. Lighter weight than the larger Model 4. Similar to Model 7, but with a more curved blade. Excellent small game skinning knife.

H. Model 5 "4" Small Camp and Trail Knife" — 4" blade of $\frac{3}{16}$ " stock, $4\frac{3}{8}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " genuine imported stag handle. (Not available with leather handle.) Brass hilt. Suitable for small camping needs. See description of #5 on Page 10.

... Finest knife I have ever used. Few knives can cut through a 6" mooring line so easily and quickly ... Thank you for the fine craftsmanship."
VM, Merchant Marine, Houston, TX

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Skinning and Hunting Knives



A. Model 11 "Alaskan Skinner" — 4" blade of $\frac{3}{16}$ " stock, $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and 5" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. $4\frac{1}{4}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. The original drop-point blade. Designed by Tommy Thompson, noted Alaskan guide, in 1952 for big-game skinning, with point dropped below top of blade to prevent cutting too deeply through skins when used point first. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 4" = 5-6 oz., $4\frac{1}{2}$ "-.5" = 7-8 oz.)

B. Model 19 "Bushmaster" — $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and 5" blades of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ -. $4\frac{1}{4}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Designed by a professional woodsman for all-around camp and big game hunting purposes. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. The heavy-duty top cutting edge is especially suited for purposes that would dull the regular edge. An excellent big game skinning knife. (Wt. 8-9 oz.)

C. Model 23 "Gamemaster" — $4\frac{1}{2}$ " blade of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ -. $4\frac{1}{2}$ "-. $\frac{5}{8}$ " leather handle. Brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. A variation of Model 19, serving the same purposes, developed because of popular demand for a knife with these characteristics. Top edge is for heavy-duty cutting. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 7-8 oz.)

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D. Model 21 "Little Game" — 3 1/4" blade, 3/4" wide, of 3/16" stock, 4"-4 1/4" genuine imported stag handle. Brass hilt. (Not available with leather handle.) Especially suited for capping and other delicate cutting duties. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 3 1/2-4 1/2 oz.)

E. Model 20 "Yukon Skinner" — 4 1/4" blade of 1/4" stock. 4 1/2"-5 1/4" leather handle, brass hilt and Duralumin butt cap are standard. An adaptation of our Model 4 especially designed for big game purposes by Ward Gay, famous Alaskan bush pilot. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 5-6 oz.)

F. Model 4-6" "Big Game and Skinner" — 5", 6" and 7" blades. 4 1/2"-5 1/4" leather handle, brass hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Similar to Model 3, but with more curved blade. This knife has been used extensively by Alaskan and Canadian guides, trappers and sportsmen. (Wt. 6-7 oz.)

G. Model 22 "Outdoorsman" — 4 5/8" blade of 3/16" stainless steel stock. 4 3/8" Micarta handle. Nickel silver hit. Duralumin "crow's beak" butt cap. (Name etching, name plate and wrist thong only extra features available.) A thinly-beveled blade for the professional outdoorsman. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 7-8 oz.)

... The only knife I've ever come across that'll dress out a bull moose or a grizzly without any stopping to resharpen.

*Bradford Angier, Author,
On Your Own in The Wilderness*

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Model 6 "All-Purpose Carving Knife" — 9" blade of 3/16" stainless steel stock. 4 3/4"-5" handle of genuine imported stag. Fitted with nickel silver hilt. Designed to meet every requirement as the ideal table knife, it is rustproof and will resist staining as ordinary blades do when used in carving meat. (Wt. 7-8 oz.) Please Note: Comes complete with a high-quality stag-handled Sharpening Steel. Both fitted in a lined, two-compartment felt case. Fork — Finest factory-made fork, matches Model 6. (When ordered with Model 6 knife and sharpener, three-compartment lined felt case is included.) The carving set or steak knife should not be placed in a dishwasher.

Model 6 "Steak Knife" — 4 1/4" blade of 3/16" stainless steel stock. 4 1/2"-4 5/8" handle of genuine stag. Fitted with nickel silver hilt. Compartmentized lined felt case included.



Model 9 "Pro-Thrower" — 10" overall length. Made from 1/4" stock. Solid one-piece construction. Accurately balanced and scientifically designed for those desiring a practically indestructible throwing knife. With instructions on throwing. (Book available separately, see page 31.) Available for delivery within 5-6 weeks. (Wt. approximately 8 oz.) Please note: If sheath is desired, Model B available at extra cost. See page 33. Historical Note: A Model 9 is on display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

What You Should Know About Knife Throwing

Knife throwing is a sport; it is not practical in combat. There are few individuals who can throw a knife from an unknown distance and hit a vital spot.

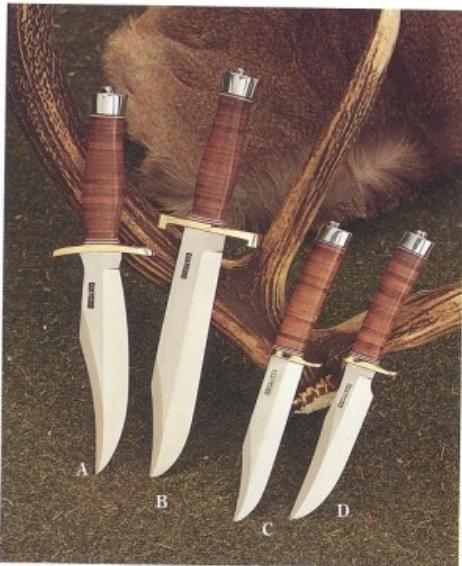
At short distances, up to eight feet, a knife grasped by the handle and aimed at the target does not necessarily turn in flight and thus approaches the target point first. However, at longer ranges the knife turns over and over in its flight, and thus the thrower must know the exact distance to the target as well as the number of turns involved in order to have the knife hit point first.

If the knife hits the target at the wrong angle, the point may be bent or broken, or the hilt or handle may be damaged. Therefore, do not use a valuable knife in practice.

Complete instructions on knife throwing are included in the book *Knife Throwing, a Practical Guide*, which we offer on Page 31.

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Bowie Knives



A. Model 12 "Bear Bowie" — 8" blade, 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " wide, of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 5" (approximate) leather handle. Brass double hilt, with forward curve. Duralumin butt cap. Designed on special order for a big game sportsman who planned to use it for hunting. (Wt. 14-16 oz.)

B. Model 12 "9" Sportsman's Bowie" — 9" blade, 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " wide, of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 5" (approximate) leather handle. Brass lugged hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Made to meet the demand for a heavy-duty sporting knife of the Bowie type. (Wt. 16-18 oz.)

C. Model 12 "6" Sportsman's Bowie" — 6" blade, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide, of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " leather handle. Brass single hilt. Duralumin butt cap. A smaller Bowie-type knife for sporting uses. (Wt. 7-10 oz.)

D. Model 12 "Little Bear Bowie" — 6" blade, 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide, of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (approximate) leather handle. Brass single hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Top of blade in front of hilt notched for thumb placement. (Wt. 7-10 oz.)



E. Model 12 "The Smithsonian Bowie" — 11" blade, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide, of $\frac{3}{8}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (approximate) leather handle. Brass lugged hilt. Duralumin butt cap. A replica of the famous Bowie knife of a century ago, similar to type displayed in the Smithsonian and used in the motion picture *The Iron Mistress*. (Wt. 28-34 oz.)

F. Model 12 "The Confederate Bowie" — 11" blade, 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ " wide, of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (approximate) leather handle. Brass lugged hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Both this and the 13" model above are similar to types used by Confederate troops. (Wt. 18-22 oz.)

G. Model 12 "Raymond Thorp Bowie" — 13" blade, 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " wide, of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Top cutting edge sharpened. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (approximate) leather handle. Brass lugged hilt. Duralumin butt cap. Modeled after design furnished by Raymond W. Thorp, author of *The Bowie Knife*. Probably the most nearly authentic Bowie type. (Wt. 20-26 oz.)

Bowie Handles

The five larger Bowies and Model 13s shown have our commando-shaped handle. We feel this handle is the most suitable and comfortable for knives of this size. However, the original Bowie knives may have had a smaller handle of concave shape. This type of handle is available at no extra cost. Or, a double hilt with forward curve, without lugs (as shown on the Bear Bowie) — believed by some to be authentic on Bowie-type knives — can also be fitted without extra charge.

The Legendary Bowie

Apparently there isn't any authentic information about the exact dimensions of the original Bowie knife. Because of the significant demand for it, we make a replica of the historical Bowie (Model 12) in seven variations, each similar to the one on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

It's worth noting, however, that it was the skill of Col. James Bowie — not the knife itself — that made the Bowie knife famous in the 1830's. In fact, Col. Bowie's knife was similar to a design used for centuries.

In creating the RANDALL MADE™ Model 12 - Smithsonian, we kept in mind the proportions generally ascribed to Col. Bowie's knife — $\frac{3}{8}$ " steel with a weight of 2 pounds. And Raymond Thorp, author of *The Bowie Knife*, says our "RANDALL MADE™ Model 12 is about as close to the true Bowie as any knifesmith has ever got..."

Another noted authority on knives, Judge Roy S. Tinney, described the Model 1 as a "refinement and perfected Bowie."

The "refinement" relates to the top cutting edge. On the traditional Bowie it's concave, making it more blunt than the straight edge on our Model 1.

Consequently, our version takes a much better bevel and an extremely keen edge. So, even though it hasn't been used by the legendary Jim Bowie, the Model 1 has proven in three wars to be a knife worthy of its own legend.



A. Model 13 "Small Arkansas Toothpick" — 6" blade of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. Similar to Arkansas Toothpick but smaller and lighter throughout. Comes with hilt as shown on Model 2. For desk or concealed weapon use. (Wt. 6-8 oz.)

B. Model 13 "Arkansas Toothpick" — 12" blade, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide of $\frac{1}{4}$ " stock. 5" (approximate) leather handle. Brass lugged hilt. Duralumin butt cap. A replica of the historic stiletto-dagger famous in Confederate days. (Wt. 16-20 oz.)

"... I've been using this fine knife constantly for the past 15 years ... It is the best knife I ever had."
DJD, USN, FPO San Francisco, CA



#3 — 6" brass hilt, stag handle, finger grips

Knife Design

RANDALL MADE™ knives are custom-designed for many uses. The models shown in this catalogue have been developed over a period of 50 years from personal experience, extensive research and the study of hundreds of designs submitted by individuals around the world requesting custom-made knives.

We have incorporated the best of many designs, and we believe that almost any need for a knife can be met with one of these models.

Each of our models has been thoroughly field-tested and has proven to be properly shaped and designed for its particular use.

Occasionally we receive requests for long-bladed knives or three-bladed and four-bladed knives. In these all cases the knife would be thrown up of balance or proportion, while our models have been carefully designed with all of these factors taken into consideration.

With that in mind, we strongly urge you to evaluate all our models — and the virtually limitless number of option combinations available — before sending us your own design.

Friends, we are unable to handle custom orders beyond the options specified in this catalogue, because we offer so many alternatives already. We're confident, however, that this will in no way hinder you from having the RANDALL MADE™ knife that's just right for you.

KNIFE STEEL

Carbon is one of the elements used to make steel tough and hard, and better knives are made of approximately 1% carbon steel. RANDALL MADE™ knives are made from the finest quality high carbon Swedish tool steel that is forged from the purest of ores.

Although not necessarily better than our best American steel, it has a worldwide reputation and is used by many.

Stainless steel is difficult to work and high carbon stainless is far too hard for most die stamping. Therefore, good quality forged stainless steel knives are too expensive to make by mass production methods. Since RANDALL MADE™ knives are 100% hand-made, we are able to use high carbon stainless steel of a quality and toughness that is not and cannot be used in the production of commercial knives.

NO GIMMICKS

As you have, we've heard of fancy claims about "secret" ingredients in steel and "secret" heat treating methods. There is no "magic" method of making steel for cutlery that can equal our modern, scientific, carefully controlled process.

You should also be skeptical about claims for knives with blades of great flexibility and blades that "ring like a bell." We have found that coil spring-like blades are not practical for most uses and even a piece of iron will ring when struck until the vibrations are absorbed.

Finally, you may have seen advertisements describing knives that cut hairs and pierce metal. We hope you realize that an edge designed for most sporting purposes should NOT be called upon to perform such stunts.

THE BEVEL

For all normal uses, the bevels and cutting edges of RANDALL MADE™ knives are unequalled. Each blade is shaped for maximum strength and is capable of holding a razor-sharp edge.

In contrast, a hollow-ground blade, shaped in cross-section like a barber's razor, is unsatisfactory on a sporting knife because its thin edge is likely to chip.

The blades of the wide-V type of bevel often found on commercial-produced knives will not take a keen edge.

We wish to emphasize that the cutting bevels and edges of RANDALL MADE™ knives are not designed for cutting metal or hard bone. We suggest that the sportsman obtain a belt saw or axe for this purpose.

Sometimes we are asked to make a blade with blood grooves, similar to those on a bayonet. Such grooves serve no useful purpose on a knife and are unnecessary.

Note the special index finger cutout on most RANDALL MADE™ knives. By placing your forefinger in this cutout when gripping the handle, you obtain extra leverage in downward cutting. More importantly, in hand-forging our blades, this cutout is necessary to get the full thickness of the metal at the hilt for maximum strength.

When a blade is made from stock of a certain thickness — $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, for example — the actual measurement of the finished blade at the hilt may be reduced due to the forging, grinding and polishing processes.

THE HILT

A hilt provides a certain measure of protection for the fingers and enables you to obtain a firmer grip on the handle. The double hilt used on fighting knives is there solely for warding off an opponent's blade; it's not appropriate for sporting knives, and would actually get in the way of the thumb, reducing downward cutting pressure.

THE BLADE LENGTH

Many people order knives that are too large for their needs. We feel that 7" is the limit in size and blade length for sporting use and that an 8" blade length is the practical limit for a fighting type weapon.

THE HANDLE

Handle length is measured from in front of the hilt to the end of the butt. The handle of every RANDALL MADE™ knife is designed for comfort, strength, durability and proper proportion to the blade.

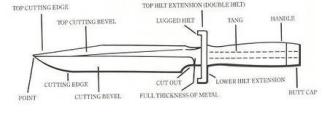
The laminated leather handle standard on many models of RANDALL MADE™ knives is made of the finest grade sole leather, laminated with waterproof cement, tightly compressed between hilt and butt cap, and held in place by means of a special brass or dome-shaped stainless steel bolt. This is the secret of the strength of the handle.

The standard handle deer stag which is imported from India and used exclusively is a beautiful and durable handle material. This stag is of dense composition, lacking the soft core often found in other antlers.

Other handle materials available on RANDALL MADE™ knives are described on page 25, among the Extra Features. Materials such as Micarta, leather, Micarta and wood are bonded to the tang and firmly fastened.

We do not feature slab type handles, because they normally have a tendency to become loose and because they bare the edge of the tang to rust and corrosion. (Although the special construction of the Model 17 "Astro" requires this type of handle, the stainless bolts may be adjusted to fit it.)

Models 14, 15 and 16 feature a revolutionary channelled handle over a very heavy tang. This design is patented, No. 177,590.



Color Picture Information

- A. #11-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Stag Handle, Finger Grips, Wrist Thong
- B. #12-13" Raymond Thorp, Scalloped Collar, Ivory Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap
- C. #12-11" Confederate, Ivory Handle, Brass Butt Cap
- D. #13-6" Nickel Silver, Maple Handle, Alu. Butt Cap
- E. #13-12" Scalloped Collar, Concave Walnut Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap
- F. #18-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Standard
- G. #2-5" Nickel Silver Hilt, Maroon Micarta Handle
- H. #12-11" Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap
- I. #14-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Pommel Hilt, Black Micarta Border Patrol Handle
- J. #22-4 3/8" Standard
- K. #5-6" Nickel Silver Hilt, Black Micarta Handle, Wrist Thong
- L. #7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Stag Handle
- M. #3-5" Standard, Brass Butt Cap
- R. #1-6" Rosewood Handle
- O. #25-5" Standard
- P. #5-5" Maple Handle
- Q. #12-9" Rosewood Handle, Brass Crow Beak Butt Cap
- R. #1-6" Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Butt Cap
- S. #1-7" Nickel Silver Hilt, Black Micarta Handle, Finger Grips
- U. #20-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Maroon Micarta Handle
- V. #19-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Crow Beak Butt Cap
- W. #14-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Standard
- X. #2-7" Nickel Silver Hilt, Ivory Handle, Alu. Butt Cap
- Y. #1-7" Black Micarta Commando Handle, Brass Butt Cap
- Z. #14-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " CDT, Black Micarta Handle, Brass Butt Cap
- AA. #10-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Black Micarta Handle
- BB. #10-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Black Micarta Handle
- CC. #9-10" Standard
- DD. #12-6" Little Bear Bowie, Nickel Silver Hilt, Walnut Handle, Alu. Butt Cap
- EE. #12-6" Sportsman's Bowie, Maroon Micarta Handle, Brass Butt Cap
- FF. #3-6" Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Butt Cap
- GG. #17-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Astro Standard
- HH. #15-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Single Finger Grip Handle
- II. #15-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " #1 Shape Hilt, Sawteeth, Boarder Patrol Handle
- JJ. #12-8" Scalloped Collar, Black Micarta Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap
- KK. #14-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Forged Curved Hilt, Single Finger Grip Handle
- LL. #14-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Sawteeth
- MM. #16-7" Sawteeth
- NN. #18-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Knurled Handle
- OO. #4-6" Stag Handle, Finger Grips, Brass Butt Cap
- OO. #7-5" Rosewood Handle
- QQ. #7-5" Knife, Fork and Home
- RR. #7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Stainless Steel, #6 Grind, Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle (no sheath)
- SS. #24-4" Ivory Handle
- TT. #8-4" Black Micarta Handle
- UU. #11-4" Walnut Handle
- VV. #21-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Standard



Handles and Features

There are a variety of optional features — available at extra cost — for your RANDALL MADE™ knife.



A. Stag Handle: Genuine stag imported from India. Standard on Models 5-4", 6, 8 and 21. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 23.

B. Black Micarta Handle: A dense laminate of fabric and phenolic resin, veined black in color. Very rugged, one of the most durable handle materials. Standard on Model 14, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 24. Available on all other models except 18 and 25.

C. *Maroon Micarta Handle: Same as above, except maroon in color. NOT available on Models 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 (except Model 12-6" and Model 13-6").

D. Wooden Handles: We can supply handles of unusual beauty and coloring in dense, finely-grained walnut (D-1) (often thought authentic on Bowies), stain-sealed bird's-eye maple (D-2) or East Indian rosewood (D-3) on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21 and 23.

Please Note: Other woods, such as ebony, prewood, snake-wood, lignum vitae, teak, coco-bolo, etc., make excellent handles. We cannot stock them all, but we can fit any of the models listed above for customers supplying such woods to us at their own risk should the material become damaged during construction.

E. Ivorite Handles: We do NOT offer genuine ivory handles because its instability makes it unsuitable for knife handles. In its place, we offer costly, durable Ivorite (Ivory Micarta), which does not crack and check as ivory does, but is very similar in appearance.

F. Leather Handle: Finest grade, heavy sole leather, laminated with waterproof cement and tightly compressed between hilt and butt cap. Firmly fastened by means of special dome-shaped stainless steel nut on end of tang. Carefully shaped and highly polished. Standard on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 23.

Cut Down Tang (CDT): $1/4" \times 1/2"$ tang for less weight on the Model 14 and 15 only. Sawteeth not available with CDT.



Item #1 — Standard Shape Handle. Standard on models 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12-6", 19, 20, 23, 25 (leather and stag).



Item #2 — Commando Shaped Handle. Standard on models 2, 12 (except 12-6"), 13. Available on models 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 19, 20 and 23.



Item #3 — Single Finger Grip Handle. Available on models 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12-6", 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 23.



Item #4 — Border Patrol Handle. Available on models #1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12-6", 14, 15, 16, 19, 20 and 23.



Item #5 — Concave Handle. Available on models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20 and 23.

Handle Features

Finger Grips: Expertly shaped in the knife handle. Specify if for left-hand use. (Not available on Models 2, 4-1/2, 5-4", 7, 8, 10, 13, 21, 22 and 25 because handles are too small, or on commando or concave-shaped handles.



Name Etching: Your name is permanently acid-etched in block letters on the right side of the blade. (One extra line of etching available)



Scalloped Brass Collar: Added between hilt and handle for appearance.



Flanged Scalloped Brass Butt Cap: Commando-shaped handles only.



Brass Butt Cap: Recommended (at extra cost) for Models 12 and 13. May help balance the already blade-heavy knife.



Duralumin Butt Cap: Standard on leather handles. Can be fitted at extra cost to any stag, Ivorite, Micarta, or wood handle. (Please Note: Where Duralumin butt cap is fitted as an extra, we recommend addition of nickel silver hilt so the metals will match.)



"Crow's Beak" Butt Cap: Standard on Model 22, can be fitted to other handles, in aluminum or brass, which will be shaped as shown on Model 22. (Finger grips not available on Crow's Beak Butt Cap.)



Wrist Thong: Handle is drilled and flared on butt end, and a fine quality nylon thong is attached. (Not available on scalloped butt cap or flanged scalloped butt cap.) Also available on all handles without butt caps.

Standard Hilt Shapes

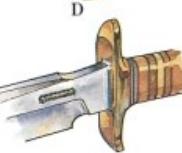
A. Standard Single Hilt: Normal on models 3, 4, 7, 8, 12-6" Spt. and 25. Also available in nickel silver.



B. Standard Hilt Shape with thumb notches: Normal on models 5, 11, 12-6" L/B, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Also available with nickel silver.



C. Brass Lugged Hilt Standard on Model 12 (13", 11" and 9") and on Model 13 (12"). Solid brass double hilt with a lug extending forward at each end. Available on other models except Model 2 (5"), 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.



D. Brass Double Hilt: Standard on models 1, 2, 13-6". Slightly different style double hilt is standard on 14, 15 and 18. Also available in nickel silver with the exception of model 18.



E. Reduced Hilt Style: Standard on 6, steak knives, and most blades using 3/16" stock.



F. Forward Curved Double Hilt: Available on most models except 17, 18, 22, 25.



Stainless Steel Blade: A special high carbon (1.00%) stainless steel not obtainable in ordinary knives. The same stainless steel specified by NASA for knives used by Gemini astronauts. Immune to the effect of saltwater. Designated with an S. Standard on Models 6, 10, 16, 17, 22 and 24. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 (6"), 13 (6"), 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25.

Saw Teeth: On top of blade, as shown on Model 18. Available as an extra only on Models 1, 5, 14, 15 and 16.

Thumb Notches: Notches on top of blade, in front of hilt, provide a non-slip surface for the thumb.

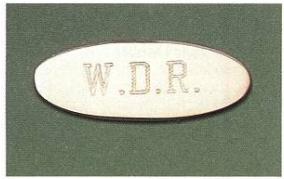


***Nickel Silver Hilt:** Matches color of Duralumin butt cap. Standard on Models 6, steak knife, 22, 24 and 25. Available on Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12 (6") 12 with forward curved hilts, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 23.



Compass

Accurate, $1/2$ " jeweled floating dial trailfinder imbedded in end of handle. Waterproof. Available on stag, Micarta, wooden and Ivorite handles. (Please Note: Butt cap and compass CANNOT be fitted to same knife.)



Name Plate: $1\frac{1}{8}$ " oval nickel silver or brass plate imbedded in any handle except walnut, leather, Ivorite, maple and Model 25 handle material. Usually fitted on trademark side of knife, with the following exception: when installed on a

handle with finger grips, the plate must be placed on top of handle or on side opposite the grips. Please specify preferred location and nickel silver or brass plate.

“...A RANDALL MADE™ knife is more than merely the finest knife I can buy; it is a symbol of genuine quality, functional beauty, and old-fashioned pride of workmanship.”

JWH, Jr., Houston, TX

Pocket Knives

The knives on this page are not RANDALL MADE,™ but the pocket knives and kitchen knives we supply are among the finest in the world and we offer them to our customers because of many requests we receive.



A. “Victorinox Swiss-champ” — Length $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". The indispensable pocket toolbox for home, auto, boat and carrying includes 29 blades/tools, including a wood chisel, ballpoint pen, pliers, wire cutter, reamer/awl with sewing eye, mini-screwdriver in the corkscrew and fine-screwdriver.

B. “Victorinox Executive” — Length 3". Features eight blades/tools ideal for the executive on the go, including large blade, small pen blade, scissors, tweezers, toothpick, orange peeler with screwdriver tip and nail file/cleaner.

C. “Victorinox Director” — Length 3". Distinctive and distinguished, stainless steel handle model is an ideal gift. Five blades/tools — large blade, small open blade, scissors, orange peeler with screwdriver tip and nail file/cleaner.



D. “Paring Knife” — $3\frac{1}{4}$ " blade length. The stainless steel blade holds an exceptional edge for years of general kitchen use. Dishwasher safe. Duralite black handle. Made for Randall Knives.

E. “Steak Knife” — 4" blade length. Makes a superb gift for yourself or others and features a rounded tip and serrated edge in stainless steel blade. Lightweight, with exceptional blade durability with proper care. Dishwasher safe. Duralite black handle. Made for Randall Knives.

Marks of Distinction



"Hat or Coat Pin" — 2" bronze medallion with replica of Model 3. Safety lock pin on back.

"Coat Patch" — 3" x 5" cloth, solid embroidered in green, orange, black, silver and gold threads.

Books about Knives



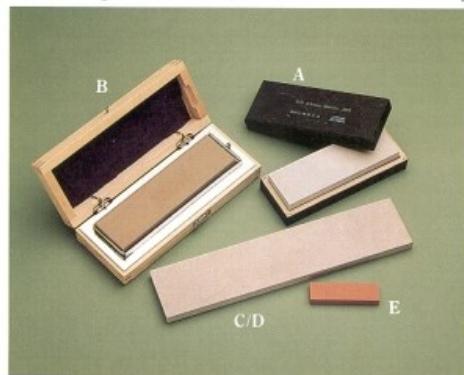
Knife Throwing, a Practical Guide
(Tuttle) by Harry K. McEvoy. An excellent how-to manual by one of the nation's leading knife-throwing experts. Bound with heavy, coated cover. 108 pages, fully illustrated.

The Fighting Knife by W.D. Randall, Jr. and Col. Rex Applegate. This pocket-size manual gives full instruction on using fighting knives and we recommend it for purchasers of our Models 1, 2, 14, 15 and 18. It describes and shows the practical offensive and defensive close combat methods developed and used by the U.S. armed forces. Now in its 16th printing. 4" x 5 1/2", 60 pages, illustrated, soft cover.

Scrimshaw by Rick Bowles
Superb Scrimshaw designs for selected handles are available on a VERY LIMITED BASIS. It is a costly, time-consuming process, but we'll be happy to answer your specific questions by phone — (407) 855-8075.

Hones

To keep all your knives — including household cutlery — sharpened, we recommend the following hones from the nation's leading manufacturers (available for immediate delivery):



A. SM6 "Soft Arkansas" — 6" x 1 7/8" x 1" in wooden box.

B. SIB27 "Soft Arkansas and Medium India" — The finest hones obtainable for finished edges. 7" x 2" x 1", mounted in a hinged metal bracket, within a fine wood box.

C. RM1 "Soft Arkansas" — A dense, natural stone for professionals who do large volume sharpening, unequaled for putting a fine edge on a blade as the final touch sharpening. Also excellent for blade touch-up. 11 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/2".

D. (not shown) IM9 "Fine India" — Also for professionals, and similar in appearance to the "Soft Arkansas", this manufactured tan stone is more porous than the Arkansas, for proving a semi-fine edge and for preparing a blade for the final touch sharpening. 11 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1/2".

E. "Pocket Hone" — High grade fine India for finishing the edge. Suitable for pocket, tackle box or sheath hone pocket. 3" x 7/8" x 3/8".

Sheaths

Our hand-crafted sheaths — shaped to fit each model — are made of the finest oil-tanned saddle leather, heavily stitched, with a three-ply stitch-protecting spline of leather around the sides and with a 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "-3" belt loop. The knife point cannot pierce the stitching. A pocket hone (described on page 32) is supplied with each sheath. Sheaths for small or narrow-bladed knives will not accommodate hone pocket.

Please Note: Prices for knives include the appropriate sheath. Sheaths ordered separately are available for immediate delivery at the prices shown on the price list.



"Model A" — Supplied with Models 1, 2, 3, 4-5" and longer, 5-5" and longer, 7-5", 11, 12 (6"), 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25. With hone in pocket. Sheath supplied with Models 12 and 13 similar, but larger. With hone in pocket. (Please Note: On 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 5" sheaths, the keeper strap snaps around the handle because there isn't enough room above the hone pocket for a diagonal strap.)

"Model B" — Supplied with Models 2-5", 4-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 5-4", 7-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 8, 9 (extra cost), 10, 13-6" and 21. With hone.

"Model C" — Supplied with Models 14, 15, 17 and 18. Especially designed under the auspices of the U.S. Marine Corps for these knives. With hone in pocket. Fitted with tie-down thongs.

"Left-Handed Sheaths" (not shown) — Sheaths supplied with straight-bladed knives (Models 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18) may be used either right or left-handed. For other models, we can have left-handed sheaths specially made.

"For GI Belts" — The belt loops on our sheaths will fit GI web belts. However, we can also supply brass "U" wire for attaching sheath to web belt.

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Caring for Your Knife

Before it leaves our shop, the cutting edge of every RANDALL MADE™ knife is carefully honed by hand, ready to use for its intended purpose. However, the bevel and edge of a knife designed for cutting skin and flesh are much different from those used to hack bone or other hard materials.

Using a fine hunting knife for an axe will naturally damage its cutting edge. And pounding, prying, or throwing a knife not designed for these purposes is likely to damage it.

We strongly suggest that if you'll use your knife for a specific heavy-duty purpose, let us know when you order so we can shape the blade and bevel accordingly.

To protect your knife, it should be cleaned and thoroughly dried after use. If it will be stored for some time, coat it with a protective and leave it out of the sheath. Many owners of RANDALL MADE™ knives say they successfully care for them by exhibiting them on their wall or desk.

Carving knives require the same care as hunting knives. It is not advisable to immerse them in water with regular tableware. Wiping and drying the blade is generally sufficient. All carbon steel blades will become stained in cutting meat because of acids in the meat; this discoloration will not harm the blade. It can easily be removed if desired by polishing with crocus cloth.

If through lack of care rust appears on the blade, remove it before pitting begins by using a fine grit emery cloth or steel wool and oil.

Never throw a knife unless you're an expert and know you won't make a poor throw that harms the knife. If the urge to throw a knife is overpowering, it is advisable to obtain our Model 9 Pro Thrower.

You cannot cut bone, nails, bolts or pierce metal with a cutting edge and point designed for meat, despite some advertising to the contrary. We have done extensive tests and find such feats cannot be performed unless the design of the cutting edge and point is altered.

On leather handles, use shoe polish or saddle soap to keep the leather from drying out. Use metal polish on the hilt and butt.

For the sheath use shoe polish or saddle soap. We do NOT advise using oil because it will soften the leather and keep the sheath flexible, making it difficult to sheathe the knife. To darken the sheath, use dark polish or dye.

All knives require sharpening occasionally after use. We recommend that the blade be kept well honed at all times, for a sharp knife is safer to use than a dull one.

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Sharpening Your Knife

Each RANDALL MADE™ knife is ground carefully by hand, and a section of knife blade when it leaves the grinder looks something like Figure 1.

The edge placed on the knife by the grinder, however, is useless for ordinary work. It is too fine and would break down easily. It may be strengthened by beveling the edge slightly on each side, as shown in Figure 2. (Bevels are exaggerated in the drawing to make them visible.) The beveled edge, produced with a hone, serves two purposes: It stiffens and sharpens the edge.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

To keep your knife sharp use the following procedures: We recommend using two hones, one with a medium or coarse grit on which to start the honing process and the other with a fine grit for finishing.

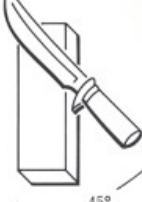


Fig. 3

First, put a few drops of kerosene, machine oil or saliva on the hone and lay the blade diagonally upon it, as in Figure 3.

Now raise the side of the blade to an angle of about 20 degrees with the surface of the hone, as in Figure 4. Keeping the edge of the blade to the hone and the side of the blade away from it at the 20 degree angle, sweep the edge across the hone, holding the diagonal position and sharpening from hilt to point in one stroke, as shown in Figure 5.

Turn the blade over and repeat the operations, alternating one stroke at a time on each side. Use even, sweeping strokes and lessen the pressure as the edge is restored.

It is essential to keep the side of the blade at the same angle to the surface of the hone — on both sides of the blade — because if it varies you won't get a good edge.

Remove any "wire edges" by giving the blade a few light, final sweeps across the hone on each side with the blade held at a high angle of about 60 degrees.

On an extremely dull blade with a thickened edge, place the blade flat on a coarse hone and restore the original blade bevels (Figure 1); then attain the final cutting edge (Figure 2) with a fine-grit hone.

BEAR IN MIND: Edge-holding ability and keenness of edge do not exactly go hand in hand, but there can be a happy medium. The finer (thinner) the V towards the cutting edge, the less the edge-holding ability of the steel. If you expect to do heavy-duty cutting, have this V thicker than that for cutting flesh, skin, etc.

Please remember that a coarser hone removes more metal, shortening the life of the knife. For the same reason, we don't advise using power equipment to sharpen your knife.

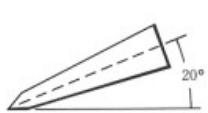


Fig. 4



Fig. 5

Making a RANDALL MADE™ Knife



Model I — 7" shown above.

There are no short cuts in the hand-crafting of RANDALL MADE™ knives. Only the best quality materials, craftsmanship and experience will produce the finest knife. We use the following procedure, and you certainly may try it if you desire.

1. Obtain a piece of carbon tool steel knife stock.
2. Heat it cherry red and hammer out the rough blade in the general shape desired.
3. Grind the rough forged blade to the size and shape of the blade desired.
4. Harden the blade by heating it cherry red and then immersing it in tempering oil. Draw out the brittleness and internal stresses by tempering blade at low heat until it becomes a straw blue color and can be cut with a new file.
5. Grind in lines, bevels and contours and remove roughness.
6. Use a coarse hone and true up the cutting edge, removing any remaining waves and unevenness.
7. Refine the blade on a fine grit wheel to remove scratches made by the coarse hone.
8. Smooth the blade, first with coarse and then with fine grit emery cloth.

9. Polish the blade on a glued-up coarse emery wheel.
10. Cut and shape the hilt from one-quarter inch brass. Drill a hole and file it to rectangular shape to fit the handle tang. Fit hilt to the blade and solder in place.
11. Fit the handle to the tang, cutting rectangular holes in pieces of fiber, plastic or leather. Slip into place and glue each separately. Drill a piece of one-half inch Duralumin for the butt and recess it to fit the tang. Drive it on tightly and peen it into place, or thread end of tang and use nut. When the glue is thoroughly dry, roughly shape the handle with a coarse file. Finish shaping with a finer file. Then smooth it, first with coarse and then fine emery paper. The hilt and butt are filed and sanded as the handle is shaped.
12. Polish the blade with a medium grit glued-up emery wheel. Polish the hilt and butt on a muslin wheel charged with polishing compound.
13. Sharpen the blade on a medium grit hone. Always use special honing oil for all honing.
14. Polish the blade on a fine grit glued-up emery wheel and again polish the hilt and butt.
15. Give final sharpening to the blade, using a fine grit hone.
16. For final polishing of the blade, use a hard polishing wheel to remove the last fine hone scratches. Give final polish to the hilt and butt and the final polish to the handle with a soft muslin wheel.
17. Make or have made a sheath patterned to fit the blade with a stop for the hilt so the point cannot pierce the sheath and with splines along the sides to prevent cutting of the stitches. Use a keeper strap and fasteners to hold the knife in the sheath.

Caution: Grinding steps #3 and #5 require great skill in getting the lines and bevels of the blade true by eye. These are dangerous operations, requiring good goggles to protect the eyes from slivers of steel. The grinding dust is unpleasant; use a blower if possible. In all grinding after tempering, never overheat the blade.

Muslin wheel polishing of the hilt, butt and handles and the final polishing of the sharp blade are very dangerous operations. These wheels can easily snatch the blade from the grasp and cause it to fly through the air.

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Research

Although many authorities say RANDALL MADE™ knives are unequaled by either the fabled blades of history or those of modern times, we are constantly seeking new materials and improvements for our knives.

We change details of our knives and sheaths from time to time when our research indicates improvements can be made. Therefore, the knife or sheath you receive may vary slightly from the model illustrated in the catalogue.

We receive many letters from customers with valuable suggestions, and after testing, the ideas are often incorporated in our knives.

Visit Us Soon



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The public is welcome to visit the shop where Randall Knives are made in Orlando, Florida.

On occasion, we have knives there available for purchase, though we cannot guarantee that any models will be for sale at a given time.

In addition to our showroom, our free museum — featuring more than 7,000 knives of every imaginable type — can be toured. We add about 150 new items each year, and it's a fascinating display for those interested in the art of weaponry.

We are located at 4857 South Orange Blossom Trail, just one mile south of the I-4 interchange.

HOURS

7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday

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Closed Saturdays, Sundays and all major holidays.

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Thank You For Asking

We've added this section to our catalog to save you the time and trouble of writing or calling with frequently-asked questions. Naturally, we're happy as always to discuss your particular needs with you.

Q: Are your knives available for immediate shipment?

A: We can often ship a standard model without extras from stock, and we usually have a limited number of knives available for over-the-counter or phone sales. BUT, demand is generally so great for most models that we are frequently behind in our deliveries. However, please phone to check our stock of finished knives (407) 855-8075.

Q: If there's such a demand, why don't you expand, so that orders don't take so long to fill?

A: Our philosophy has always been to make the best knives we can make, rather than the most knives we can make. We occasionally do add people to our family of craftsmen, but frankly, it is difficult to find experienced individuals who are willing to devote the care to their work that we expect. We simply won't do anything to sacrifice the quality of our knives, and we're convinced that this commitment is what makes our knives so popular. We regret the delay, and we appreciate your understanding.

Q: How are orders processed in terms of priority?

A: We fulfill orders on a first-come, first-served basis whether you're an individual buyer or a dealer. But it should be noted that most of our dealers submit orders consistently every year, so they will receive knives on a regular basis.

Q: What's your shipping policy?

A: There's no charge for domestic UPS, but international deliveries and parcel post are extra. Sorry, no C.O.D.'s.

Q: I have a Model 1 purchased years ago and one I bought recently. They're not exactly alike. Why?

A: Anything that is truly hand-made is unique. There is simply no way to hand-make exact duplicates. That means one Model 1 might be slightly longer or shorter than another Model 1. Plus, over the years we have varied particular Models somewhat to improve them.

Q: When I order a knife, do I pay the price in the catalog now, or the price when it's shipped?

A: If you pay a \$10 deposit when you order, that will guarantee you the current price upon delivery, regardless of any future increases.

Q: How can I have my RANDALL MADE™ repaired/refinished?

A: Send us your knife with complete instructions for the work to be done. We'll then quote a price to you before starting. Repairs typically take six weeks.

Q: Are RANDALL MADE™ kits or special forgings available?

A: Sorry, but no, the specialized nature of our hand crafting process doesn't make kits feasible and the current backlog of orders prohibits special forgings.

Q: How can you justify the price of your knives?

A: We make every effort to keep our prices reasonable for hand-crafted work, and in comparison to others supplying hand-made knives we're quite low. But certainly you can pay much less for a knife. That's why for years, we have remained customers of this quote from John Ruskin:

"Quality. There is hardly anything in the world that some men cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey."

Q: Are RANDALL MADE™ knives sold through dealers? I can't find one near me.

A: We do have a select and limited group of dealers, with no plans to expand our network. Usually, they will advertise in the yellow pages of the phone book. If you'll send us your address, we'll be happy to direct you to your nearest dealer, or you can always order from us, as about 70% of our customers do.

Q: Why must I send my knife to you when all I need is a new sheath?

A: Each sheath is shaped to fit each model, and models have varied over the years. Plus, because each hand-made knife is unique we need to have the knife to ensure a proper fit of the keeper strap.

Q: Should I order my knife with a stainless steel blade or carbon tool steel blade?

A: That's one of the most common questions we get. We feel that high carbon tool steel holds a better edge by about 10 percent and it's easier to hone. Stainless, however, is much more resistant to corrosion and staining, so it's generally the better choice for use in humid or saltwater conditions. Consider how frequently you'll use and hone your knife — and where you'll use it — then decide which material is best for you.

Certification and Guarantee

PLEASE READ:

"We certify that every RANDALL MADE™ knife is 100% hand-made in our own workshop and that it is made of the finest quality material obtainable. We further certify that the blade is hand-forged from the finest imported Swedish tool steel or made of the best domestic stainless steel, hand ground, hand honed, hand polished, that the blade is keen, perfectly balanced and perfectly shaped for its use, and that the material in the handle, whether heavy sole leather, imported India stag, rare wood or other material, is genuine, and that the sheath is the finest obtainable.

"We warrant that each RANDALL MADE™ knife is free from defects in manufacture and will be replaced should any appear, when in use by original owner."

During the 50 years we have been hand-crafting fine knives, we've made every effort to see that all our customers have been satisfied. If you doubt the quality of a RANDALL MADE, order one for inspection only, paying the full purchase price. If you decide to return the knife, your purchase price will be refunded, less shipping.

If you know where finer knives can be purchased at comparable prices, we will be sincerely grateful if you tell us.

Fla. Residents — Please Add Sales Tax

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Model 1 "All-Purpose Fighting Knife"	
Including Model A sheath	
5", 6", 7", 8" blade	\$180.00
Model 15 "Airman"	
Including Model C sheath	\$190.00
Model 14 "Attack"	
Including Model C sheath	\$200.00

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Model 24 "Guardian"	
Including special sheath	\$190.00
Model 2 "Fighting Stiletto"	
Including Model A sheath	\$185.00
Model 2-5" "Letter Opener and Boot Knife"	
Including Model B sheath	\$175.00

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Model 18 "Attack-Survival"	
Including Model C sheath	
5½" blade, 4¼" (approximate) handle	\$220.00
7½" blade, 5" (approximate) handle	\$230.00
Model 17 "Astro"	
Including Model C sheath	\$270.00



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Page 9	Model 4-6" "Big Game and Skinner" Including Model A sheath.....	\$175.00
Model 10 "Salt Fisherman and Household Utility" Including Model B sheath.....	\$105.00	
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Model 25 "The Trapper" Including Model A sheath.....	\$230.00	
Model 5 "Camp and Trail Knife" Including Model A sheath.....	\$175.00	
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Model 4 "5" Big Game and Skinner" Including Model A sheath 5", 6", 7" blade, 1/4" stock	\$175.00	
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Model 8 "Trout and Bird Knife" Including Model B sheath.....	\$170.00	
Model 7 "Fisherman-Hunter" Including Model A or B sheath.....	\$170.00	
Model 4-4 1/2" Including Model B sheath 4 1/2" blade, 3/16" stock	\$170.00	
Model 5-4" Small Camp and Trail Knife" Including Model B sheath 4" blade, 3/16" stock	\$170.00	
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Model 11 "Alaskan Skinner" Including Model A or B sheath 4" blade, 3/16" stock	\$170.00	
4 1/2", 5" blade, 1/4" stock	\$175.00	
Model 19 "Bushmaster" Including Model A sheath.....	\$175.00	
Model 23 "Gamemaster" Including Model A sheath.....	\$175.00	
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Model 21 "Little Game" Including Model B sheath.....	\$160.00	
Model 20 "Yukon Skinner" Including Model A sheath.....	\$175.00	
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Model 6 "All-Purpose Carving Knife" Complete with high quality stag-handled sharpening steel, both fitted in a fine two-compartment felt case	\$210.00	
Fork		
Finest factory-made fork, to match Model 6	\$ 35.00	
Sharpening Steel.....	\$ 25.00	
Model 6 "Steak Knife" Sheath not included.....	\$200.00	
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Model 12 "Bear Bowie" Including Model A sheath.....	\$270.00	
Model 12 "9" Sportsman's Bowie" Including Model A sheath.....	\$300.00	
Model 12 "6" Sportsman's Bowie" Including Model A sheath.....	\$180.00	
Model 12 "Little Bear Bowie" Including Model A sheath.....	\$185.00	
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Model 12 "The Confederate Bowie" Including Model A sheath.....	\$350.00	
Model 12 "Raymond Thorp Bowie" Including Model A sheath.....	\$360.00	
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Model 13 "Small Arkansas Toothpick" Including Model B sheath.....	\$185.00	
Model 13 "Arkansas Toothpick" Including Model A sheath.....	\$360.00	

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A. #11-4 ¹ / ₂ "	Stag Handle, Finger Grips, Wrist Thong	\$215.00
B. #12-13"	Raymond Thorp, Scalloped Collar, Ivorite Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap.....	\$460.00
C. #12-11"	Confederate, Ivorite Handle, Brass Butt Cap.....	\$392.00
D. #13-6"	Nickel Silver, Maple Handle, Alu. Butt Cap	\$235.00
E. #13-12"	Scalloped Collar, Concave Walnut Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap ..	\$455.00
F. #18-7 ¹ / ₂ "	Standard	\$230.00
G. #2-5"	Nickel Silver Hilt, Maroon Micarta Handle	\$215.00
H. #12-11"	Smithsonian, Scalloped Collar, Concave Walnut Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap.....	\$455.00
I. #14-7 ¹ / ₂ "	#1 Shape Hilt, Black Micarta Border Patrol Handle	\$210.00
J. #22-4 5/8"	Standard	\$230.00
K. #5-6"	Nickel Silver Hilt, Black Micarta Handle, Wrist Thong	\$212.00
L. #7-4 ¹ / ₂ "	Stag Handle	\$195.00
M. #3-5"	Stag Handle, Brass Butt Cap	\$212.00
N. #4-5"	Rosewood Handle.....	\$200.00
O. #25-5"	Standard	\$230.00
P. #5-5"	Maple Handle	\$200.00
Q. #12-9"	Rosewood Handle, Brass Crow Beak Butt Cap	\$341.00
R. #1-6"	Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Butt Cap	\$230.00
S. #1-7"	Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Butt Cap	\$230.00
T. #23-4 ¹ / ₂ "	Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Finger Grips	\$220.00
U. #20-4 ¹ / ₂ "	Maroon Micarta Handle.....	\$200.00
V. #19-4 ¹ / ₂ "	Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Crow Beak Butt Cap	\$225.00
W. #14-7 ¹ / ₂ "	Standard	\$200.00
X. #2-7"	Nickel Silver Hilt, Ivorite Handle, Alu. Butt Cap	\$235.00
Y. #1-7"	Black Micarta Commando Handle, Brass Butt Cap.....	\$214.00
Z. #14-7 ¹ / ₂ "	CDT, Black Micarta Handle, Brass Butt Cap	\$219.00
AA. #10-5"	Black Micarta Handle.....	\$105.00
BB. #10-7"	Black Micarta Handle.....	\$105.00
CC. #9-10"	Standard	\$ 70.00
DD. #12-6"	Little Bear Bowie, Nickel Silver Hilt, Walnut Handle, Alu. Butt Cap	\$230.00

EE. #12-6"	Sportsman's Bowie, Maroon Micarta Handle, Brass Butt Cap.....	\$217.00
FF. #3-6"	Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle, Alu. Butt Cap	\$220.00
GG. #17-5 ¹ / ₂ "	Astro Standard	\$270.00
HH. #15-5 ¹ / ₂ "	Single Finger Grip Handle ..	\$200.00
II. #15-5 ¹ / ₂ "	#1 Shape Hilt, Sawteeth, Boarder Patrol Handle	\$225.00
JJ. #12-8"	Scalloped Collar, Black Micarta Handle, Scalloped Butt Cap ..	\$362.00
KK. #14-7 ¹ / ₂ "	Forward Curved Hilt, Single Finger Grip Handle ..	\$220.00
LL. #14-7 ¹ / ₂ "	Sawteeth	\$225.00
MM. #16-7"	Sawteeth	\$235.00
NN. #18-5 ¹ / ₂ "	Knurled Handle	\$240.00
OO. #4-6"	Stag Handle, Finger Grips, Brass Butt Cap	\$222.00
PP. #7-5"	Rosewood Handle	\$195.00
QQ. #6-9"	Knife, Fork, and Hone	\$245.00
RR. #7-4 ¹ / ₂ "	Stainless Steel, #6 Grind, Nickel Silver Hilt, Stag Handle (no sheath)	\$200.00
SS. #24-4"	Ivorite Handle	\$190.00
TT. #8-4"	Black Micarta Handle	\$172.00
UU. #11-4"	Walnut Handle	\$195.00
VV. #21-3 ¹ / ₄ "	Standard	\$160.00

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Stag Handle	\$ 25.00
Black Micarta Handle	\$ 22.00
Maroon Micarta Handle	\$ 25.00
Wooden Handles	\$ 25.00

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Ivorite Handles

Models 2 (5"), 5 (4"), 7, 8, 21, 4 (4 ¹ / ₄ "), 11 (4")	\$ 23.00
Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 (6"), 13 (6"), 19, 20, 23	\$ 25.00
Other Model 12's and Model 13	\$ 30.00

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Finger Grips	\$ 10.00
Name Etching	\$ 10.00
Extra line of etching, limited to one line	\$ 10.00
Scalloped Brass Collar	\$ 35.00

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Scalloped Brass Butt Cap.....	\$. 35.00
Flanged Scalloped Brass Butt Cap	\$. 45.00
Brass Butt Cap	\$. 12.00
Duralumin Butt Cap	
Standard only on leather handles.	
Available as an extra on other handles.....	\$. 10.00

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"Crow's Beak" Butt Cap	
Duralumin.....	\$. 15.00
Brass	\$. 16.00
Wrist Thong	\$. 5.00
Brass Lugged Hilt.....	\$. 35.00
Brass Double Hilt.....	\$. 7.00

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Stainless Steel Blade	
3 ¹ / ₄ "-5 ¹ / ₂ " blade and Model 9	\$. 20.00
6"-8" blade	\$. 25.00
Sawteeth	\$. 25.00
Thumb Notches	\$. 5.00
Nickel Silver Single Hilt.....	\$. 10.00
Nickel Silver Double Hilt	\$. 15.00
Compass (Installed)	\$. 10.00
Available separately	\$. 9.00
Name Plate	\$. 25.00
Initial engraving (limit 5 letters)	
per letter	\$. 1.00

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Pocket Knives	
"Victorinox Swisschamp"	\$. 65.00
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"Victorinox Paring Knife"	\$. 4.00
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Hones Soft

SM6. Soft Arkansas	\$. 22.00
SIB27. Soft Arkansas and Medium India.....	\$. 60.00
Pocket Hone	\$. 2.00

Professional Hones

RM1. Soft Arkansas	\$. 45.00
IM9. Fine India	\$. 22.00

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Sheaths

Model A

Supplied with Models 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (5"),	
11, 12 (6"), 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25	
With hone in pocket.....	\$. 25.00
Supplied with Models 12 and 13	
With hone in pocket.....	\$. 30.00

Model B

Supplied with Models 2 (5"), 4 (4 ¹ / ₂ "),	
7 (4 ¹ / ₂ "), 8, 10, 11 (4"), 13 (6")	
and 21 with hone	\$. 20.00

Model C

Supplied with Models 14, 15, 17 and 18	
Fitted with tie down thongs	\$. 30.00

Left Handed Sheaths	(Extra) \$. 4.00
GI "U" Wires	\$. 2.00

Deductions

For those who wish to make their own sheaths or who otherwise do not want the sheaths illustrated above and normally supplied with RANDALL MADE KNIVES, we made deductions from the catalog prices of the knives as follows: Model A sheath for knife Model 12 (8" to 13" blade) and Model 13 (12") \$15.00; for other models, \$12.00; Model B, \$10.00; Model C, \$15.00.