

Simple Letter Opener By Phil Travis

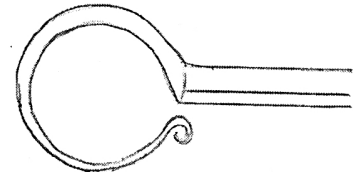
1/4" X 8" Square stock

TAPER END Draw down end to a 3" round taper

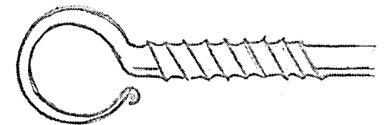


SCROLL TIP & FORM 1" LOOP

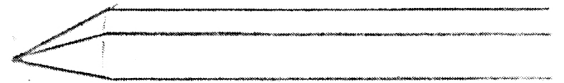
Scroll tip over edge of the anvil - Bend at 3" to a 90* angle - then form loop over edge of the anvil - true up on horn



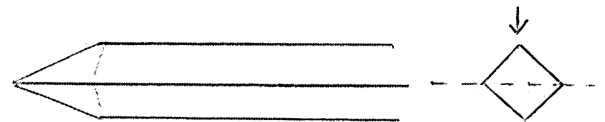
TWIST HANDLE Twist approximately next 2" below loop as handle



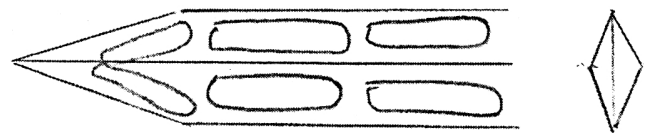
TAPER TIP Draw a short taper at blade end



FLATTEN BLADE Flatten blade section on the diagonal leaving center thick

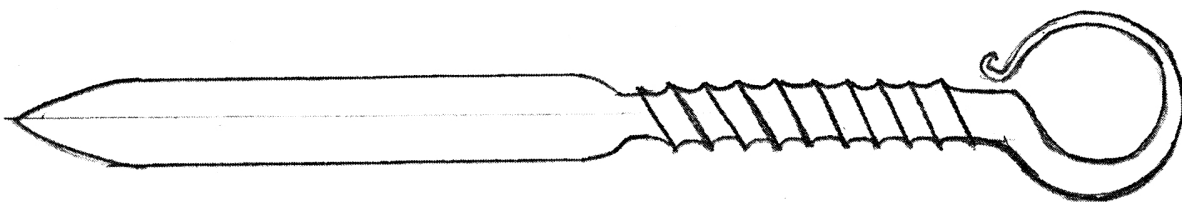


FULLER BLADE Using peen of hammer, fuller blade to width, leave center thick and taper edges to thin - should be a flat diamond shape in cross section



STRAIGHTEN AND WIRE BRUSH

Straighten the blade and align with handle, then wire brush all loose scale



REFINE BLADE

File, Grind or Sand the blade to refine shape

FINISH

Check for any burrs or sharp edges, wire brush all over and apply choice of finish such as lacquer or paste wax