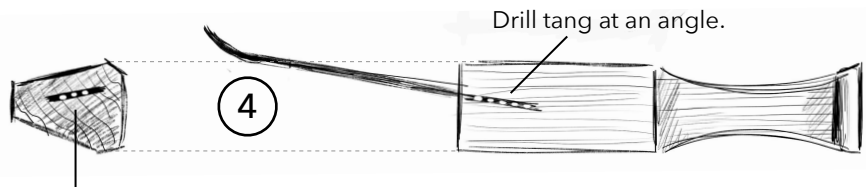
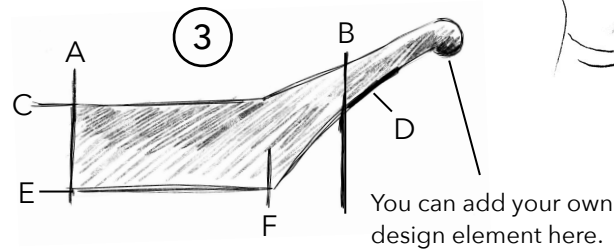
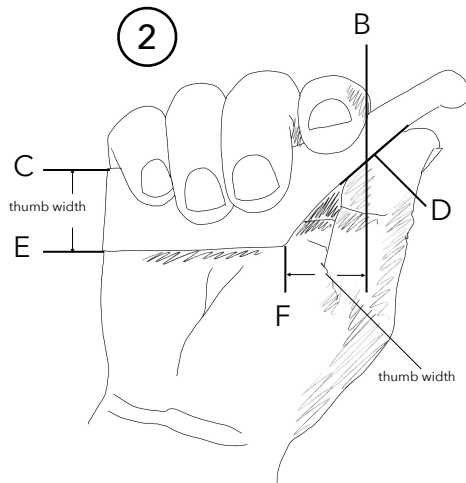
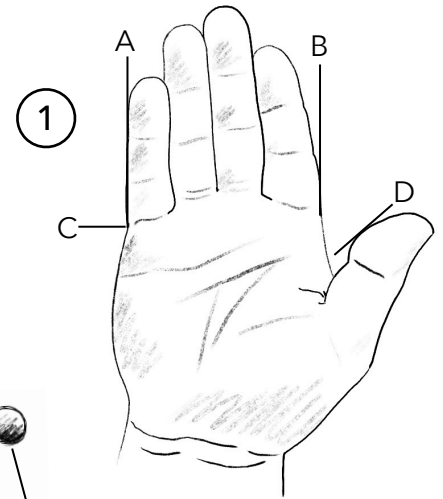


HOW TO PUT A HANDLE ON A CROOKED KNIFE BLADE

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MAKE A CARDBOARD TEMPLATE (1-3):

- On a piece of cardboard mark the width of your palm $A + B$.
- Mark crease at the base of your pinky C .
- Mark the top of your thumb D in the grip position shown in 2.
- Find points $E + F$ using the width of your thumb.
- Connect the marks to draw the shape in 3, then cut cardboard out to test the fit.



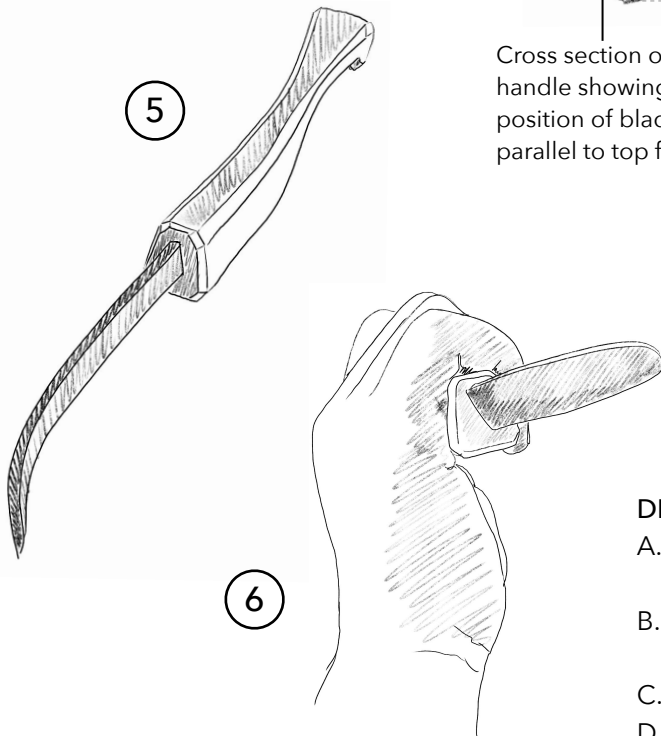
Cross section of handle showing position of blade parallel to top face.

CUT & SHAPE WOODEN HANDLE (4-6):

- Use template to mark and cut out a wooden handle blank with saw, bandsaw, axe, etc.
- Shape and smooth wooden handle to fit well using rasps, sandpaper, knife, etc. Notice the triangular shape of the cross section and the side silhouette of the handle shown in 4, 5, & 6.

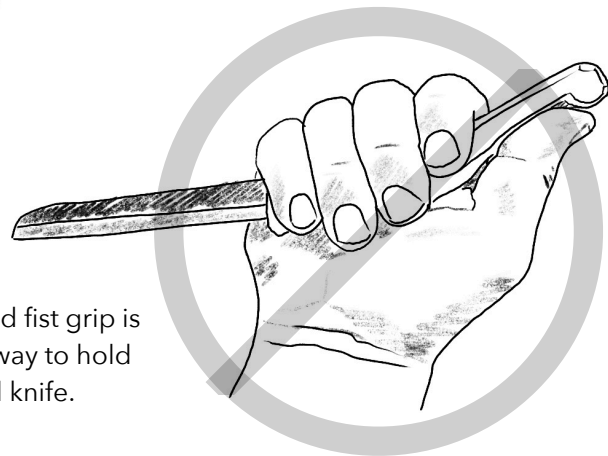
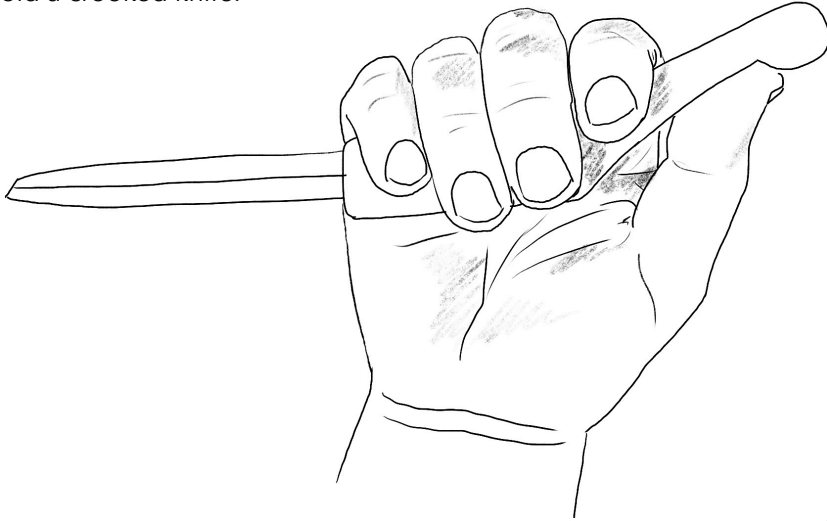
DRILL & GLUE IN BLADE (4-6):

- See both diagrams of 4 to match up the angles of the blade tang within the handle.
- Drill holes to fit tang width and depth, cleaning out the hole by wallowing with the spinning drill bit.
- Test that the tang fits completely before gluing.
- Mix epoxy, fill hole, and insert tang.



NOTES ON HOLDING THE CROOKED KNIFE:

This relaxed open palm grip is the best way to hold a crooked knife.



This closed fist grip is NOT the way to hold a crooked knife.

Check out **The Crooked Knife: History, Design & Use with Jarrod Dahl** on YouTube for more information on crooked knives. This publication is free and can be shared with others. Please support our growing Woodspirit School of Traditional Craft in Ashland, Wisconsin by donating at www.woodspirithandcraft.com.

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