

Important Instructions

using the Chosera Water Stones

Allow water stones to dry after each use

- do not keep water stones constantly soaking
 - this will cause the adhesive to come loose
 - this will make the stones vulnerable to cracking

Put the stone gently on the knife

- do not 'slap' the knife with the water stone
 - the water stones are fragile and can crack if you are rough in addressing the stone to the knife

Keep stones from direct exposure to the sun

Detailed instructions on using the water stones:

1. Soak stones 3-5 minutes before using
 - keep the stones wet during use
 - a small spray bottle works well
 - the water acts as a lubricant and keeps the filings from piling up as you sharpen
 - the stones just need to be damp, not completely drenched
 - Option: add a little water at the top of the stone as you sharpen
 - it will run down the length of the stone
2. Use firm pressure but not don't be aggressive (with the water stones)
 - the water stones are an amazing medium and will work very well with firm pressure. You do not need to apply hard pressure.
 - excessive pressure can cause cracking
3. Lap the stones before using
 - soak stones and rub together
 - this compensates for wear in the stones by rubbing down the high spots
 - water stones are soft and wear quickly
4. Create a 'slurry' before sharpening
 - the slurry is created when you lap the wet stones
 - the slurry acts as a lubricant and enhances your sharpening

5. Lap the water stones occasionally on a diamond stone or lapping plate
 - check out this [YouTube video by Tom Blodgett](#) about lapping water stones
 - Tom puts pencil marks the stones to show where the stones need lapping
 - it is important to keep the edge of the stone flat (lapped) in order to get a good result when you sharpen
 - a [600 grit diamond stone from Harbor Freight](#) (reasonably priced, 4 stones and a holder)
 - a Wicked Edge diamond stone can also used
6. Clean water stones thoroughly after using
 - lap the stones under cool running water
 - remove all filings from the surface of the stones