

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