

Look Sharp

It's too pricey for your travel kit, but this straight razor makes a precious home groomer. The carbon steel blade will last decades, and the carbon fiber handle won't give out before the blade does. It's a choice heirloom, just make sure your kid doesn't turn into Sweeney Todd. | **Bison + Max Sprecher Straight Razor** | **\$895**



PREP YOUR BLADE BEFORE YOU SHAVE

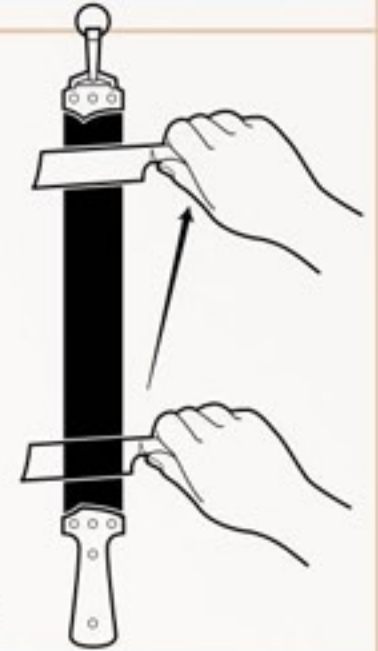


FIGURE 1

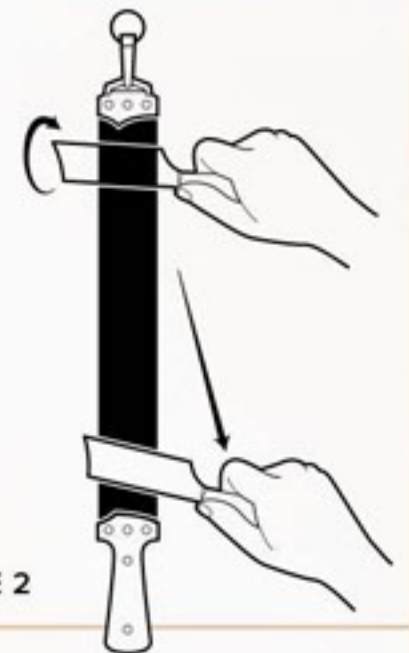


FIGURE 2

Stropping shapes your razor's steel into a uniform cutting edge; do it before every shave. Place the blade flat against the leather strop, sharp edge facing you (Fig. 1), and draw it away. Flip the blade over (Fig. 2) and reverse the stroke. Repeat 20–50 times.