

Hot Shop II is my eighth booklet and over a year in the making. I write, pound iron, make new tooling, photograph and edit a few pages at a time to keep it enjoyable. This has been a fun project, especially with the addition of the fly press, set up several years ago in the shop.

Thanks to all who have given me inspiration about tooling and techniques. I learned much about fly press tooling on the internet. Typing fly press in your search engine will bring up many sites about presses and tooling.

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I use a PC with Pagemaker® and Photoshop® software for desktop publishing. I recently bought Creative Suites® and am getting acquainted with it, not so easy for a old guy.



Fly press textured candle holder, candle cup is copper. The tool used to make the deco texture is a used rectangular Whitney punch 3/8" X 5/8" on the business end. I ground the sharp edges slightly. This is one of the first test pieces made with the press.

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Going to the Dogs



Forged dragon heads are made by many blacksmiths. Somehow mine always looked more like funny looking mutts. I've made them from a variety of flat and square stock. The trivet and one of the "Log Dogs" are forged from 1/4" X 3/4" flat bar. The bottom "Log Dog" is forged from 1/4" X 1/2" flat bar.

"Log Dogs" are meant to be driven into a pre drilled hole in log and timber frame structures and used for hanging just about anything on them. A wooden mallet should be used to drive them into the timber.

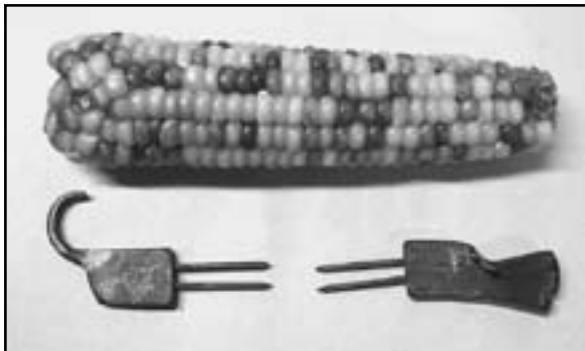
The dog hook and key fob are forged from 3/8" X 3/8" square stock.

Forged dog heads make unique knife handles. The top knife and small bottom three have a hole drilled in the handle with a round tang blade inserted and lock punched in place. The second and third knives, are forged from one piece of steel.

Small dog handle knives are handy when you want just a little sharp pointy knife. One is kept in a handy spot on my work bench.



Close-up of the dog face trivet.



Forged dog sweet corn holders, with dried Indian corn for illustration. The spikes are small cut off finishing nails, lock punched in the dog head and butt.



These tongs were modified specifically for small dog heads. The top pair grip the dog between forehead and snout. The bottom pair grip behind the dog head, both head and blade on this letter opener were forged from a single piece of mild steel.