

# Fly Press Tooling



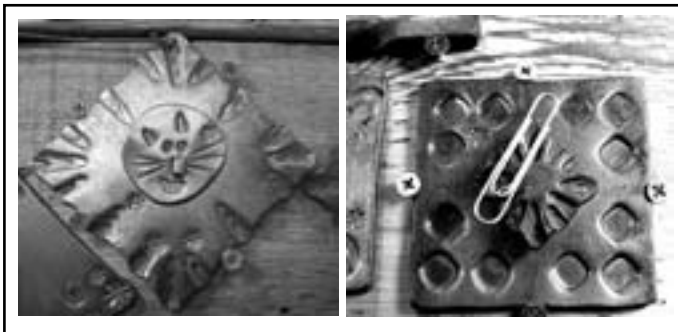
These used punches were bought at a blacksmith conference for a buck apiece. I pigged out and bought about 50, knowing they would be useful for fly press tooling even though the press hadn't been set up yet. Some of these have been reshaped by grinding. The punch shanks are 1" in diameter. My favorite press tools are teardrop, round, square, rectangular, domed and cone shaped. One has been ground for a walking chisel shape.



Sample pieces made using various tooling. Two are knobs for drawer or cabinet doors, the cat and knob at the top.



The cat knob has a brass threaded standoff, which I made, silver soldered to the back. The steel forged one has a threaded coupling nut attached to the knob with a 10-24 allen head screw. The knob is counter bored, to recess the screw head. Threaded coupling/extension nuts are available at hardware stores. The shiny zinc plating can be painted black if desired.



Copper cat Christmas tree ornament riveted to a decorative back and a paper clip holder. The clip holder has a strong disk magnet super glued to the back and top piece.



**Note:** Wire brushing hot forged steel burnishes the surface. For best results photograph the forged piece before hot waxing, as the wax dulls the highlights.