

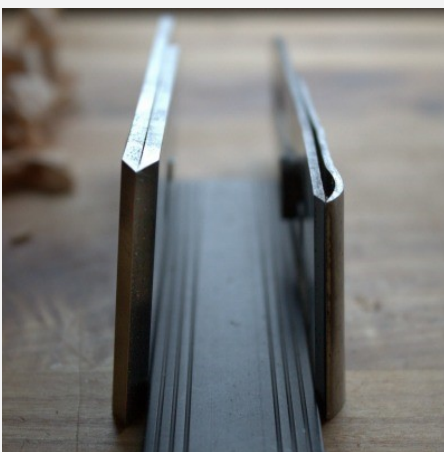


Sharp & to the Point The Hock Tools Newsletter # 3/16
Advancing Handtools: A New Life for Grandpa's Plane by Anne Briggs Bohnett

When asked why focus on Ron Hock in her first article, *Will the Real Iron Man Please Step Forward*, and feature Hock Tools in her second, *A New Life for Grandpa's Plane* — both for *Furniture & Cabinetmaking Magazine*, Anne Briggs Bohnett explained, "The reason I chose Ron for the article is because I have used and loved his blades since I got my start in handtool woodwork. Restoring old tools is one of my very favorite things to do because there is something very redemptive about taking an old, rusty, useless thing and giving it new life. Adding Ron's blades to the planes makes them work better than they ever did out of the factory. For a small investment, the bar-



A line up of 3 of Anne Briggs Bohnett's restored Stanley planes, each fitted with a Hock blade.



An edgy comparison shot of a Stanley plane blade and breaker (right) and a Hock Tools blade and breaker. Hock blades are 3/32" thick blades, which offers improved cutting action over the mass-marketed chrome-vanadium blades, Hock blades come in both high carbon steel — which can be honed more easily and will get sharper — as well as Cryogenically treated A2 — which holds that edge longer. All are 7" long and fit 99.9% of Stanley and Record style planes with no modifications other than a simple frog adjustment.

gain friendly woodworker can replace the blade in their grandfather's plane and get high-end results from their tool. Ron is an incredibly talented maker, is creating a quality product, and is a top-notch guy to boot, and I was proud to have the chance to get to know him better through this feature."



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A New Life for Grandpa's Plane](#)

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