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Photo Album: Scott Seganti's Marking Knife

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Scott Seganti "turned" a Hock Tools #MK025 Marking Knife into a special marking knife with a walnut handle.

Scott Seganti of The Sonoran Woodshop tells the Story of his Special Marking Knife:

Marking knives are an essential tool for woodworking; using them takes your woodworking to a new level. For years I used an X-acto knife that I bought from a craft store. It worked okay in most situations; however, I found it wasn't ideal especially when marking dovetails. After a little research I purchased a #MK025 marking knife blade from Hock Tools.



Scott's Marking Knife disassembled. Note the copper ferrule and the perfectly sized mortise.

wide stop groove that ran about 6" long. This cut was centered along the length of one of my blank halves to

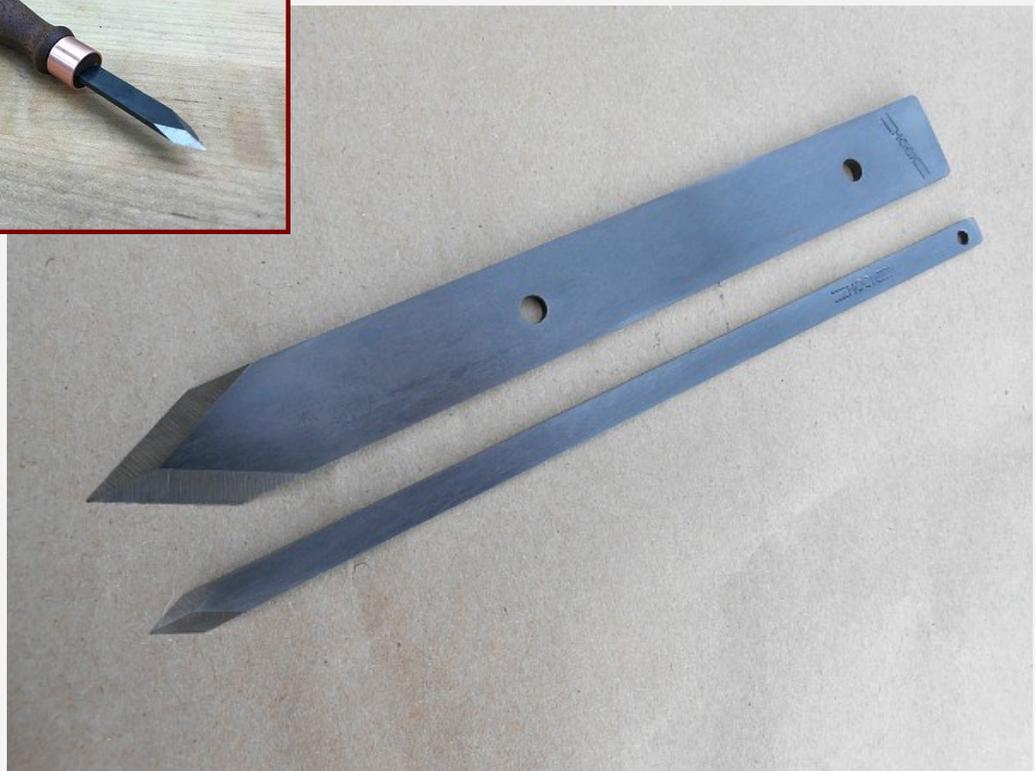
The blade is ideal because it comes without a handle and I wanted to turn my own on the lathe. The challenge was figuring out a way to create the tiny mortise that was perfectly sized to accept the blade. The method I came up with ended up working really well.

I took a small piece of walnut and made a 1 inch square blank that was about 8 inches long. I ripped the blank in half along the grain and used a hand plane to clean up the saw marks. Using a router plane I cut a 1/16" deep 1/4"

accept the blade. I then glued the two halves back together and turned the handle on the lathe. A copper ferrule was added for strength.

I was originally going to add a set screw through the copper ferrule to lock the blade in place, but the mortise ended up being tight enough to hold the blade firmly in place.

-- Scott Seganti of [The Sonoran Woodshop](#)



Top: Scott Seganti's Finished Marking Knife. Below: [Hock Tools Marking Knives](#) — the stock of inspiration!

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