



Prick Blades

THE TANGIBLE DREAM REALIZED

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For some, owning and operating their own boutique digital and design agency would be the fulfillment of the American dream, but not so with Marc Weinstock of Prick Blades in Chicago, Illinois.

Being forced, day in and day out, to look at his designs but never touch them was enough to make him strive for more. He wanted to be a part of making a product that would last the ages — one that he could hold in his hands with pride and accomplishment.

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1 Humble Beginnings

Being the owner of his own design company, Marc was able to convert his conference room by day into a makeshift knifemaking studio by night. This only fueled his passion and he sold the business and built a proper knifemaking shop.

2 The Challenges

Marc finds that it can be difficult, at times, to locate information on particular techniques he is trying to work through.

3 Finding Fulfillment

The more he immersed himself in knifemaking, the more he found it

contained everything he was looking for in a creative pursuit.

4 Finding Inspiration

Motivated by their stunning designs and top-notch work, Marc finds inspiration from designers such as Jerry Fisk, Aaron Wilburn and Shawn McIntyre.

5 Material Preference

Marc works mostly in high carbon steels such as W2 and 1095 and although his moods change from time to time, lately he has enjoyed using highly figured woods for his handle scales.

6 Creative Process

Always seeking growth, Marc tends to lean towards styles he would like to make or processes that he would like to learn, when coming up with new designs. He also draws inspiration from shapes around him, sometimes finding inspiration in architecture, furniture or an interesting color pallet used in a tattoo.

7 The Process

Marc does both stock removal and forged blades and anything you get from him is custom. Although he loves the design process, he also enjoys taking customer requests.

8 Ordering

Because each is custom and handmade, he has a lead-time of 5 months for one of his knives. But, they are well worth the wait. **KI**