



Maker #1: Scott Kiser
Johnson City, TN

Bamboo EvoGrip

I started with the Wenger EvoGrip 16. My goal was to deliver an example of a customized knife utilizing ecological friendly materials. I decided to utilize bamboo since it has long been unconditionally regarded as an eco-friendly material because of its amazing green attributes. It can grow with few pesticides and little water, is naturally regenerative and can grow up to one foot per day. To start, I prepared the bamboo, first cutting and splitting sections to form blanks for the handles, then shaping the blanks to have flat surfaces to begin the final steps of shaping the handles to meet the original plastic outlines. The next step was to texture the surface of the handles for an improved grip and appearance. Next the handles were stabilized. Finally the scales were applied to the aluminum frame of the knife with industrial adhesive.



Maker #2: Tom Meeker
Sacramento, CA

Webbed Turquoise Tradesman

Handles are made from a product called Recon (reconstituted) Stone. The material was made by combining stone dust from quarrying and fabrication (previously a waste product) into a binder and casting it into bricks. They slice the bricks, then grind, cut, file and polish into the finished piece. This particular pattern is called "Webbed Turquoise". Approximately 40 other patterns are being manufactured currently.



Maker #3: Mikael Granborg
Rohnert Park, CA

Corian® Ranger 53

This is a Wenger Ranger 53 with custom handles. They're made from Dupont Corian® scrap material salvaged from countertop installation overcuts. The bolster is made from a color called "Earth" and the handle is made from "Ecru". The fitting was done by hand. The "clamshell" handle recesses were achieved through a Dremel® tool mounted to a drill press with depth stop.

