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OCMK FOLDER CUTS A WIDE SWATH THROUGH THE AUTHOR'S GARAGE AND BACKYARD



Spec Chart

Knife Coyote
Company Oswego County Machine & Knife
Blade Steel CPM S30V stainless
Blade Length 3.5"
Rockwell Hardness 58/59 Rc, cryogenically heat treated
Handle 6061 T6 aluminum anodized red; rubber inlays
Liners Titanium
Lock Locking liner
Coyote Howls Choice of four colors; pocket clip and lanyard
Sheath Nylon pouch
Closed Length ~4.75"
MSRP \$218.75

A 3.5-inch blade of CPM S30V stainless and an aluminum handle anodized red and sporting rubber inlays distinguish the Coyote from Oswego County Machine & Knife. MSRP: \$218.75.

When I received the Coyote from Oswego County Machine & Knife, my first impression was it is one handful of a knife. However, the more I played with it the more it felt like a part of my hand. When it came time to do the actual testing, my fingers had blisters and cuts, so I had to sweet talk my wife Melissa into doing the actual cutting. After some instruction and practice, she was cutting like a champ.

As for how the Coyote faired, let's find out.

Cut, Whittle, Chop

I started Melissa off cutting a few cardboard boxes. She zipped them into pieces along the fold lines. From there she made diagonal slices in the flat cardboard. After a few cuts she was smiling and had a stack of cardboard lying at her feet. Next: whittling.

Never having whittled before, she took awhile to get the thin curly cues out of the pine 1x1. She stuck with it and had curly cues peeling off in bunches. Melissa said whittling was for kids and wanted to



Melissa "womaned up" and said no to the author's offer to use gloves, and proceeded to make short work of the 1x6 pine with her light chops via the Coyote.

step it up a notch. Well, how about some chopping, then?

I asked if she wanted gloves and I just got this look—gentlemen, you know "the look"—so I split some 1x6 pine and let her hack away. The Coyote's larger blade worked out great using Melissa's lighter chops. She was getting cocky and started to chop away at a large piece of red cedar.



After making 122 clean cuts in half-inch sisal rope, the knife made an additional 12 cuts in the 1-inch hemp line before slowing down.

Boy, what a difference between the two woods! Of course, I had a smirk on my face when she figured that one out. That was enough chopping the big stuff.

I had a pile of branches from trimming trees in the yard. Melissa grabbed one and chopped it into smaller pieces. The Coyote did extremely well and so did Melissa, so I told her to get another branch for some



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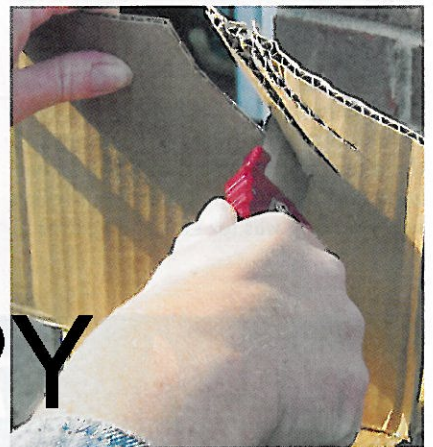
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Following 30 stab-and-twist outs in the hackberry tree, the Coyote still looked brand new and maintained 100 percent lock up.



Melissa made diagonal slices in the flat cardboard. Several cuts later she was smiling, a stack of cardboard at her feet.

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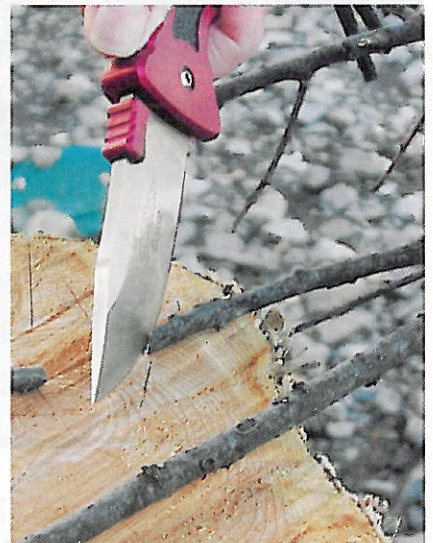
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Chopping branches was a snap with the Coyote folder.



The author recommends softening the sharp edges on the grooves in the underside of the aluminum handle.

photos. She did excellent until I suggested she could finish the whole pile—again, the look. (Just kidding, sweetie-pie!)

Her hands were starting to get tired, so we took a break and went into the garage. I already had the rope laid out on the cutting board. Since she had cut rope before, I let her cut until her arm was sore and then I took over. One hundred twenty-two clean cuts in the half-inch sisal rope and the Coyote still had a sharp edge. From there, I grabbed the 1-inch hemp rope. The edge finally slowed down after 12 cuts through the thicker line—not bad at all.

Point and Lock

Now came the final test on the point and lock. We took the Coyote to the big hackberry tree in the backyard. I showed Melissa how to use the ice-pick-stabbing grip and how to twist the blade out. She picked up the technique very quickly and went to work on the bark. After 30 stab-and-twist outs, the Coyote still looked brand new and maintained 100 percent lock up.

Recommendations

The inside of the frame is sharp on the hand during heavy cutting and chopping. It needs to be abraded/softened.

Overall

The Coyote is very strongly built. It performed excellent and is made for heavy use. It is a great knife.

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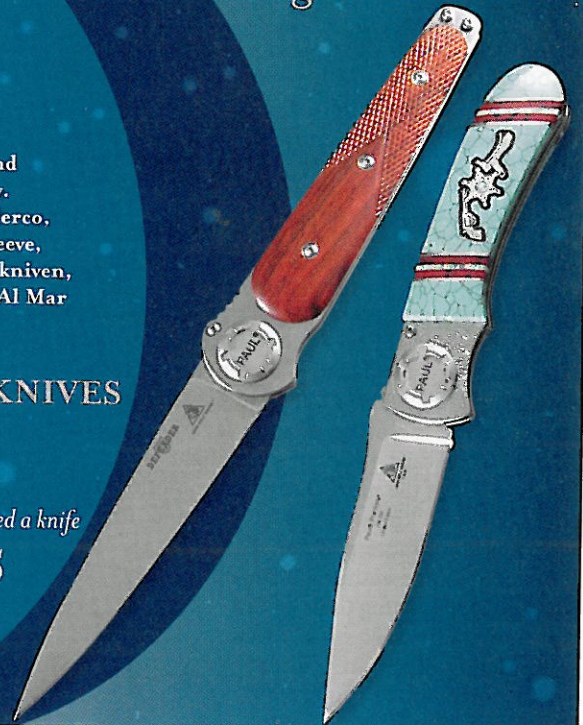
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