

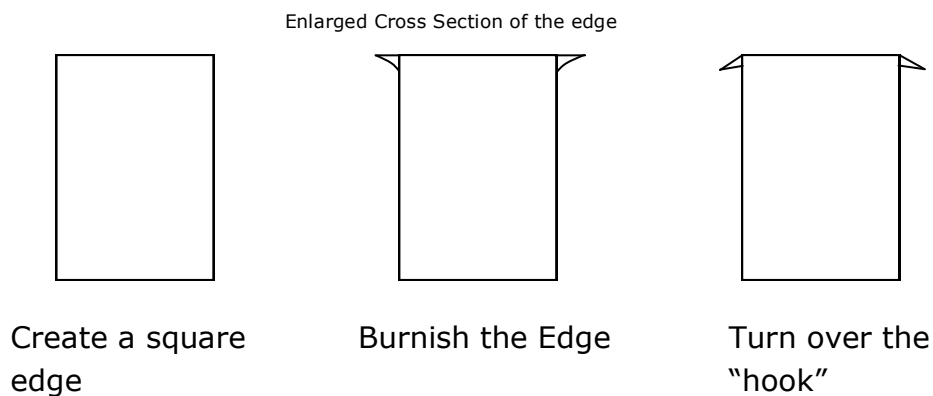


## How To Series

### Sharpening A Cabinet Scraper

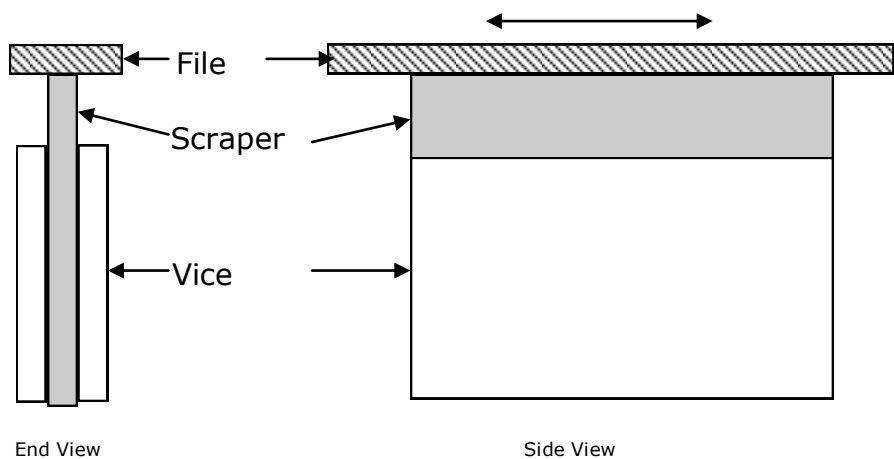
Cabinet scrapers are useful tools in guitar making. When sharp they act as a "micro plane" and remove fine shavings. When dull they stutter, tear, and gouge the wood. Keeping a sharp "hook" on a scraper blade takes a little practice and is easy to learn.

The 3 major steps in creating a sharpened scraper are; Creating a Square Edge, Burnishing the Edge, and turning over the hook.

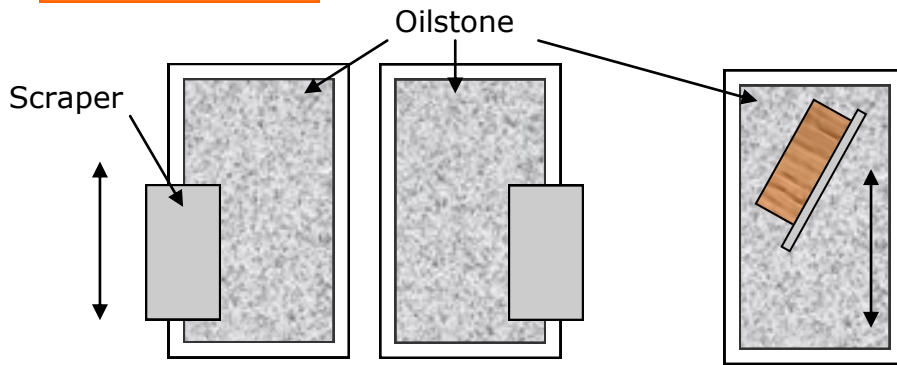


#### Create a Square Edge

Hold the scraper in a vice and holding a file perpendicular to the edge, file a flat Edge.



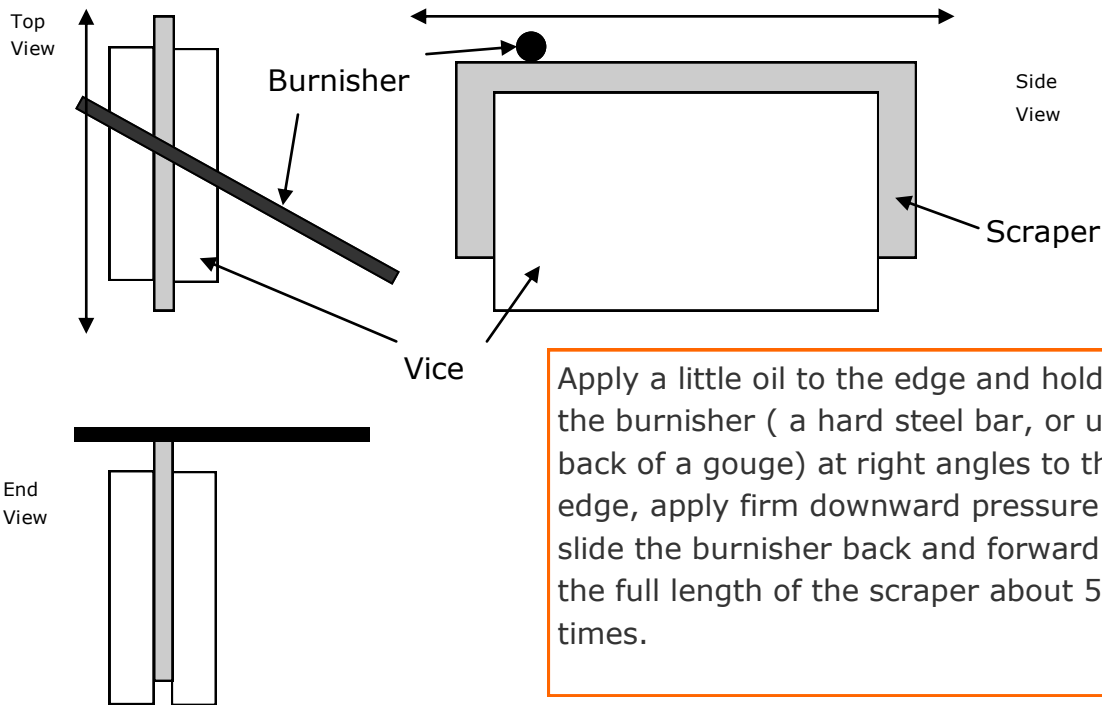
### Hone the Blade



Polish both sides on an oil stone

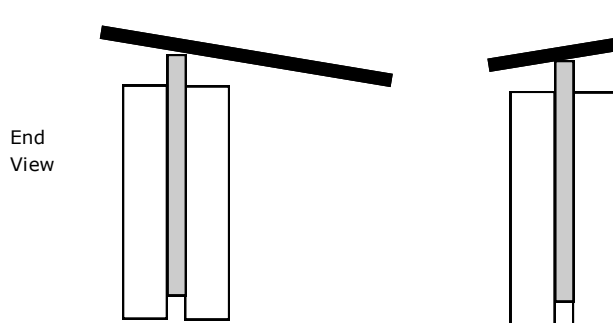
Use a square block of wood to hold the scraper at right angles to the oilstone surface and slide up and down to polish the edge.

### Burnish the Edge



Apply a little oil to the edge and holding the burnisher ( a hard steel bar, or use the back of a gouge) at right angles to the edge, apply firm downward pressure and slide the burnisher back and forward along the full length of the scraper about 5-6 times.

### Turn the Hook



Repeat the burnishing action, this time inclining the burnisher 5-10 degrees. You will now have a sharp hook on your scraper.