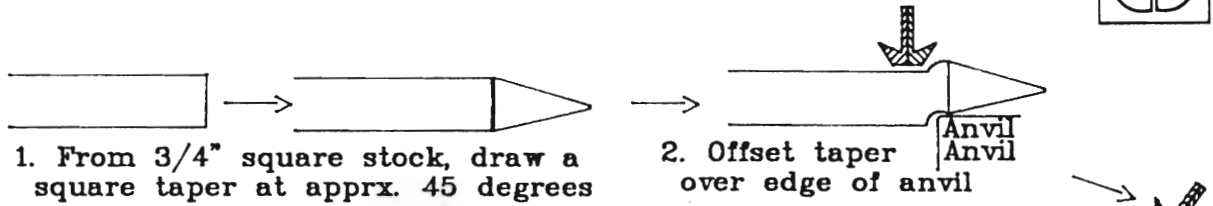
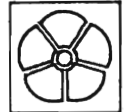


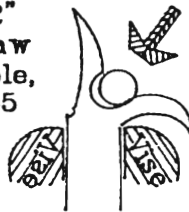
Simple Bird Heads



1. From 3/4" square stock, draw a square taper at approx. 45 degrees

2. Offset taper over edge of anvil

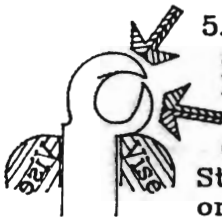
4. Fuller the jaws with a 1/2" drift pin. Force the lower jaw to a right angle. If available, swage the upper jaw in a 45 degree triangular notch.



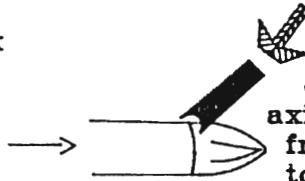
3. With a chisel split the taper just below the mid-line opposite the offset.



5. Wrap the beak around the pin. Keep the gap below the center line. Strike laterally on upper beak to preserve triangular shape

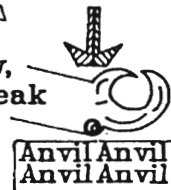


6. Strike an eye-punch at 45 degrees to side of head & level with long axis of bar. From dead in front, use a prick punch to add pupils.

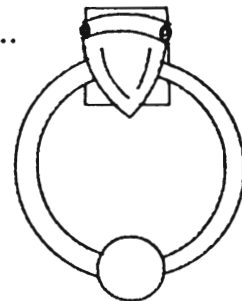
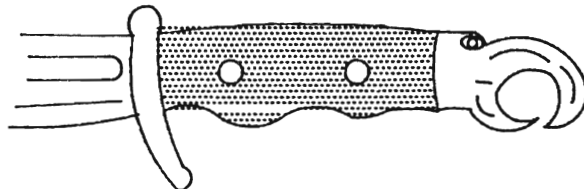


8. Sand the beak smooth & leave the rest of the head roughened by fire scale.

7. Heat head to light yellow, quench the beak & strike as shown to flatten the orbital ridge.



9. Potential uses: Knife pommels...Door Knockers... Handle bosses...Crab claws...?



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