

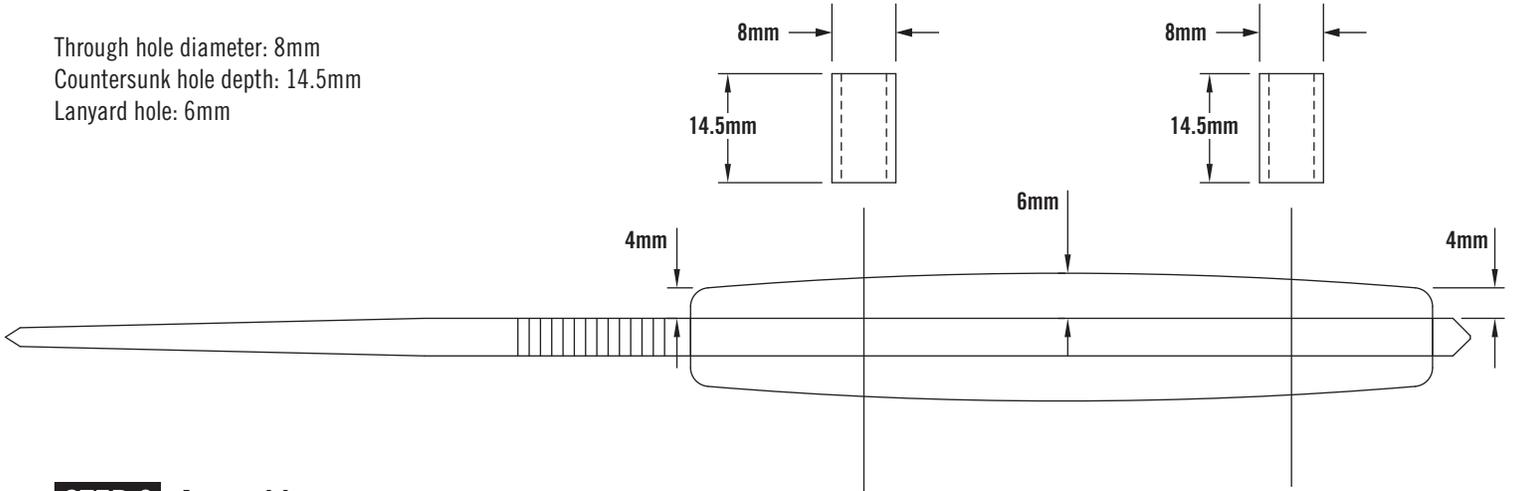
STEP 2 Drilling Scales

Place one of the scales on the tang exactly where you want it located and clamp it securely. Locate your clamp so that you can drill the holes for the 8mm rivet bodies using the holes in the tang as a template.

Also, some blades have a hole at the end of the tang for attaching a lanyard. If you wish to install a lanyard on your knife use the appropriate size bit and drill this hole also. After drilling the holes in this scale, unclamp it from the tang. Align the drilled scale exactly to the other scale and using the drilled scale as a template drill the 8mm holes in the second scale.

If you do not want the rivet heads to protrude above the surface of your finished knife scale the 8mm holes drilled in the previous step must be countersunk on the outside (shaped and sanded side) of the scales.

Through hole diameter: 8mm
Countersunk hole depth: 14.5mm
Lanyard hole: 6mm



STEP 3 Assembly

Apply 2 Part Epoxy over each hollow rivet and insert them through the scale and through blade. Clean the tang and the tang side of the scales with acetone. Mix enough epoxy to evenly coat both sides of the tang. Position the scales on the tang of the blade aligned with the holes in the scales. Install the rivets and clamp the scales to the tang (do not over clamp) and clean off any glue squeeze out using a rag and acetone. Allow the glue to dry overnight.

STEP 4 Shaping and Finishing

Now the knife has been pre-assembled the shaping process can now begin. Using an oscillating spindle sander, round and flat files, or sandpaper begin to shape and form the knife scales to your desired profile. Once the shaping is complete begin sanding with 120 grit and finishing with 600 grit. Finish by hand rub with steel wool and a soft cloth.



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