

*Yuē hàn*      约翰

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*Box #17 – August 2012 to April 2013*

*for my friend Yuē hàn*  
*On his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday from Ài dí*

Danta, Pink Ivory, African Blackwood

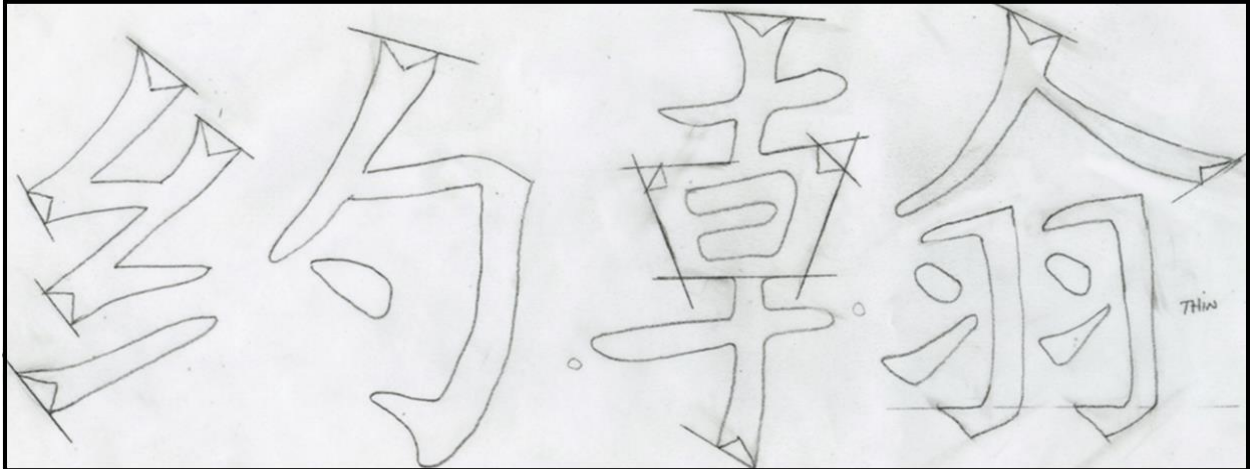
*Eddie Power*  
17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Your **Katakana** here

Konnitiwa ジョン・  
ナイト

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# 约翰



yāo hàn = john

Simplified Chinese

john

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John (jawn, jon)

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## Your Name In Japanese

Found: "John" ジョウ

It is pronounced "JON". (Consonants are pronounced more or less the same way as in English. "O" sounds like o in old.)

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约翰 Name : John  
Chinese characters : 约翰  
Pinyin : Yāo hàn

yuē hàn (约翰)

约翰 jno.; john

cè suǒ (厕所)

厕所 W.C.; toilet, lavatory, lav, loo

迪埃 āi dí

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A ceramic knife is made out of very hard and tough ceramic, often zirconium dioxide (zirconia). These knives are usually produced by dry pressing zirconia powder and firing them through solid-state sintering. The resultant blade is sharpened by grinding the edges with a diamond-dust-coated grinding wheel. Zirconia ranks 8.5 on the Mohs scale of mineral hardness, compared to 7.5 to 8 for hardened steel, and 10 for diamond. This very hard edge rarely needs sharpening. Ceramic knives will not corrode in harsh environments, are non-magnetic, and do not conduct electricity. Because of their resistance to strong acid and caustic substances, and their ability to retain a cutting edge longer than forged metal knives, ceramic knives are a much more suitable culinary tool for slicing boneless meat, vegetables, fruit and bread. Since they are brittle they may break if dropped on a hard surface, and cannot be used for chopping through bones, or frozen foods, or in other applications which require prying, which may result in chipping or catastrophic failure. Several brands now offer a black coloured blade made through an additional hot isostatic pressing (HIP) step, which improves the toughness.

### Tai Tang Handles

The unique handle design distinguishes I.O.Shen Mastergrade knives from any other knife. It is an essential factor in achieving balance and stability.

The Tai Tang is not simply an embellishment, it is an integral part of the handle.

The handles are produced from a synthetic material, called ebonite, which is both durable and heat resistant (although we do not recommend dishwasher cleaning).



<http://www.ioshen.co.uk/ioshen-knives/tai-tang-handle>



First choice I.O. Shen knives from Japan



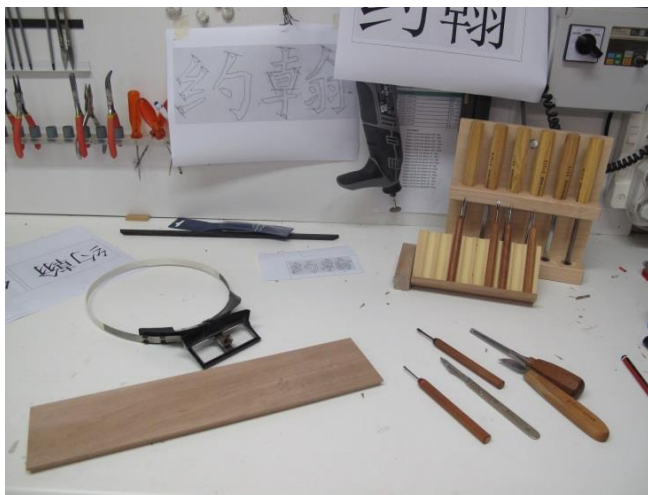
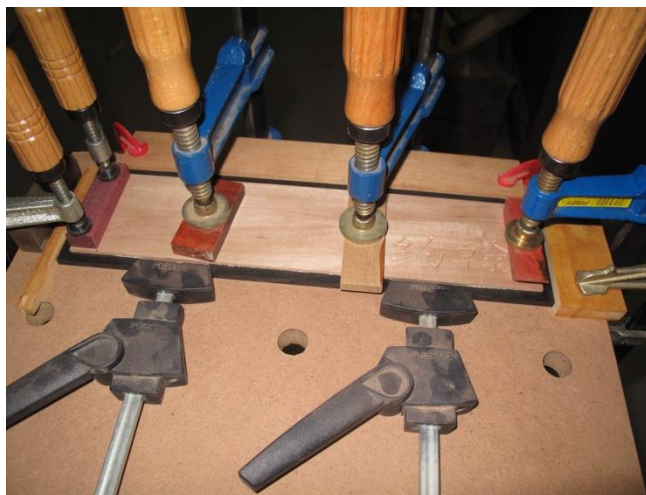
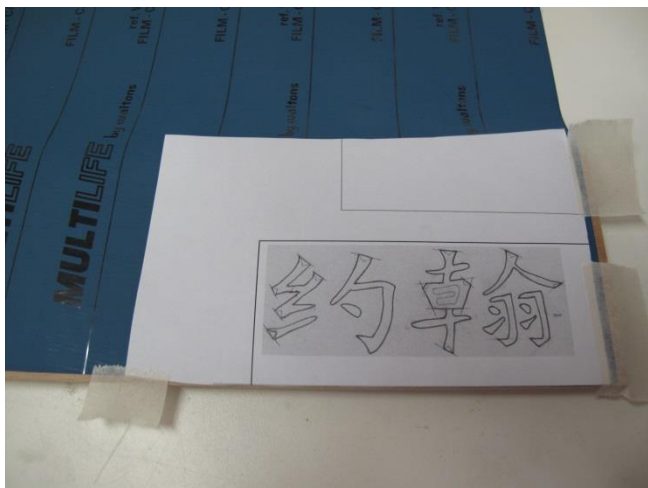
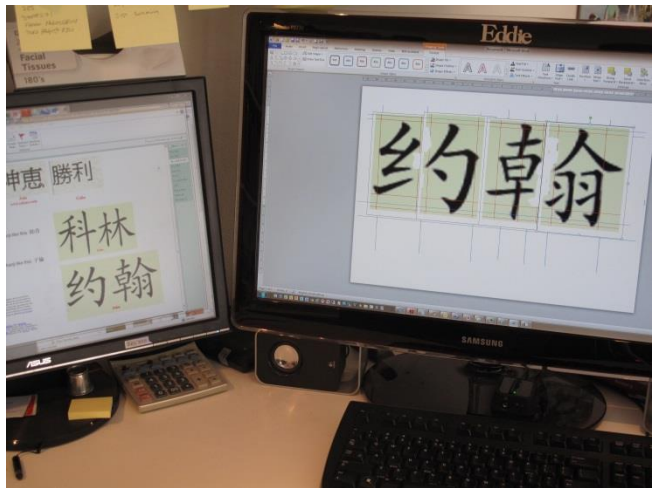
The beast of the Lassar ceramic knife range. Its almost a sword ! At seven inches - 17.5cm its BIG , a proper chefs knife.

This knife is suitable for cutting large items, big boneless roasts like sirloin , whole fillet steak etc. Large vegetables like cabbage for coleslaw, big onions and piles of jam tomatoes for curry. But that doesn't mean you can't deal with the small stuff , you can still chop garlic and so on , as the length of the blade allows you to use a see saw action to fine chop small stuff. Don't chop with it or drop it on the floor – it might shatter

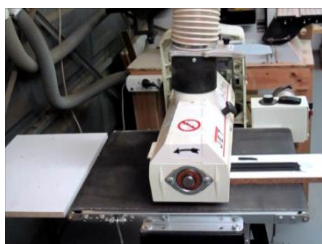
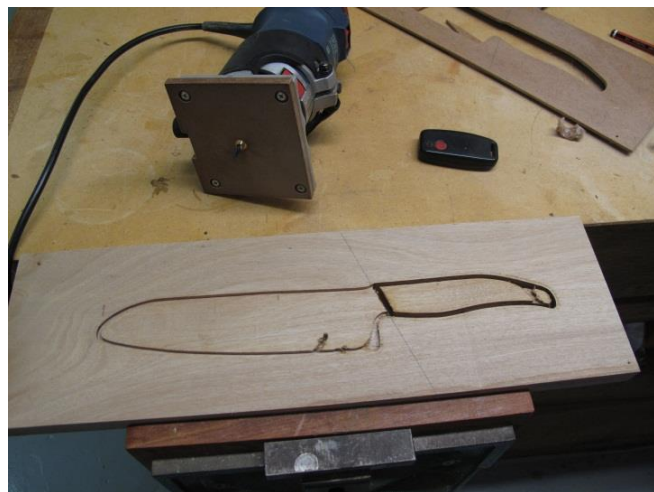
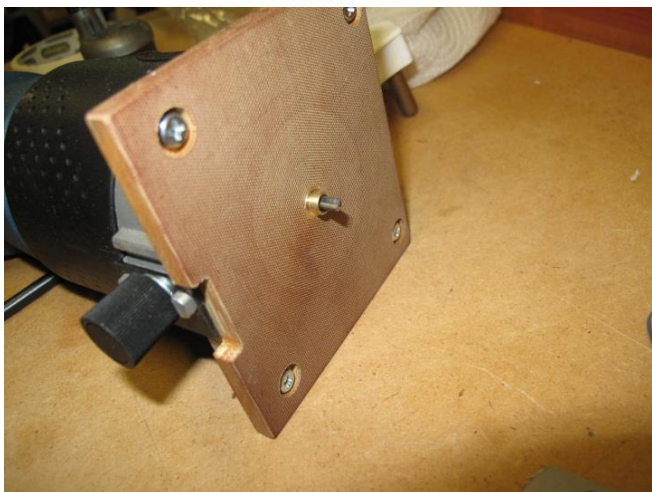
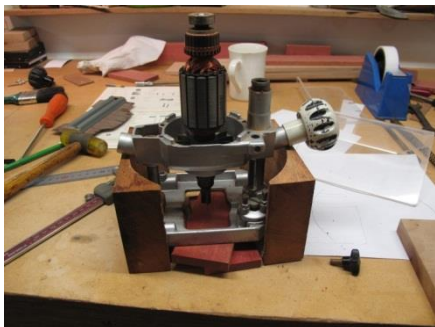




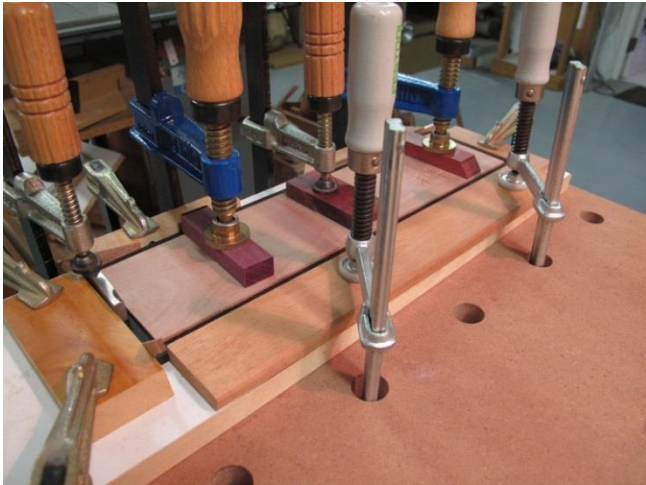
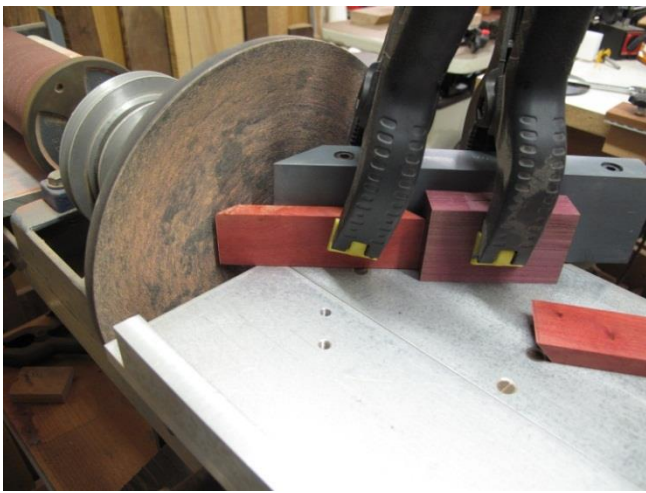












## African Blackwood

Grenadillo *Dalbergia melanoxylon*

**Family:** Leguminosae

**Other Names:** Congowood, Mozambique ebony, Senegal ebony Cape Damson ebony.

**Distribution:** This African tree has an extensive range on the continent. It can be found in the savanna regions of the Sudan southward to Mozambique, then westward to Angola and northward to Nigeria and Senegal.

**The Timber:** the heartwood is dark purplish black or brown with black streaks which usually predominate so that the general effect is nearly black. The luster is dull and odor and taste are not distinct. It is very hard and heavy wood. The grain is mostly straight with a fine texture. It has a slightly oily nature. The narrow sapwood is white and very clearly defined.

**Working Qualities:** This wood has exceptionally good working qualities. It cuts very smooth and evenly, taking an excellent finish directly from the tool of the drill or lathe. It can be tapped for screw threads almost like metal. It is considered to be the best wood available for ornamental turnery.

**Uses:** A chief use is for woodwind instruments such as flutes, clarinets, bag pipes, etc... It is superior to ebony for this purpose because of its oily nature and resistance to climatic changes. The wood is also used for turnery in making such items as brush backs. Knife handles, chessmen and pool cues.

## Pink Ivory

*Berchemia zeyheri*

**Family:** Rhamnaceae (buckthorn)

**Other Names:** Red Ivorywood, Umnini, Umgoloti.

**Distribution:** Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa and scattering in other parts of southern Africa.

**The Tree:** This is a deciduous tree with a spreading crown and varies in height from under 20 ft (6.1m) to over 50 ft (15.2m). The boles are usually 7-9 in. (178-229mm) in quarter girth. The flowers are small and greenish-yellow in color. The fruits are small black berries, very similar in appearance to those of the buckthorns.

**The Timber:** The wood is uniformly bright pink or pale red. The luster is low, and odour and taste are not distinct. It is hard and heavy; when air-dried the weight is 62 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> (993 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). The grain is straight to irregular, while the texture is very fine. The sapwood is almost white, and the pink heartwood, after long exposure, tends to become orange-colored or orange-brown.

## DANTA

*Nesogordonia papaverifera*

**Family:** Sterculiaceae



### MAIN LOCAL NAMES

Countries	Local names
Angola	KISSINHUNGO
Cameroon	OVOE
Cameroon	OVOUI
Central African Rep	NAOUYA
Côte d'Ivoire	KOTIBE
Dem Rep of Congo	KONDOFINDO
Gabon	ABORBORA
Ghana	DANTA
Nigeria	OTUTU
United Kingdom	DANTA

**Distribution:** West Africa

### Properties

Has a high bending and crushing strength, low stiffness and a moderate resistance to shock loads. The interlocked grain causes a moderate blunting effect on cutting edges. It can be polished to a good finish.

### Uses

Furniture and cabinet-making, shop fittings and flooring. Also used for tool handles and turnery.



*Nesogordonia papaverifera*, habit



*Nesogordonia papaverifera*, leaf, flower, fruit/seed





