Custom Stockmaking Week 1

This two-week course is designed to introduce the participant to custom stockmaking. Different types of gunstock wood, layout, shaping and finishing will be covered. Hands on experience is emphasized.

Clayton Nelson graduated from Trinidad State Junior College in 1955. He has been a full-time custom riflemaker since 1966 and has produced over 850 custom rifles to date. He is still active at his bench on a full-time basis choosing his love for his craft over retirement. He has created several innovative procedures in his career that have been adopted and practiced by other custom riflemakers. His rifles are pieces of art created through his vision and exceptional metalwork and stockmaking skills. Clayton Nelson, 506 Ash St., Trinidad, CO 81082, ph# 719-846-3720.

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Custom Stockmaking Tool List

Safety Glasses (OSHA Approved)
1 Recoil Lug Chisel
1 #3 Rawhide Mallet
1 Jar Inletting Black
1 Toothbrush
1 #49 Cabinet Makers Rasp
Assortment of files of difference shapes and sizes (desirable/optional)
1 Rubber Sanding Block
1 Recoil Pad
Assortment of sandpaper 120 gr. to 500 gr.
1 Block Forend Tip Wood (only if desired on stock)
1 Type of Oil Stock Finish (hand rubbed or spray)
1 Medium Regular Screwdriver
1 Medium Phillips Screwdriver
1 5/32” Straight Push Chisel
1 ½” Straight Scraper
1 ½” Curved Scraper
1 ¼” “U” Scraper
1 ¼” Straight Scraper
1 ¾” Curved Scraper
1 9/16” “U” Gouge
1 9/16” Straight Push Chisel
1 9/16” Barrel Channel Rasp (optional)

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