



Thank you for downloading this information sheet for the Edge Beveller reviews.
I hope it goes some way to help you choose the right tool for your purpose and that you enjoy the videos.

I am a formally trained Leather worker and have been working with leather since 1990, I can make saddles, (or could 20 years ago) but I don't so much these days, so I don't call myself a Saddler, I'm a Leathersmith.
A Saddler makes saddles, a Bridle Maker makes bridles, a Cordwainer makes shoes and a Cobbler fixes them.
I fill the gaps in-between, Luggage, Bags, Belts, Tubs and any number of other things you can use leather for.
In that time have I striven to do things the right way, I have done plenty the wrong way and discovered much in doing so.
I subscribe very much to the traditional methods and feel that this forms much of the identity of the items I make.

I pride myself on my stitching and feel I have attained a reasonable level. I do not profess to know everything or by any stretch of the imagination believe I am the best, I think I fit nicely in to the category, 'good enough'.
Part and parcel of producing a nice item is having a well finished edge and having the right tool to do so.

Today there are a good many tools available to achieve this, some better than others, some easier to use than others and price features in the equation as well.
The tool seems to go by a couple of names depending on where you are, in the UK we call it an Edge Beveller, in the US it is known as an Edger or Edge Tool.
However it is termed, its goal is the same, to remove a fine edge (bevel) from the leather to make slicking and burnishing easier and to reduce damage to the leather.
When done well can be very attractive adding a level of detail marking your item above the others.
The styles of beveller also differ, Round (also known as Common) Western, Bisonette and Flat, name aside, they all do a similar job but in a subtly different way.

Here I will give my views on some of the bevellers/edger's available on the market today.
It is important to remember that these views are my own and are no substitute for your own experience, trials and experiments.
I am left handed and when you see me use these tools, I will be using them all with my left hand but all these tools, without exception, are ambidextrous and the results will not differ which ever hand you use.
I have yet to see one that is influenced by which hand you use.

I have most of what is available on the market at the moment, if you have a tool you want adding to the list, drop me an email and I will see if I can source it, alternatively, email the company asking for it to be reviewed.

The core theme running through the reviews seems to be the quality of steel, the better the steel, the better the cut.
Not all of the bevellers came sharp out of the box, even some of the higher end ones needed a little touch on the mop and many of the cheaper ones performed well on first use.
Sometimes the grind from the factory is just not good enough to get a true feel for the tool, do not be put off by having to give it a quick strop or polish.
Remember, all diamonds come out of the ground rather rough.

Bevellers differ from irons somewhat as they all do a very similar job in a very similar way.
At least with the irons the shape, angle, length and width of the teeth allowed me to mix it up a little, these are all very similar so much of what is said will be repeated.

I will leave you to make your own mind up what you want to achieve and which beveller or edger is best for you.
I hope it helps.

Enjoy and happy bevelling.

Nigel



Make	Tandy
Level	Beginner to Intermediate
Model	Craftool Pro Classic Edge
Other Options	Size 0 #83001-02, Size 1 #83001-03, Size 2 #83001-04
Available from	Tandy Leather Factory www.tandy-leatherfactory.co.uk
Overall Length	145mm to 155mm
Overall Width	29mm
Cost	£46:70 to £57:59
Material	Stainless Steel
Finish	Rubberised handle with polished stainless-steel blade.
Overall Quality	Very Good and well Presented
Result of bevel	A nice rounded cut in each size.
Ease of Use	Very easy to use and comfortable in the hand, the rubberised handle is extremely easy to grip and feels substantial, plus, it is not going to suffer from being dropped on the floor. Very easy to find the angle and quite forgiving if you are slightly out. There are four tools in this range which are more than enough to deal with most items you will find yourself making.

My Views

Given Tandy's history with bevellers, you will be forgiven for thinking this is a beginner's tool. True, the companies first range of bevellers were basic and made of less than ideal steel, but they were beginners tools and the price reflected this. These are very much not those... although, if a beginner were to pick them up, they would get to grips with it very quickly and keep it at the top of the tool box for quite some time. I don't think I'd upset Tandy too much by saying that many of those who started out with the Tandy kits and began to developed their skillset, moved onto better tools. Well now Tandy has introduced those better tools to keep the faithful with them. These are very much a step up in quality and performance and kudos to Tandy for doing this. They seem a little pricey at £46:70 for the sizes 0, 1 and 2 and £57:59 for the fine, but if you are a club member, this drops to £23:03 for the fine and £29:96 for the rest. Bizarre balance on pricing there but that is from the website, expect an adjustment. Suffice it to say, £30 for a good little beveller is not a lot to ask and worth the money looking at how they do what they do.

Pros

Very well made, good value for money if you are in the Tandy Club. Sold by a long-established company so the range should be around for quite some time allowing you to build up a set over time if you are on a budget. The grip of the handle is nice, with a ridged area just above the steel ferrule which has a slight hourglass feel to it. I like these tools, students who visit the workshop like them and some favour them over others. Top job Tandy. A good tool.

Cons

What's not to like, affordable (if you're in the club) it does the job well and is robust.



Make	Craft Sha
Level	Beginner
Model	Standard
Other Options	No1 - 0.8mm and No2 - 1mm
Available from	Goods Japan www.goodsjapan.com
Overall Length	142mm
Overall Width	29mm
Cost	\$18:99 - £14:60
Material	Wooden Handle, possibly Ash and Steel Shaft.
Finish	As you would expect a £15 tool to be finished. Basic, but functional.
Overall Quality	Not bad given its price.
Result of bevel	Actually, it's quite nice.
Ease of Use	It is easy enough, you have to be quite precise with the angle to get the cut, but once you have it, it gives a good cut.

My Views

Over the years, I have become used to my bevellers, most are well over 100 years old so have been ground and re-ground changing the original angle.
 Out of the box, what strikes you about this tool is the 'foot' it seemed a little unnecessary initially, but upon playing with it for a while, it seems to make placement much easier to get a consistent cut.
 The angle of the tools feels high when cutting, but that is just me being used to a lower angle, I have no doubt I would get used to this in no time.
 The steel is simply described as 'steel' how good it is remains to be seen.
 I imagine for £15 it is not going to be that high.
 However, it is a beginner's tool that will not be hammered to start with and is made so it is very easy to keep sharp.

Pros

Price, it is an excellent starting tool price.
 I will always advocate, but the best you can afford, it is cheaper in the long run, but if you are on a budget, this is ideal.

Cons

It is relative, if this were £50 I would have different views, it isn't, so for what it costs, this will serve you well when starting out.



Make	Craft Sha
Level	Advancing Beginner
Model	Deluxe
Other Options	No1 - 0.8mm, No2 - 1mm, No3 - 1.2mm, No4 - 1.4mm
Available from	Goods Japan www.goodsjapan.com
Overall Length	150mm
Overall Width	29mm
Cost	\$30:99 - £23:82
Material	Black Painted Wooden handled, I suspect Ash again.
Finish	Smooth to hold, comfortable to grip and reasonable well made
Overall Quality	Not bad, the shaft is very similar to the standard bevellers and the only difference I can easily see is the black handle and two extra sizes.
Result of bevel	Again, it gives quite a nice cut.
Ease of Use	Once you have the right angle, the cut goes well, comfortable, the right size and the feel of a tool you could use all day.

My Views

There is little to differentiate between the standard version and the deluxe.
 For £9 more you are getting a painted handle, however, upon closer inspection the steel appears to have been treated a different way. The standard looks painted whereas the shaft of the deluxe has a high shine to it so it evidently has a better finish to it. It feels a little different as well and whilst Craft Sha are reticent about sharing the details of materials and describe them both just as Steel, I get the impression that this may be made from a higher quality steel but I do not know for sure.
 Also, with the deluxe, you get a sharpening rod with each too along with two strips of high grain paper for sharpening and stropping. Is it worth the extra £9 for these additions? I think so, if look better, has a nicer finish to the steel and you get the tools you need to keep it sharp.

Pros

Nice looking, reasonably good finish and everything you need to keep it sharp.

Cons

I am not a fan of painted wood, I like to see what the handles are made of, or at least be told.
 It is not a high pressure or high impact tool, so is not particularly an issue.
 We are creeping up in price a little, but still not enough to break the bank.
 For just under £100 you can have a set of four of these tools in various sizes to suit most needs.



Make	Kyoshin Elle
Level	Adept Beginner
Model	Deluxe
Other Options	No0 – 0.6mm, No1 – 0.8mm, No2 – 1mm, No3 – 1.2mm, No4 – 1.4mm
Available from	Goods Japan www.goodsjapan.com
Overall Length	135mm
Overall Width	28mm
Cost	\$30:99 - £23:82
Material	Green Dyed Wood, may still be ash. Carbon Steel shaft with a dull finish.
Finish	Nice, no rough spots, nice green dyed handle which has a lacquer over it and with use may give a nice finish. The grind of the tool is identical to that of the Craft Sha leading me to believe they are made by the same company.
Overall Quality	Not bad, again, it is a £24 tool so is relative.
Result of bevel	Not that impressive. Out of the box, I could not bevel the back of the leather and it was not a rough piece either, a piece of Lamport shoulder from Metropolitan. The front bevelled ok ish but not great. I was using the No2. Rather than leave it at that, I took the tool to the rod supplied and the 2000 grit sandpaper supplied, I gave it a couple of swipes, there was a bur on the edge so this dealt with that. The cutting edge is about 2mm back from the end of the tool but the end of the tool was extremely sharp, this got polished smooth and began producing a much smarter cut.
Ease of Use	Once the minor issues were resolved the tool began to perform much better

My Views

The tool looks ok, it is a £24 tool, this is about a third of a decent tool so by that rational, you are looking at a third of the performance. This gives you a bit more than that so not too bad.
Yes, I needed to tweak it somewhat and could do more.
I know exactly what to expect from a beveller so adjusting it is not an issue.
A beginner opening this up and using it the first time may struggle a little.
That can be off putting but I believe there is a tool in here that will serve you well if you are willing to make the adjustments.

Pros

Affordable to those starting out, looks nice and reasonably well made.

Cons

Not great performance out of the box, this will catch beginners out if they are not expecting it.



Make	Kyoshin Elle
Level	Adept Beginner
Model	Master Series
Other Options	No2 – 1mm, No3 – 1.2mm, No4 – 1.5mm
Available from	Goods Japan www.goodsjapan.com
Overall Length	135mm
Overall Width	28mm
Cost	\$28.99 £20:36
Material	The handles appear to be lacquered ash and the shaft is and M2 High Speed Tool Steel, used in drill bit making. Well that's not too shabby is it?
Finish	Very Nice. Whilst the handle is again black, we can now see the grain of the wood and it has a very smart Kyoshin Elle logo stamped on it. The steel shaft looks very business-like and is very well ground.
Overall Quality	It is presented very well and feels nice in the hand, there are no rough edges and has a stubby feel to it. This just serves to bring the hand closer to the leather.
Result of bevel	This is a very sharp tool and cuts easily leaving a very crisp line.
Ease of Use	You have to be somewhat more precise with the angle on this tool, practice will result in nice and consistent cuts, but it is not a tool to just pick up and go.

My Views

This presents itself very well, it feels good, the materials smack of a higher quality and the stubby feel brings you closer to the cut giving a feel of more control.

However... The cutting section is very near to the end of the tool and the end of the tool is quite sharp.

The angle needs to be very precise, too low and no cut, too high and the end of the tool digs into the leather.

This was out of the box, and not as pleasing as I would have liked.

Not to be dismayed and knowing even high-end tools often need a slight tweak, I took it to the polishing mop and polished the end of the tool.

This tool off the harsh end of the tool and made the angle more forgiving and I immediately began to get a more consistent bevel.

Pros

Good looking tool, good hardwearing materials and nice feel.

Each tool comes with a sharpening rod and a piece of 2000 grit paper to keep the tool sharp.

Again, each one comes with the right size rod and a piece of 2000 grit paper to keep the tool sharp.

Cons

Not too happy about the cut being so close to the end of the tool, and that the end of the tool was so sharp.

Still, 20 seconds on a polishing mop and this was resolved.



Make	Seiwa
Level	Beginner
Model	Standard
Other Options	No1 – 1mm, No2 – 1.2mm
Available from	Goods Japan www.goodsjapan.com
Overall Length	135mm
Overall Width	25mm
Cost	\$18:99 - £14:60
Material	Wood and Steel.
Finish	Basic.
Overall Quality	Not bad given the price.
Result of bevel	Surprisingly good out of the box given where they fit in the scale of these tools.
Ease of Use	Very easy. This is a surprising little tool.

My Views

Now these are at the lower end of the low end.
 Cheap and cheerful comes to mind, that being said, straight out of the box they perform well.
 Seiwa are a no frills company but do the job and rather well.
 Sharp, no tweaking needed and the end of the tool is nice and rounded so no digging in.
 Simple and effective.

Pros

The price for a start, sub £15 for a tool cannot be sniffed at when it does what it is supposed to do.
 Fit and finish are rather nice.
 The low angle of cut is something I like making it comfortable to find the sweet spot straight off.
 Excellent starting tool.

Cons

What's not to like? It's not a high-end tool and never will be, but it will get you started and that is enough.



Make	Seiwa
Level	Beginner, Adept
Model	Professional Tool
Other Options	No1 - 1mm, No2 – 1.2mm, No3 – 1.4mm
Available from	Goods Japan www.goodsjapan.com
Overall Length	135mm
Overall Width	28mm
Cost	\$30:99 - £23:82
Material	Stained and lacquered wood with Steel shaft.
Finish	Very Nice
Overall Quality	Not bad but still needed a little work.
Result of bevel	Out of the box on the front, good enough, on the back, poor. Much better after a polish.
Ease of Use	Easy enough over short distances, the little foot makes it hard to keep it at the right angle over longer distances.

My Views

It is put together reasonably well and the materials seem sound enough.
 I am leaning away from this little foot to the end of the tool though.
 The design is supposed to make it easy to run a constant angle down the leather.
 I have become so used to the old style that I find this foot is becoming a bit of an issue.
 Not much, it is just that I am having to concentrate on maintaining this angle all the time, my other bevellers I use by feel so it is introducing another process to the task.
 By the same token, this may be beneficial to those starting out.

Pros

Again, each tool comes with the right size honing rod and a piece of sandpaper to keep it sharp.

Cons

This is particular to me, but I am not a fan of this angled end to make it look like a foot.
 I think that is just about me being set in my ways and you will need to try it for yourself.



Make	Horse Shoe Brand Tools
Level	Beginner
Model	Quick Change
Other Options	0, 1, 2, 3 and 4
Available from	Ranch to Arena http://www.ranch2arena.com/hsbtqctools.html
Overall Length	143mm
Overall Width	30mm
Cost	Handle \$7:50 Individual Blades \$9, full set of five Blades and Handle \$45
Material	Steel shaft, moulded plastic handle.
Finish	As the video states, my first impression was of it seeming toy like. The handle is plastic and the shaft is thin. Using it changed my mind.
Overall Quality	For the cost, very good. It is a very cheap tool but does the job better than many more expensive tools.,
Result of bevel	Exceptionally good, this took me by surprise.
Ease of Use	Exceptionally easy, the grind fits the natural angle of the hand as you approach the leather to bevel.

My Views

First impressions are not always the best, I was taken aback by the low spec when I got this tool over two years ago. I was immediately impressed with how easily it was to use and how effective it cut. Almost every student that has been to the workshop has had a go and two years down the line, it is still going strong. Is it the best, no, there are far better out there, is it the best starter tool, certainly one of them, yes.

Pros

Cost, this has to be a factor. Many cheap tools are affordable but do not quite make the mark and you have to struggle to get them to work effectively. This did what it needed to out of the box.

Cons

The tool can leave a little mark on the leather when pressed hard, it feels less than substantial but given the cost, totally acceptable.



Make	Horse Shoe Brand Tools
Level	Intermediate - Professional
Model	Bissonette
Other Options	No0, No1, No2, No3, No4 and No5 with 0 being the smallest.
Available from	Ranch to Arena http://www.ranch2arena.com/hsbtbissonet.html
Overall Length	150mm
Overall Width	33mm
Cost	\$65 £50
Material	Heat treated Steel with a padauk wood handle.
Finish	Beautiful, not a very descriptive way to start but accurate. The steel is finished with a high polish and the wood has been masterfully turned with detail added that harks back to the quality of the long-gone masters.
Overall Quality	Outstanding, real show pieces.
Result of bevel	This tool is designed to be used in tight places such as internal cuts, awkward curves and placed a standard beveller will just not reach.
Ease of Use	A higher level of skill is required as this is not a standard cut, it is not hard to grasp but a bit of practice will be required first. Once an understanding of this tool is gained, it is exceptionally easy to use.

My Views

Many of you know I am a fan of Jeremiah Watt's tools and have been for some time.

These are a beautiful addition to his range.

Beautifully made, exquisite to look at and a dream to use.

This particular beveller has been designed for dealing with tight bends and difficult to get to areas.

The end of the tool has a much tighter bend to it than the Wester of Common style of beveller.

This reduces the amount of tool that touches the leather making it easier in tight spots.

In the past, these tools have been housed in Macassar Ebony but due to a recent fire at the suppliers of this wood claiming all the stock and closing the company, in view of this, Jeremiah has chosen to now house the tool in a rich padauk hardwood.

This wood was chosen for its durable properties, resistance to impact, (no splitting if dropped) beautiful grain along with it being sustainable and benefiting local communities where it is produced.

It is warm, beautifully turned and gives an ageless feel to what is quite a modern and hi-tech tool whilst still being planet friendly.'

I have been told the wood will darken with age and use.

Pros

What's not to like, they feel good in the hand, are beautiful to look at and work a dream.

The cost for this level of tool I think is more than reasonable as it is the sort of tool you will buy only once.

Cons

Nope... I have nothing, a tool without a downside.



Make	Horse Shoe Brand Tools
Level	Intermediate - Professional
Model	Tight Corner Edger
Other Options	One Size Only
Available from	Ranch to Arena http://www.ranch2arena.com/hsbtbissonet.html
Overall Length	146mm
Overall Width	33mm
Cost	\$65 £50
Material	Heat treated Steel with a padauk wood handle.
Finish	Beautiful, not a very descriptive way to start but accurate. The steel is finished with a high polish and the wood has been masterfully turned with detail added that harks back to the quality of the long-gone masters.
Overall Quality	Outstanding, real show pieces.
Result of bevel	This tool has been designed to be used in really tight places which can make keeping the angle consistent a little harder but it works and works well. One of the places this comes into its own is in belt slots and tight internal corners.
Ease of Use	This edger is designed to be used in tight spaces such as slots and holes. It takes a little bit of getting used to, keeping the angle right is important, but once you have a grip of it, it makes an invaluable addition to the tool box.

My Views

Tighter than the bissonette, the tight corner edger is an ideal tool for slots and holes.
 How many times have you cut a belt slot only to have it looking ragged and rough on the back and tried to finish the edge.
 Well... this is the tool you have been looking for.
 It excels at this type of cut, it has a very tight bend making it easier to fit into much smaller areas making those difficult easier to finish.
 I'm loving it, I have resorted to all sorts of ideas to try and finish these areas in the past hoping the customer does not notice that slightly rougher edge on the back.
 Not any more... another absolute must for the tool box.
 In the past, these tools have been housed in Macassar Ebony but due to a recent fire at the suppliers of this wood claiming all the stock and closing the company, in view of this, Jeramiah has chosen to now house the tool in a rich padauk hardwood.
 This wood was chosen for its durable properties, resistance to impact, (no splitting if dropped) beautiful grain along with it being sustainable and benefiting local communities where it is produced.
 It is warm, beautifully turned and gives an ageless feel to what is quite a modern and hi-tech tool whilst still being planet friendly.
 I have also been told the wood will darken with age and use.

Pros

At the risk of repeating myself, what's not to like, they feel good in the hand, are beautiful to look at and work a dream.
 The cost for this level of tool I think is more than reasonable as it is the sort of tool you will buy only once.

Cons

Still nothing.



Make	Horse Shoe Brand Tools
Level	All
Model	Western Edger also called a common edger.
Other Options	No0, No1, No2, No3, No4 and No5 with 0 being the smallest.
Available from	Ranch to Arena http://www.ranch2arena.com/hsbtbissonet.html
Overall Length	146mm
Overall Width	33mm
Cost	\$65 £50
Material	Heat treated Steel with a padauk wood handle.
Finish	Beautiful, not a very descriptive way to start but accurate. The steel is finished with a high polish and the wood has been masterfully turned with detail added that harks back to the quality of the long-gone masters.
Overall Quality	Outstanding, real show pieces.
Result of bevel	This is a more conventional beveller, taking of a fine bevel allowing the edge of the leather to be slicked to a high finish.
Ease of Use	This is an ideal tool that is easy for a beginner to pick up and learn with or for an old hand who wants the right tool to produce a piece of quality. It sits high in its task making it easy to see the area you are working on.

My Views

I will add, having got a number of students to try this, it is very hard to slip off the line.
It is rock steady and stays in place well.
This along with the clean cut it produces makes an ideal choice.
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I have also been told the wood will darken with age and use.

Pros

It's a winner and everything I have said of the HSBT so far still stands.

Cons

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Make	Horse Shoe Brand Tools
Level	All
Model	Round Edger
Other Options	No1, No2, No3 and No4 with No1 being the smallest.
Available from	Ranch to Arena http://www.ranch2arena.com/hsbtbissonet.html
Overall Length	152mm
Overall Width	33mm
Cost	\$65 £50
Material	Heat treated Steel with a padauk wood handle.
Finish	Beautiful, not a very descriptive way to start but accurate. The steel is finished with a high polish and the wood has been masterfully turned with detail added that harks back to the quality of the long-gone masters.
Overall Quality	Outstanding, real show pieces.
Result of bevel	This a very good all-rounder suitable for all levels. It produces a rounder bevel which really excels on thicker leather. I used the No1 on 5mm bridle leather with the 5mm slot on my hand slicker and the result was a perfectly rounded edge.
Ease of Use	Very easy to use with amazing results. Sits a little lower in the hand making lateral pressure easier to apply.

My Views

This I would class as the mainstay beveller of the tool box.

On most occasions, we bevel to round the edges, this does exactly that and produces awesome results.

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It is warm, beautifully turned and gives an ageless feel to what is quite a modern and hi-tech tool whilst still being planet friendly.’

I have also been told the wood will darken with age and use.

Pros

Brilliantly easy to use, fits the hand a dream, cuts a treat and looks stunning.

Cons

I haven't got them all! I want them all!!!

Apart from that... there is nothing bad that can be said.



Make	Barry King
Level	All
Model	Grooved Edger
Other Options	#00 - 0.4mm, #0 - 0.8mm, #1 - 1.2mm, #2 - 1.6mm, #3 - 2mm, #4 - 2.4mm and #5 - 2.8mm with 00 being the smallest. The sizes for the #3, #4 and #5 are not confirmed.
Available from	Rocky Mountain Leather: https://www.rmleathersupply.com/collections/tools/products/barry-king-grooved-edgers
Overall Length	142mm
Overall Width	24mm
Cost	\$59:99 £42:12
Material	Bocote or Cocobolo handles with heat treated tooling steel.
Finish	Stunning, beautifully turned handles with a high polish to the steel.
Overall Quality	Outstanding, real show pieces. I believe Barry is stepping away from the Cocobolo towards the Bocote, but both have a striking appearance and present well The tooling steel is highly polished throughout capped off with a brass ferule.
Result of bevel	This a very good all-rounder suitable for all levels. It produces a round bevel which really excels on thicker leather. There is a huge range in the stable to cope with all thicknesses and types of edges.. A perfect cut every time.
Ease of Use	Very easy to use with amazing results. They sit small in the hand but this serves to make them very manoeuvrable when bevelling curves. Very easy to locate and maintain a good angle.

My Views

Without doubt, one of the best on the market.
Stunning presentation, outstanding quality of production and performs perfectly every time.
A tool of this calibre should not be this cheap.
I will have a full set of these tools in time.

Pros

Brilliantly easy to use, fits the hand a dream, cuts a treat and looks stunning.

Cons

There is nothing to say other than I don't yet have the full set



Make	Ron's Tools
Level	All
Model	Montana Edger
Other Options	#1 – 0.4mm, #2 – 0.8mm, #3 – 1.2mm.
Available from	Rocky Mountain Leather: https://www.rmleathersupply.com/collections/tools/products/barry-king-grooved-edgers
Overall Length	132mm
Overall Width	29mm
Cost	\$74:99 £52:65
Material	Bocote with High quality steel, it tools to be tooling steel but this has not been confirmed.
Finish	Stunning, beautifully turned handles with a high polish to the steel.
Overall Quality	Stunning, everything about this tool smacks of quality.
Result of bevel	This beveller has been well thought through, it is much narrower than many others making it the perfect choice for thinner leathers. A good choice for those making fine leather goods.
Ease of Use	Very easy to use with amazing results. It sits small in the hand but this serves to make it very manoeuvrable when bevelling curves. Very easy to locate and maintain a good angle.

My Views

Without doubt, one of the best on the market.
Stunning presentation, outstanding quality of production and performs perfectly every time.
A little more pricey than its competitors, but still worth every penny.
I will have a full set of these tools in time.

Pros

Brilliantly easy to use, fits the hand a dream, cuts a treat and looks stunning all this along with the narrower profile makes it a very sensible choice.

Cons

Nothing... nada, there are no bad points.

Armitage Leather – Beveller / Edger Review



Make	Ron's Tools
Level	All
Model	Round Edger
Other Options	#1 – 0.8mm, #2 – 1mm.
Available from	Rocky Mountain Leather: https://www.rmleathersupply.com/collections/tools/products/barry-king-grooved-edgers
Overall Length	158mm
Overall Width	29mm
Cost	\$89:99 £63:19
Material	Cocobolo handles with High quality steel, it tools to be tooling steel but this has not been confirmed.
Finish	Stunning, beautifully turned handles with a high polish to the steel.
Overall Quality	Stunning, everything about this tool smacks of quality.
Result of bevel	This is a very good all-rounder suitable for all levels. It produces a round bevel which really excels on thicker leather. Very similar results to a common edger but seems more precise in the cut.
Ease of Use	Very easy to use with amazing results. It sits small in the hand due to the handle but this serves to make it very manoeuvrable when bevelling curves. The longer shaft is very business like and make the tool very easy to locate and use whilst maintaining a good angle.

My Views

Without doubt, one of the best on the market.
Stunning presentation, outstanding quality of production and performs perfectly every time.
Quite a bit more pricey than its competitors, but with only two in the stable, not a bank breaker if you want the set.

Pros

Brilliantly easy to use, fits the hand a dream, cuts a treat and looks stunning.

Cons

Costly, that is possibly influenced by the quality and price of the competition.
I still feel this is good value and one of the best on the market.



Make	Palosanto
Level	All
Model	Edger
Other Options	#0, 0.3mm – 0.4mm. #1, 0.7mm – 0.8mm. #2, 1mm – 1.1mm. #3, 1.5mm – 1.6mm.
Available from	Palosanto directly, https://palosanto-factory.com and District Leather Supply www.districtleathersupply.com
Overall Length	153mm
Overall Width	29mm
Cost	\$70 £53
Material	Bubinga - African Black Wood and Lignum Vitae with M2 High Speed Steel for the business end.
Finish	Stunning, beautifully turned handles with a textured almost forged finish to the steel with the cutting edge polished.
Overall Quality	Stunning, an old world feel with a modern take.
Result of bevel	This is a very good all-rounder suitable for all levels. It produces a sharp, clean bevel even on difficult leathers.
Ease of Use	Very easy to use with clean and pleasing results. It sits well in the hand and is very manoeuvrable when bevelling curves. The longer angled shaft makes the tool easy to locate and use whilst maintaining a good angle.

My Views

A cracking bit of kit, looks the part and performs exceptionally well.
Sharp out of the box so they are being made well and this small attention to detail makes all the difference.
That is quite a task given that these are all handmade.

Pros

Brilliantly easy to use, fits the hand a dream, cuts a treat and looks stunning.

Cons

Not found any yet, some may see the price as a bit high, but I feel you are getting what you pay for.

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This is by no means an exhaustible list but it covers most of what is available on the market today.

I am not a tool expert, I use them so if I have something wrong let me know and I will be happy to adjust.

Anyway, this is not so much about the technical specifications of the tools, it's more about the practical application to get you working well.

If you would like to see more reviews, let me know what you want to see next, I shall start gathering.

If you are a tool manufacture and I have the details wrong, let me know and I will put it right or if you would like your tool reviewed, drop me a line. nigel@armitageleather.com

For now, I hope this helps give you an idea what is out there and what may be useful to you.

Please, don't take my word on its own, speak with others who have the tools you are looking for, get their view and reactions.

The more information you have, the better informed you are to make the right decision.

Join me on Facebook, tell me your thoughts and offer you're your opinions to help others. That is after all what this is for, to help people who may not be as far along the path as others and bring the standard up a little.

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Warm regards

Nigel