

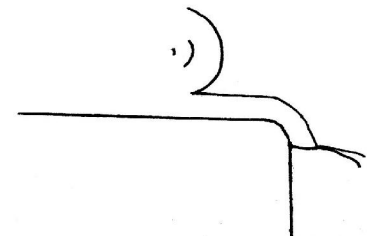
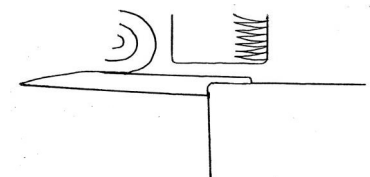
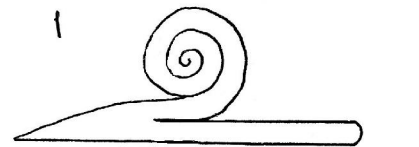
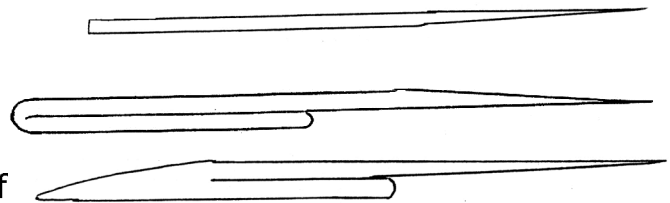
Live up to your Expectations.....Work at a Snail's Pace!



PAABA member Don Pfaff has contributed several great projects for the PAABA newsletter. This particular project has the possibilities to add to projects you already make or plan to make. For an outdoor or indoor botanical sculpture, a snail can add that extra something to make it special. They can also be used as a garden gate latch, drawer pulls, or door handle. You can weld a wood screw to the bottom. To quote Don, "For a letter opener, just sharpen the tail to open "snail mail." Celebrate the snail in your work and you can go as slow as you like, but you won't want to after you get the hang of it...the project will move right along!

You can make a snail from any round material, Don used 1/4" X 10" for his demonstration at Brad Weber's, May 2013.

1. Long taper
2. Fold 3" under
3. Forge weld 1"
4. Forge out tail always keep bottom of snail flat on anvil.
5. Roll up shell tightly
6. Place head of snail over rounded edge of anvil the distance of the stock thickness. Shell Up! 1/2 face blow.
7. Split eyes and file
8. Bend head down over round anvil edge
9. Heat and bend neck into position



Don's snails are very detailed. Even a small project like a snail can be elevated using good craftsmanship. Note how perfectly Don's spiral is tapered!

