

Erickson Silver

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The Steps in Making a Quality Piece of Hand Wrought Silver

Step 1



Step #1: Peter hammers the spoon into shape with a forging hammer on a special forging anvil

Step 2



Step #2: Then, he “planishes” the spoon with special planishing hammers and anvil. Planishing is a process of refining the surface of the metal with highly-polished hammers

Step 3



Step 3. Peter files excess silver from the forged piece. Files of various sizes and shapes are used, with varying rough and smooth surfaces.

Step 4



Step 5



Step 4 & 5: He stamps the trademark on the back of the spoon. Every single piece that is made at the Erickson Silver Shop is stamped "Erickson Sterling Handwrought".

Step 6



Step #6: Now, Peter begins to sink the bowl of the spoon.

Step 7



Step #7: When the spoon is ready, he prepares the drop hammer to finish sinking the bowl of the spoon.

Step 8



Step #8: Peter completes the process of shaping the bowl of the spoon with the drop hammer. The top piece is a special stake to fit the shape of that particular spoon. The bottom piece is a lead mold to fit the same shape.

Step 9



Step #9: Now he planishes the bowl of the spoon with a special stake and planishing hammer. This process removes any marks on the inside of the bowl and leaves hammer marks on the outside of the bowl.

Step 10



Step #10: The spoon is now ready to have its shape handle shaped and be polished.

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