

HAND MADE WEAPONS:

By

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For those that didn't know, I have been hand crafting weapons (Tonfa, Kama, Eku Bo, Jo, Nunchuku & Escrima sticks), for Karate organizations in the Jacksonville area. I started out making Tanbo's for my Jitsu students some ten years ago and attending Shihan Larry Isaac's Annual Karate Tournaments, where I was asked if I could make weapons for his students.

Throughout the past eight years or so, I have been experimenting with different exotic woods for making our Tanbo's. Although these woods are not cheap and must be ordered from specialty Shops, their individual beauty is superb. The popular choice of Karate weapons are mainly made from Yellow & Purple Heartwood but can be made with any one of the many exotic hardwoods. Below are a few examples of my work in addition to two sites that can be viewed for photos of exotic woods and their complete description. www.cocoboloinc.com www.eisenbran.com



NOTE: At the present time with my work schedule and teaching, I have not had the time to make any *Kobudo Weapons* for Karate organizations but will continue to make Mijikai Tanbo's for Shobudo students only! Following are a few exotic hardwoods that I have used to make our *Shobudo* Mijikai Tanbo's.



From *Left to Right*:
Fustic Mora ... Wenge ... Cherry ... Purple Heart ... Bloodwood ... Lignum Vitae ...
Partridgewood/Brown Ebony ... Gonzales Alvez ... Rosewood.

Depending on the type of wood, the finish, whether with or without the laser seal & kanji engraving ... prices vary! For those Shobudo members (only), that would like a Tanbo made, contact me at wnelson03@ec.rr.com



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Respectfully,

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