

METAL AND IRONWORK: CUCHILLERIA DE TARAMUNDI.

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1. CHARACTERISTICS:

- Name: Taramundi Cutlery
- Category: Forge and Metal
- Country: Asturias, Spain
- Provided by: UMA
- Source: internet, Taramundi museum, youtube

2. THE TECHNIQUE

- The knives have three fundamental parts, namely the blade, the handle and the ring.
- The craftsman works the dressage of metal and carves wood to make the handle, decorated in geometric colors.

3. USED MATERIALS

- The main material used to make the blades is stainless steel, resistant to oxidation and wear, but more difficult to mold than carbon steel, the most traditionally used material.
- The blade is made of soft iron, brass, stainless steel and alpaca, and even silver. The handle is made with local wood and heather, as well as oak, olive, ebony, etc., or non-wood materials, such as silver, deer or cow antlers.

4.HISTORY

- The cutlery is one of the most important craft activities in Taramundi since the 18th century.
- The production of knives and pocket knives in Taramundi originated as a result of the geophysical conditions of the territory, with iron deposits, abundance of water and forest wealth, which led to the installation of mallets and forges, and the development of handicrafts of iron.

5. YOUTUBE VIDEOS

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kiW6GYiJU8> - In this video, a man explains how the taramundi cutlery is, and makes a knife explaining the steps he is taking.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ey9WqeNEXB8> - they explain to us why Taramundi has a reputation for cutlery.

6. GALLERY

