

Ratyoke Picks

AMAZING!!! The skill, the beauty, it's just a wonderful little set.

They feel amazing and pick like gods. Of course any picks made by a person rather than a machine will pick better than anything you can buy from the best lockpicking website.

At the time I ordered these I liked my hook picks to be a little longer than usual and he made these perfect for me. Nowadays I like my hooks shorter but that comes with experience. The longer you have been picking the shorter your picks get. Of course sometimes you need a deep hook because of the bittings.

I ordered 2 more pieces later, a Bogota and the bottom one is Ebony wood, just as wonderful craftsmanship, it's a lot lighter, and warmer, 1/3 tang though, no complaints from me, it works amazingly.





Legion303 Picks

These beauties are Legion303s design. The feedback from these picks is phenomenal. He uses this bake on plastic stuff and a mold made from a Peterson pick handle. Then he forms the rest by hand and bakes it to perfection. From my experience I have found plastic handles to suck when it comes to feedback... This guy proved me wrong. His picks have some of the best feedback I have seen in a pick and they are comfortable to boot.

Well here comes the part no pick maker wants to hear... These guys do have one fault that I have found. They are a touch too thick for paracentric keyways. They work great in a good many locks but in the American 5200s they rubbed the wards too much. They would work but you are not as comfortable as you would like inside the lock.





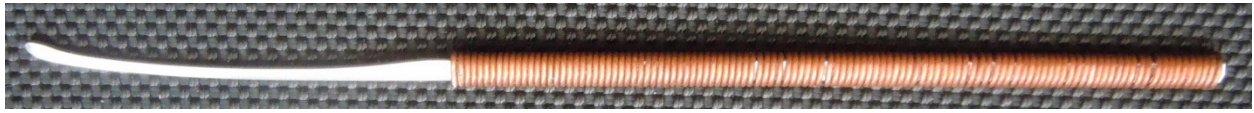
LockNewbie21 Picks

These beautiful creations came from the mind of LockNewbie21. He designs all of his hooks himself and he has become quite adept in making them. The pick shafts are surprisingly thin; it is quite impressive that he can keep such straight edges on such small shafts. The metal he uses has quite a bit of flex so if you are heavy handed I would be afraid to use these. But the metal does seem to go back to its original form when pressure is released.

The feedback from these picks is just superb. These picks helped me perfect my one handed picking technique. The dimples in the tip allow for maximum movement and control of a single pin. They are a great addition to anyone's arsenal. The handles are very nice. First is the pick itself, it is sandwiched in between 2 wider pieces of metal. Then wrapped in heat shrink and capped with another piece of heat shrink. They don't flex a bit, making using them quite a treat.

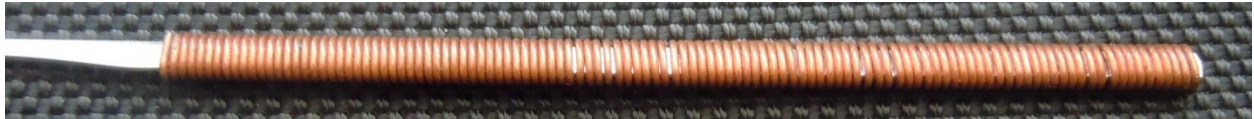
The pick you see below the set is his newest creation. He calls it the Hybrid pick and that particular one came from the first set that he had made with his name on it. He calls picks with his name on them Heritage picks.





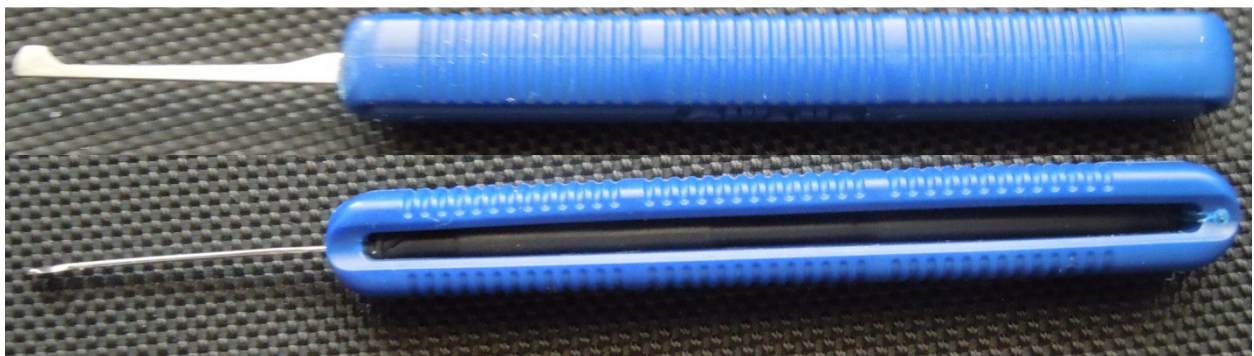
Bezza

This pick is very creative. It's a nice reach pick made from a windshield wiper insert, but the handle is wrapped in copper wire. This gives great grip and amazing feedback in a really small cheap package. I have seen picks like this wrapped in many types of wire, including the wire with the plastic around it, making for quite colorful picks.



Femurat

This is not the handcrafted work of art you see from most of the picks I have in this here. What this is is the most creative pick I have ever seen. This pick was sent with a dimple lock as a dimple lockpick, it works great I might add, but the ingenuity in this pick just goes to show how amazingly creative some people in the lockpicking community are. Using a razorblade, windshield wiper insert, and heat shrink tube he made a nice feeling nice sized very workable lockpick





Bryanxwhite

Here is another amazing pick maker. His handles are made from G-10 which is often used in knife handles.

This pick has like a see through white G-10 handle with brass fittings. It has an amazing look and feel with even better feedback and it picks like a god.

This is possibly my favorite pick; the feel is amazing the look is amazing... The hook itself is great as well; it's not a standard curve its more obtuse than normal picks, it works really well.



Toolymcgee

The pictures cannot capture the shine and luster of this picks. It is made with high quality steels and crafted with great skill. The handle feels great in your hands and they pick locks like you would expect from picks made this well. I am not totally sure how or what these handles are made from, but they are most unique and quite a treasure.

The full tang is quite wide which only shows how much time and effort was put into thinning this metal down to make the pick.



ChonkyTonks

Holy WOW!! This guy sure can cut up some wood. These handcrafted wooden lockpicks are some of the best I've ever seen. His pick handles are as creative as they are stunning to look at. He uses different types of wood to make the different handles; they are not painted or stained.





The Picker

This guy has been improving his work for quite some time and has made one heck of an impression on me. On top, his first original design, The Wasp, made from feeler gauge and green G10, held together with screws. Next down is a very comfortable pick; the back portion makes a perfect tool for counting pins or raising wafers to read them. The third one is a great bogota, preserving the hole in a piece of feeler gauge makes this great for a keychain set. The final pick in the picture is a mini-handled pick with ivory G10 on the handle, compact yet efficient.





Elbowmacaroni

This hand crafted beauty has a brass handle that has been given a hammered aged/steampunk look. The pick shaft is made from feeler gauge and has a full tang, the brass is brazed, or sweat soldered, onto the pick, so it has a layer of solder on either side of the pick and then the brass plates. It gives amazing feedback, and looks great, I dare say this is the most complicated to make pick I have seen. Feedback from this beauty is like no other, you can feel every serration in a pin,



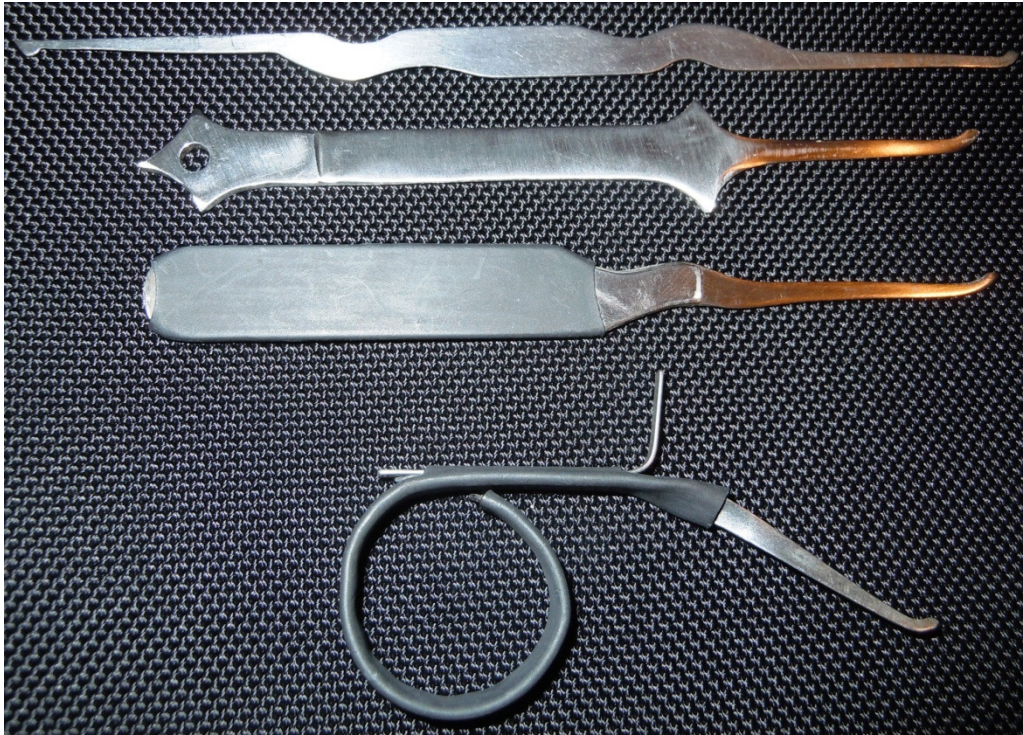


Violaetor

Custom Walnut pick box... Purple Heart Handles... 301 High Yield Stainless steel...

Amazing craftsmanship... no more words... WOW!





LocksmithArmy

These are all homemade picks of different varieties. On top is a double sided pick made from a rail in a hanging folder, quite comfortable, decent feedback, but the metal is soft so I wouldn't tackle any high security locks if I were you. Next up is the NinjaPick Made from the blade of a Cold Steel Kudu knife, which is Krupp 4116 steel. One of the strongest picks I have ever seen, it does not give or bend in the slightest. The third one down is a feeler gauge pick, It's got feeler gauge handles glued on with JB weld then a heat shrink tube for comfort, quite a nice pick as well..The final pick is another Hanging folder rail, but it is designed as a compact system. Notice the tensor stuck in the heat shrink handle. Also, the looped finger design. The loop goes around your middle finger while your forefinger and thumb control the movement of the pick; it works great as a rake.





Fredy Picks

Awesome Leather work. Entirely home-made leather case, leather pick handles and mirror polished picks make these picks some of the most unique lock picks I've ever laid eyes on.



Raimundos Bogotas

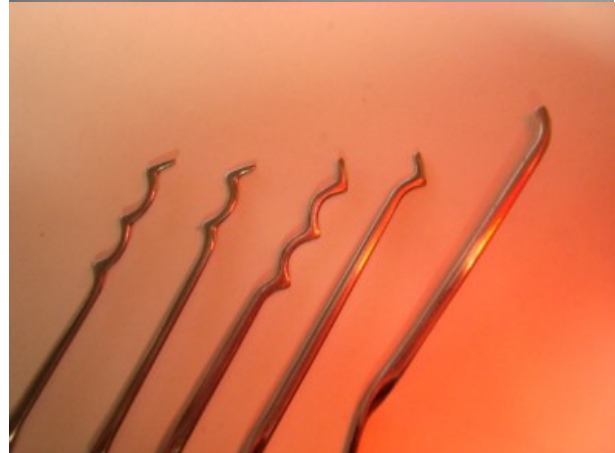
Raimundo is a member of the LP101 forums and he has created these picks he calls Bogotas. He calls them Bogotas because he was in Bogota when he was inspired by the mountains of Bogota and made these picks. This is the short version, there is much more to the story but there is the important parts.

To use them it is more of a jigglers than a pick and they work amazingly. A Bogota pair is all you need to open a lock. The pair consists of simply two Bogota picks. In the first picture you can see two Bogota pairs held together by a spring/safety pin combination and some heat shrink.

Insert the back of one Bogota into the lock as the tensor and use the tip of the pick in a jiggling motion and the lock should open rather quickly. I sat just yesterday and opened every door lock I had in my backpack (8 I think) in less than a minute.

I have found Bogotas to be most useful on low security locks. Locks with no security pins. But I have opened an American 5200 Series lock (10 security pins) with them, it just take practice and technique. They are small and fit anywhere in a compact set of 2. You may be carrying a set of 5 picks and countless tensors and this set can do just as much.

These are only available from Raimundo himself or serepick.com where a good friend of the community has many from Raimundo. I have made my own and they work wonderfully, but not as well as Raimundos, the craftsmanship of this man is out of this world. These are all made by hand tools, no dremmil, no grinder, and no sander. That is what makes them so perfect.



Raimundos Bogota Family

After realizing that the original bogotas wouldn't open every lock out there Raimundo designed a few more Bogota stile lock picks.

First he designed the Sabana. The Sabana rake is similar to a bogota but it is missing the middle hump. So it has one mountain, a flat space, then another mountain. This allows someone to pick locks that have bittings with low pins in the middle and high pins at the front and back.

Last but not least, came the Monserate picks. These picks were like the bogota in that they had 3 humps, but here was a gap between the first and second mountain or the second and third mountain. This means there were a pair of Monserates, as opposed to the single Sabana. This configuration allowed for extremely low pins to be in the lock with a majority of high setting pins.

Raimundo decided that the aft portions on the Monserate need no undercuts because the stress is mainly at the tip.

In total the Bogota family consists of the following picks:

Quadruple hump Bogota (not shown)

Triple hump Bogota

Double hump Bogota

Single hump Bogota

Hook

Sabana

Monserate aft (with 2 humps in the rear)

Monserate fore (with 2 humps in front)

Now keep in mind that all the picks mentioned above can be made upside down, for raking euro stile cylinders (or any other cylinder installed with the pins on the bottom). This brings the total amount in the Bogota family to 16 total picks. There has even been some double sided Bogotas made and some really small ones to rake dimple locks with. This just goes to show how versatile this pick style really is.

