# Material Guide for Katana in UE4

# Blade

Drawing process of blade material go through mainly 3 material functions (2 sub functions). Each functions have multiple parameters, which are categorized into five (Detail, MF\_Polished, MF\_Sharpened, MF\_Sharpened\_Detail, MF\_Stained).

# Process 1 - MF\_KatanaSharpened



This process figures out the whole foundation of blade surface. But also it become a final output in the red area(\*image 1).



#### Martensite

Material of cutting edge which is red masked in the image 2. It formed by quenching process, tending to have higher stiffness and brittler than troostite.

#### Troostite

Green part of the image 2. Troostite formed by quenching but more mild reaction. It possess elasticity to the blade be durable.

#### Clear Coat

Clear coat and clear coat roughness are able to be changed directly.



Utsuri

Jinie



Pattern come from lamination of forged iron. Using a tiled texture. Red line like woodgrain pattern contains more carbon than the other position.

#### Utsuri

One of the effect on the blade produces weak color expression, such as white line. It is feature in some school of swordsmith.

#### Jinie

It observed as particles of high roughness and white color over the entire surface.





#### Nioi (Nioi-kuchi)

Transition area between martensite and troostite. Rough surface due to microcrystallites generated by quenching, reflects light in wide angle.



#### Nie

Similar to Nioi, but come from crystallites growth larger enough to see particles. Using tiled texture and 2 bias parameter to change the particles look like.

Parameters —		
MF_Sharpened_Detail /		
Nie Bias 1	Nie Bias 2	
Nie Opacity	Nie Roughness	
Nioi Color	Nioi Color Opacity	
Nioi Roughness	Nioi Roughness Opacity	

### Process 2 - MF\_KatanaStained



In this process, we stain the blade darker to present a beautiful appearance. The area to be stained is shown in blue (\*Image3)



### Color / Roughness

You can choose two colors to assign according to the 'Jigane' mask. Difference of roughness is also adjustable.

#### Clear Coat

It changes clear coat value of the stained surface separately.

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# Process 3 – MF\_KatanaPolished



In this process, we polish the green area of the image 4. It is not uncommon that the polished surface becomes mirrorlike.





# Color / Roughness

Color and roughness of polishing area are changable. The lowest roughness within the blade is typical.

#### Chaps

Chaps are fine scratches covering polishing area. It is lined along the pattern of Jigane. To make the surface be chapped more, set higher opacity and roughness.

### Sub Process 1 - MF\_Katana\_Glitter



This is the process of finishing how the blade looks. But, there is no adjustable parameters exposed in material instance. It should be understood that glitter like color aberration is brought by this.



# Sub Process 2 - MF\_Katana\_Tang



#### - Parameters

MF\_Stained /

Disable Tang

Tang Color (Burn)

Tang Color (Multiply)

#### Color

Color adjusting for tang is a little unusual. Use burn mixing to keep high saturation, or use multiply mixing, saturation is tend to decrease.

### Disable Tang

Tang is unneeded part unless you disassemble the sword. There is an option to disable this completely for an optimization.

# Sheath

Material of sheath has a procedural mask system which provides 5 patterns. It divides the surface into primary and secondary area. And, multiple masks enabled will be summed up as secondary area.

#### - Parameters

Mask /

Mask Offset Use Crest Use Crest 2 Use Gold As Primary Use Gold As Secondary Use Gold Crest Use Ishimeji Paint Use Secondary Use Wood

#### Mask Offset

It is shared parameter among all patterns to shift position.

#### Use Crest

Printing family crest. 20 crest masks are ready. Change it from Texture parameter.

### Use Gold

It is able to use gold as specific area.

#### Use Ishimeji Paint

The whole area turns into stone like coating except crests.

#### Use Wood

To use wood, turn this on with designating the area by blue channel of mask input.

### Pattern 1 - Stripe



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#### Ratio

It changes the ratio between primary and secondary area.

#### Width

It changes the width of the stripe pitch.

# Pattern 2 – Split



Split Invert

It switches primary area upside down.

### Pattern 3 - Checker



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# Pattern 4 - Spiral



#### Parameters -

Mask Spiral / Spiral Direction Spiral Multi Line Spiral Ratio Spiral Width

#### Direction

It switches the direction of the line twines.

#### Multi Line

3 lines of different thickness twine around the sheath instead of one line.

#### Width

It changes the pitch of spiral.

# Pattern 5 – Slanting Split



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### Family Crest



#### **Parameters**

Mask /

Crest 1 Position Y Crest 1 Scale Crest 2 Position X Crest 2 Position Y Crest 2 Scale Crest Flip Y Crest Position X Crest Spacing

#### Spacing

It changes the distance between each crests repeating.

#### Position X

Position X shifts whole crest. Position X of crest 2 determine its position relatively to crest 1.

### Position Y (1, 2)

They shift the crest 1 and 2 individually.

#### Flip Y

In case of printing crests on sheath of 'Tachi' (riding swords), flipping is necessary to match direction with the sheath.

# Master Material List

The variation for each sword parts are material instances of master material. To replace one of those, it is necessary to confirm the parent of it.

This list shows which mesh part is enable to be assigned for every material.

For Multiple Swords	- For s
M_Blade	M_
- All Swords	
M_Fittings_Generic	
– Tantou 1	M_
- Uchigatana 1, 2	
– Wakizashi 1	M_
M_LeatherHandle_Generic	
- Uchigatana 1, 2	
– Wakizashi 1	M_
M_Sheath_Generic	
– All Sheaths	
M_Sheath_Nashiji	M_
– All Sheaths	
M_SheathFittings_Generic	
– Tantou 1	M_
- Uchigatana 1, 2	
– Wakizashi 1	M_
M_StringHandle_Generic	
- Tachi 1, 2	
– Tantou 1	M
- Uchigatana_3	
(Use Mask 2B)	

Single Sword \_Otachi\_1\_Fittings - Handle Fittings - Sheath Fittings \_Otachi\_1\_Handle - Handle \_Tachi\_1\_Fittings - Handle Fittings - Sheath Fittings Tachi\_2\_Fittings - Handle Fittings - Sheath Fittings \_Uchigatana\_3\_Fittings1 - Handle Fitting - Sheath Fittings \_Uchigatana\_3\_Fittings2 - Sheath Fittings \_Uchigatana\_3\_Gadgets - Spike - Knife \_Uchigatana\_3\_Handle - Handle