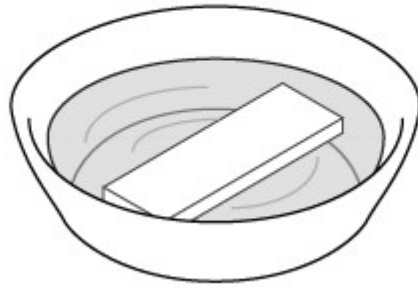


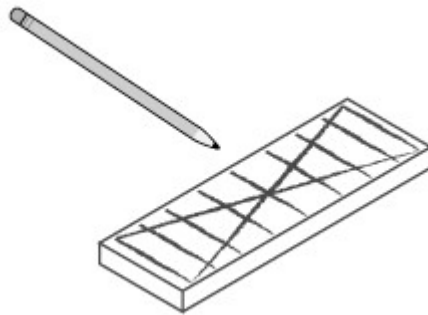
1



The stones you are intending to lap should be immersed in water for 2 to 3 minutes before starting work on them.

When lapping non-Shapton stones, you should ensure the stones absorb plenty of water first.

2



As a guide, use a pencil to draw a grid on the stone surface to be flattened.

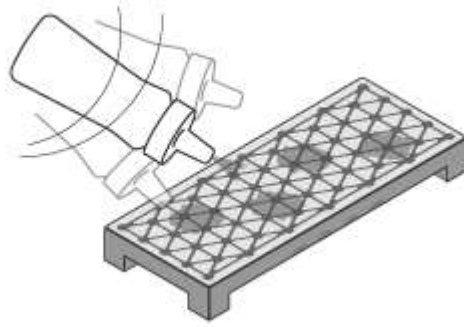
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Place the NAORU lapping plate somewhere stable.
Apply enough water to permeate the whole plate.

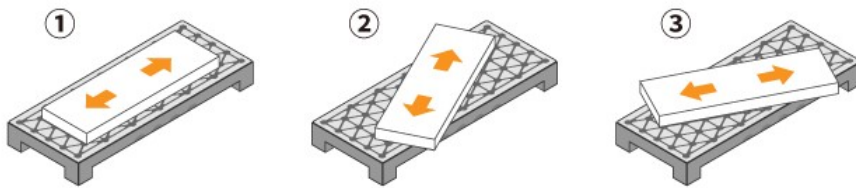
If any water is left on the surface,
the powder may get washed away.

4



Sprinkle a little powder onto 3 or 4 places on the plate, then rub it gently with a stone using a circular motion so that the powder gets distributed evenly across the plate.

5



Place the uneven surface of the stone requiring lapping onto the plate, and slide it backwards and forwards as shown in ① below, then diagonally backwards and forwards as in ② and ③.

Make sure that you use the whole plate.

As you slide the stone to and fro, it may start to feel sticky or goeey, in which case you should add a little water.

Conversely, if you add too much water it may start to feel smooth or slippery, in which case you should add some more powder.

Get this balance right and you will be able to use the plate effectively without wasting powder. Parts where the lines get erased show where the lapping plate has made contact, i.e. where flattening has been performed correctly.

6



When you have finished lapping the stone, wash the plate off until it is clean, and allow it to dry. Even if the NAORU appears to 'rust' during storage, that will not affect its performance.