



Extreme CQC Combat Machete Tactics

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Why The Machete

There are plenty of reasons, and scenarios, in which you might not have a gun, or in which you might be unwilling or unable to use it. The machete is an incredibly powerful weapon for such situations. In this podcast, we've chosen to focus on 4 specific extreme close quarters survival machete combat tactics that you can use to good effect.

1. "Small Cuts"

Typically we think of the machete as a hacking tool, used at a distance. This is incorrect.

- In close quarters, you can take advantage of cuts and strikes that sap the opponent's strength and take away his will to fight.
- Small cuts can be made to the face, the hands, arms, the insides of the arms/legs.
- These techniques deter the opponent.
- You can use any part of the blade, but using the last four to six inches of the blade, with your hand bracing the spine of the blade.
- When you pull back while pushing in, it helps create a slice that would be more difficult to pull off without the push-pull method.
- Bracing the spine also helps facilitate parries. Close the distance and your defense becomes an offense.

2. Butt ("Skull Crusher") Strikes

This is typically seen as part of the design of the knife, referring to the pointed tip of the handle (which can be used for strikes).

- The butt of the weapon really can crack the skull open. Our "[Guardian Machete](#)" has this skull-crusher tip on it.

- You can use the tip of the handle in much the same way you would use a knife.
- Swing it like you would a hammer, using the tip as the point of impact.
- If you swing through and miss your target, you can then use the butt as a follow-up strike, closing the distance and smashing.
- The face and forehead bleed a lot. A blow to the head/face/skull can do a lot of damage.
- You can use this strike in ground fighting.

3. The "Face Smash" With The Blade

This is built on the concept of the reinforced block, or "half-swording."

- You're holding the grip with your supporting hand on the spine of the blade.
- You can use this to cut (the "small cuts" technique), and also disrupt his balance/push him off position.
- It's a strong, forward, pushing block.
- You can do this technique with the edge or with the flat of the blade (less lethal).

4. The "Spinning Leg Hack"

When your body is right up against the attacker, you can turn, spinning and maintaining contact, around the side of his body until you are back to back.

- At the same time, you make a circular swipe in front of your body and do a low leg hack with all your speed and momentum.
- The target is the side of his leg.
- It creates movement, does great damage to the attacker's leg, and uses him as a shield from other opponents. Pivoting creates power and speed.

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