

## DAMASCUS STEEL HISTORY

"Traveling back to the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD), Chinese blacksmiths embarked on an inventive journey. Using a technique called Pattern Welding, they skillfully layered different metals, applying heat and expertise to forge exceptional blades. As time flowed, these methods evolved through dynasties, like the Song (960-1279 AD) and Ming (1368-1644 AD), resulting in intricate patterns and remarkable strength. Meanwhile, in Japan, swordsmiths sculpted the iconic katana with a focus on form and function, refining blade curvature and edge geometry through differential hardening and quenching.



Scenes of forging knives in ancient China

China's journey took a turn during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1912 AD), transitioning to mass-produced blades. However, the embers of Damascus steel's allure were recently rekindled. Modern artisans retrace history's steps, reviving ancient techniques and crafting these legendary blades anew. This revival honors China's blacksmithing prowess and safeguards an art at risk of fading.



Silk road routes map

Today, the story of Chinese Damascus steel resonates-an ode to blacksmiths' skill. Through this resurgence, heritage perseveres, and the exquisite artistry of Damascus steel continues its timeless tale."



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### Our Mission

XINZUO brand is built on the idea of making exceptional knives accessible to people all around the world. We believe that quality tools should not be regarded and priced as status symbols, but as tools to improve people's lives. Quality sharp knives make food preparation easier, safer and more fun. Our goal is to improve people's lives and their relation with cooking thanks to our ingenuity, quality and design. Studies point out that regular people, on average, spend many years' time in their lifetime cooking. Our mission is to offer the best quality knives to a broad range of consumers spacing from single steel blades up to extremely complex multilayered super-steels. Improving the life of people, one knife at time, from world-class chefs up to loving grandmothers.