

SHOE MODIFICATIONS



There are a lot of basic modifications that only take minutes to put into a shoe and can do a lot to provide support or make your horses more comfortable. Mike Wildenstein, CJF FWCF (hons) has used a lot of these modifications in clinics and in his practice through the years. Using a Kerckhaert Standard Extra, a shoe with plenty of material for modifications, we got these shots of one of his favorite combinations.



View at foot before modifications- note the condition of the frog, still to be dealt with.



Using a Bloom steel handled creaser, Mike widens the lateral heel.



His second step was to forge the inside web of the lateral heel to be sure he had good foot coverage.



He then narrowed the medial branch on the Baldor to allow it to sink into the ground easier.



Wider lateral & narrower medial modifications set to go.



Final modification was to bevel the toe and the shoe is ready to go on. Note the bevel is greater at the point of breakover, not always the center of the toe. Frog will be cleaned up and get an application of SBS Thru Stop Blue.



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