WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A dressing board for dressing a tip end of a cutting blade, comprising:

a lower surface to be held on a table; and

a slanted surface inclined to the lower surface and having a longitudinal direction extending across a direction in which the cutting blade is movable relatively to the table such that, when the cutting blade is moved relatively to the table, the tip end of the cutting blade moves across and over the slanted surface and leaves on the slanted surface a processing mark complementary in shape to the tip end of the cutting blade, a shape of the processing mark being confirmable from a side of the dressing board opposite the lower surface.

2. The dressing board according to claim 1, wherein an angle formed between the lower surface and the slanted surface is in a range from 30° to 60°.

3. A shape determining method of determining a shape of a tip end of a cutting blade, the method comprising:

holding a lower surface of a dressing board on a table, the dressing board having a slanted surface inclined to the lower surface thereof;

causing the tip end of the cutting blade to cut into the dressing board while the cutting blade is being moved relatively to the table such that the tip end of the cutting blade moves across and over the slanted surface that is oriented across a direction in which the cutting blade is movable relatively to the table; and

confirming the shape of a processing mark left on the slanted surface by the tip end of the cutting blade that has moved across and over the slanted surface, from a side of the dressing board opposite the lower surface thereof, thereby determining the shape of the tip end of the cutting blade.

4. The shape determining method according to claim 3, wherein the tip end of the cutting blade cuts into the dressing board and moves across and over the slanted surface without moving across an end of the slanted surface at the lower surface of the dressing board.

5. The shape determining method according to claim 3, comprising:

determining the shape of the tip end of the cutting blade as curved if an end of the processing mark confirmed from the side of the dressing board opposite the lower surface thereof is of a curved shape.

6. The shape determining method according to claim

4, comprising:

determining the shape of the tip end of the cutting blade as curved if an end of the processing mark confirmed from the side of the dressing board opposite the lower surface thereof is of a curved shape.