Essential Knives





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Every knife has a specific use. A knife should fit comfortably in your hand and should be used for its intended task.



Used for separating raw meat or fish meat from the bone.

- Fillet Knife: thin and flexible blade for filleting (i.e. fish)
- Boning Knife: thin and rigid blade for de-boning (i.e. chicken, elk, beef, pork)

To cut soft foods without ripping or squashing:

- Use longer serrated knives for slicing breads, cakes or pastries.
- Use shorter serrated knives for slippery food like tomatoes, limes or lemons.