

# Know Your Knives 

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## Describe the following cut:

## Batonnet: $2 \times 1 / 4 \times 1 / 4$



## Describe the following cut:

Dice: $1 / 4 \times 1 / 4 \times 1 / 4$ or $1 / 2 \times 1 / 2 \times 1 / 2$


## Describe the following cut:

## Julienne: $2 \times 1 / 8 \times 1 / 8$



## Describe the following cut:

 Brunoise: $1 / 8 \times 1 / 8 \times 1 / 8$

## Describe the following cut:

- Diagonal: Cut on a 45 degree angle, $1 / 4$ " thick



## Describe the following cut:

- Chiffonade: Roll leaf such as basil or spinach and thinly cut into strips.



## Using a Cutting Board

- Why? Prevents damage on counters and knives and prevents cross contamination.
- Stabilize with a damp towel or drawer liner.
- Sanitize by scrubbing in hot soapy water, can use diluted bleach solution to rinse. Can put in dishwasher, but check label when purchased.
- Change cutting boards or sanitize when changing tasks to avoid cross contamination.


## Guidelines for Knives:

- Keep knives sharpened - cuts more evenly with less force, it's safer
- Use a knife only for it's intended purpose
- Keep the handle clean and dry
- Never leave knives soaking under water, wash by hand while holding the handle the entire time
- Never talk or point with a knife
- Never distract others who are using knives
- If a knife is dropped, jump back and let it fall
- Never hand someone a knife, put it on the counter and let them pick it up


## Knife Storage

- Store away from other utensils.
- Keep blade covered if necessary.
- Knife blocks are unsanitary, a magnet is the best storage solution or a knife kit.



## Knife Skills - Grading Rubric

| Quality | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Score |
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| 1/4" diagonal slice, 4-5 slices |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Uniformity of cuts | Rough chop, not uniform in size or shape | Cut is discernable, but pieces vary in size and shape | Correct shape, but mixed with a variety of other shapes | Most pieces are correct shape | Identical in size and shape | TOTAL Score |
| Size | Varies widely in size and could not be cooked uniformly | Much larger or much smaller than requested | It is possible to find the correct size, but lots of variation | Most are the correct size | All are the correct size | TOTAL Score |

## Julienne, $1 / 8 \times 1 / 8 \times 2$ 5-6 pieces

| Uniformity of cuts | Rough chop, not <br> uniform in size or <br> shape | Cut is discernable, <br> but pieces vary in <br> size and shape | Correct shape, but <br> mixed with a <br> variety of other <br> shapes | Most pieces are <br> correct shape | Identical in size <br> and shape | TOTAL Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Size | Varies widely in <br> size and could not <br> be cooked <br> uniformly | Much larger or <br> much smaller than <br> requested | It is possible to <br> find the correct <br> size, but lots of <br> variation | Most are the <br> correct size | All are the correct <br> size | TOTAL Score |

Brunoise, $1 / 8 \times 1 / 8 \times 1 / 810+$ pieces

| Uniformity of cuts | Rough chop, not <br> uniform in size or <br> shape | Cut is discernable, <br> but pieces vary in <br> size and shape | Correct shape, but <br> mixed with a <br> variety of other <br> shapes | Most pieces are <br> correct shape | Identical in size <br> and shape | TOTAL Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Size | Varies widely in <br> size and could not <br> be cooked <br> uniformly | Much larger or <br> much smaller than <br> requested | It is possible to <br> find the correct <br> size, but lots of <br> variation | Most are the <br> correct size | All are the correct <br> size | TOTAL Score |

Batonnet, $1 / 4 \times 1 / 4 \times 25-6$ pieces

| Uniformity of cuts | Rough chop, not <br> uniform in size or <br> shape | Cut is discernable, <br> but pieces vary in <br> size and shape | Correct shape, but <br> mixed with a <br> variety of other <br> shapes | Most pieces are <br> correct shape | Identical in size <br> and shape | TOTAL Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Size | Varies widely in <br> size and could not <br> be cooked <br> uniformly | Much larger or <br> much smaller than <br> requested | It is possible to <br> find the correct <br> size, but lots of <br> variation | Most are the <br> correct size | All are the correct <br> size | TOTAL Score |

Small dice $1 / 4$ ", 4-5 pieces

| Uniformity of cuts | Rough chop, not <br> uniform in size or <br> shape | Cut is discernable, <br> but pieces vary in <br> size and shape | Correct shape, but <br> mixed with a <br> variety of other <br> shape | Most pieces are <br> correct shape | Identical in size <br> and shape | TOTAL Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Size | Varies widely in <br> size and could not <br> be cooked <br> uniformly | Much larger or <br> much smaller than <br> requested | It is possible to <br> find the correct <br> size, but lots of <br> variation | Most are the <br> correct size | All are the correct <br> size | TOTAL Score |

Medium Dice $1 / 2$ ", 4-5 pieces

| Uniformity of cuts | Rough chop, not <br> uniform in size or <br> shape | Cut is discernable, <br> but pieces vary in <br> size and shape | Correct shape, but <br> mixed with a <br> variety of other <br> shapes | Most pieces are <br> correct shape | Identical in size <br> and shape | TOTAL Score |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Size | Varies widely in <br> size and could not <br> be cooked <br> uniformly | Much larger or <br> much smaller than <br> requested | It is possible to <br> find the correct <br> size, but lots of <br> variation | Most are the <br> correct size | All are the correct <br> size | TOTAL Score |

Chiffonade - small pile

| Size \& Shape | Rough chop, some <br> big pieces, skin of <br> onion in chop | Not consistent in <br> size | Some large pieces | Most pieces are <br> even in size and <br> shape | Even in size and <br> shape | TOTAL Score |
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## Know your Knives!

Match the knife type on the left with the common use on the right. Each letter will only be used once.

$\qquad$ 1. Serrated Slicer A. Separating raw meat from the bone
$\qquad$ 2. Paring
3. Boning
4. Chef's/French
C. Cutting bread, cake and similar items
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B. All-purpose, especially for chopping slicing and mincing.
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D. Peeling and trimming vegetables and fruit

Describe the following cuts:
Batonnet: $\qquad$
Dice: $\qquad$
Julienne: $\qquad$
Brunoise: $\qquad$
Diagonal: $\qquad$
Chiffonade: $\qquad$

Using a Cutting Board:
Why?
Stabilize: $\qquad$
Sanitize: $\qquad$
Cross Contaminitation: $\qquad$

Guidelines for knives:
1.
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$
4. $\qquad$
5. $\qquad$
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7. $\qquad$
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Knife Storage:
1.
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