

A-Z Types Of Knives For Hunters And Collectors

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Types of Knives Assisted Opening Knife: A knife with a spring loaded opening mechanism that, unlike a switchblade, requires the user to initiate the opening with his thumb. Bowie Knife: A large fixed blade hunting knife named after the famous frontiersman, James Bowie. Canoe: A twin bladed pocket knife with a canoe-shaped handle that curves upward at both ends. Cattlemans Knife: A knife with a clip or spear master blade, a spey blade and a leather punch. Dagger: Normally a spear point or saber point blade, can also be a narrow stiletto-type knife. Dirk: From the 17th century, has a dagger-like blade and grips make of ebony. Fillet Knife: A specialty knife used for filleting fish, a long slim extremely sharp blade with a fine point. Fixed Blade Knife: The blade does not fold closed. A Bowie knife is an example of a fixed blade knife. Guthook: Used by hunters for skinning and gutting, has a V or U shaped notch on the back edge. Katar: Hindu knife with double edge blade ranging from a few inches to sword length. Khanjar: Arabic for knife, a double edged dagger with a curved blade and a pistol grip shaped handle. Khyber Knife: A knife from Afghanistan and India, with a long straight back that is heavily ribbed, tapers to a fine point, worn under the sash. Liner Lock Knife: It has a strip cut into one of the two metal plates that line the knives handle and sandwich the blade. The strip is bent inwards to form a flat spring. Locking Knives: A folding knife that has a mechanism that locks the blade into place when open, can be manual or mechanically assisted. Machetes: A large knife used for removing vegetation, cutting wood and other heavy duty duties. Multi-tools: A tool with several different features including one or more blades, and other useful tools such as scissors and screwdriver bit. Serpentine: Used to describe the shape of a handle. Serpentine knives have an s curve, much like a snake or serpent (hence the name). Skinner: Designed for intricate skinning, it has a short and deep profile. Slip Joint Knife: Sometimes called a friction lock or pen knife, there is a steel spring in the shape of a bar, called a back spring, which forms the spine of the handle. Friction offers resistance when opening the blade. To open, use the nail mark to pull it out. Stiletto: A dagger with a very slim blade intended for thrusting. Switchblade: A knife that opens automatically when a button is pushed. These knives are illegal in most states. Please visit us at www.countryboystore.com

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