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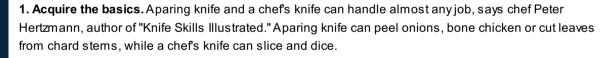
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- 2. Take them for a test drive. Most knife stores and kitchen shops will let you use a knife before you purchase it, says Kimberley Davis, a former corporate chef at kitchen retailer Sur La Table. At the very least, hold the knife in your hand to make sure that it feels right to you.
- 3. Price matters. Agood knife can be costly, but consider it a lifetime investment. If it is taken care of, it can become an "heirloom." That means washing and drying it by hand, plus sharpening it when needed with a steel sharpener.
- 4. Store it properly. Don't throw it in a drawer with loose cutlery, which can damage or dull the edge. Either store the knife on a magnetic strip or cover it with a protective sleeve before putting it in a drawer.
- 5. Know the knife's limits. Ceramic knives, for instance, can break if dropped. And using knives on a glass





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