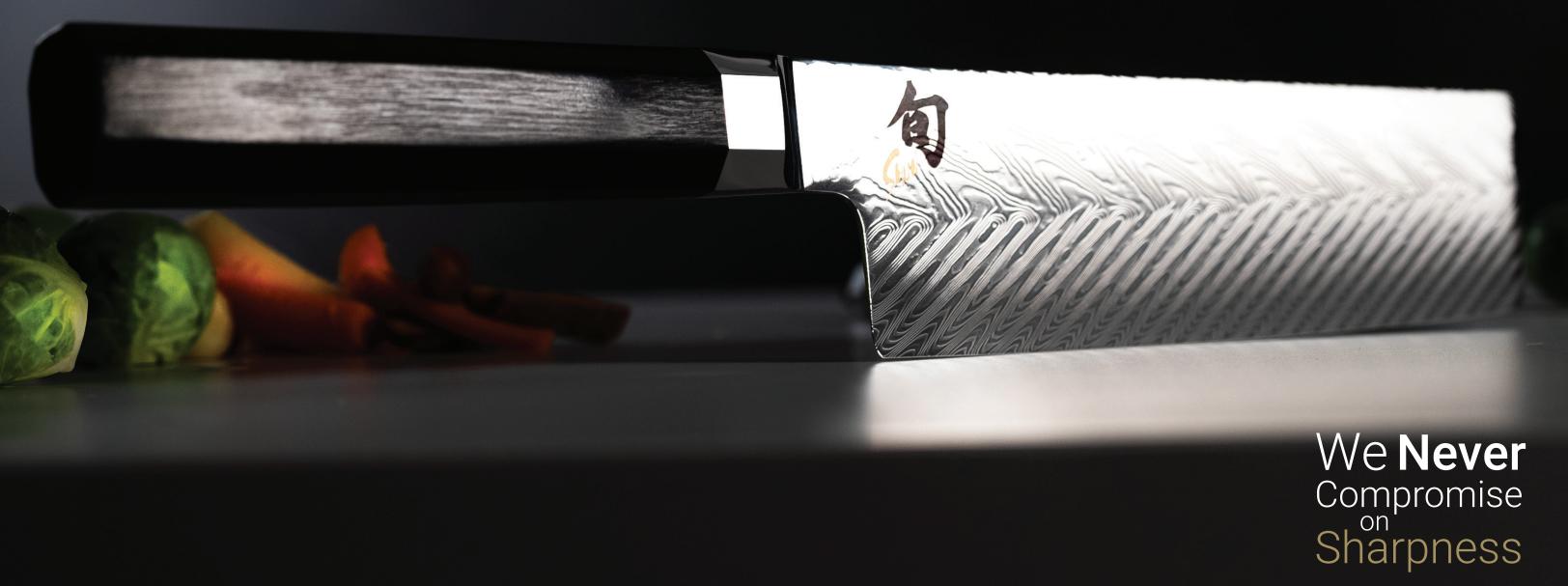


Cutlery with a purpose



Knife Pictured: Dual Core Nakiri 6.5"

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New Products •

Premier Blonde

Santoku 5.5"

A compact version of a kitchen favorite.

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Pro 5 Pc

Block Set
Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8",
Honing Steel, 6-Slot Slimline Block.

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Premier Blonde Master Utility 6.5" The nimbleness of a utility knife with the

The nimbleness of a utility knife with the do-it-all capabilities of a chef's knife.

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Kai 2 Pc Shear Set

Kai Multi-Purpose Shears and Kai Kitchen Shears.

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Premier Blonde 3 Pc Starter Set

Paring 4", Utility 6.5" and Chef's 8" in a gift-boxed set.

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Premier Grey 4 Pc Steak Set Four Steak knives in a wood gift-boxed set.

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Premier Grey 3 Pc Starter Set Paring 4", Utility 6.5" and Chef's 8" in a gift-boxed set.

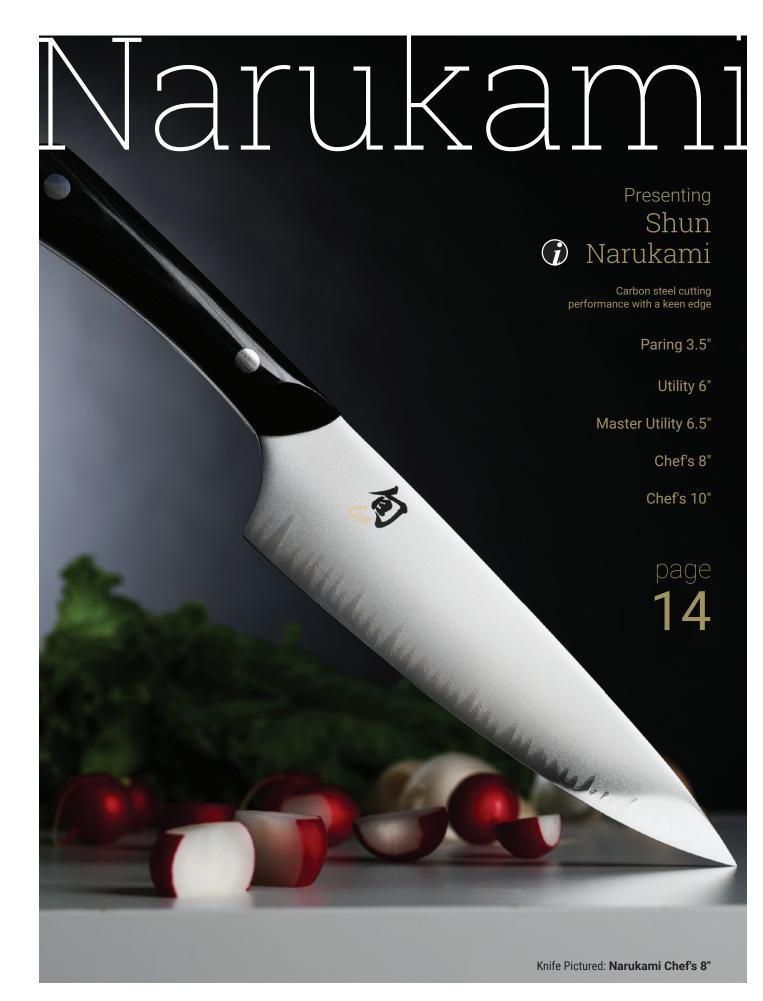
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Which knife is right for you?

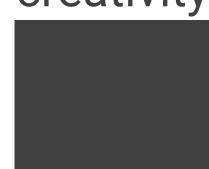
There's no wrong answer.
While there are common

blade shapes

found in most kitchens, your choice

depends on the needs

of your own kitchen creativity



Chef's Knife

Uses: slice, dice, mince. 6", 8", and 10" blade lengths.



Utility Knife

Uses: slice, peel, small items. 6" and 6.5" blade lengths.



Paring Knife

Uses: peeling, paring, small items. 3.5" and 4" blade lengths.



Steak Knife

Uses: steak, small items. 4.75" and 5" blade lengths.



Santoku

Uses: slice, dice, mince. 5.5", and 7" blade lengths



Master Utility

Uses: slice, dice, mince. Blade shape first developed by Shun. 6.5" blade length.



Bread Knife

Uses: bread, tomatoes, watermelon, and more. 8", 8.25", 8.5" and 9" blade lengths.



Asian Multi-Prep

Uses: meat/protein and produce prep. Traditional Japanese blade shape for poultry, great for produce too. 4.5" and 5" blade lengths.



Boning/Fillet

Uses: butchery & fillet, meat/protein prep. 6" and 6.5" blade lengths.



Asian Utility

Uses: larger produce, meat/protein prep. Blade shape first developed by Shun. 6.5" and 7" blade lengths.



Ultimate Utility

Uses: delicate produce prep, sandwiches. Blade shape first developed by Shun. 6" blade length.



Nakir

Uses: produce prep, slice, dice, mince. Traditional Japanese blade shape. 5.5" and 6.5" blade lengths.



Kiritsuke

Uses: slice, dice, mince. Similar to Chef's Knife. Traditional Japanese blade shape. 8" blade length.



Yanagiba

Uses: sashimi and sushi.

Traditional Japanese blade shape. Thick single bevel blade 8.25", 9.5" and 10.5" blade lengths.



Brisket Knife

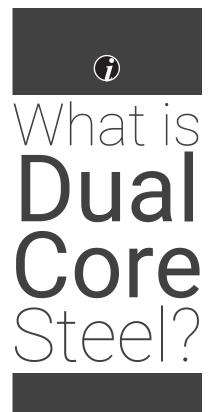
Uses: trim and slice larger cuts of meat. 12" blade length.





Your knife choices depend on your individual needs.
Moving to a more plant-based diet? Add nakiri knives, in a range of sizes. The straight edge makes precise contact with the cutting board, so slicing and dicing vegetables is simple. Are you a bread baker? You'll love a Shun or Kai Housewares bread knife. Prefer a smaller knife? Try a 6-inch chef's knife.

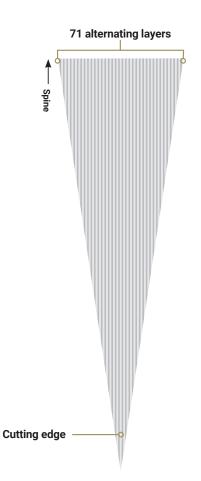
Blades Explained

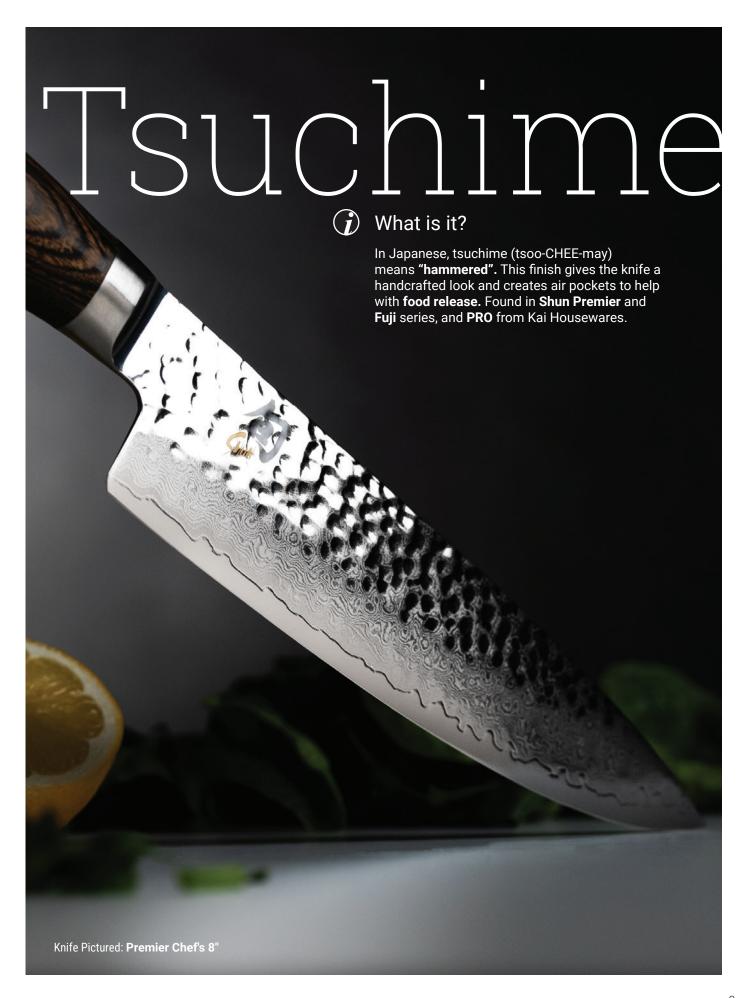


The Shun Dual Core and Hikari series feature **Damascus** blades made from two premium-quality, high-carbon stainless steels. 71 alternating micro layers of high carbon, high chromium VG10 and VG2 stainless steels are roll-forged to produce a finer grain in the steel and to give it **strength and beauty.** The laminated steel is then hot forged to create a beautiful herringbone pattern that allows the layers to alternate along the cutting edge.

During normal use, the two steels will wear at different rates creating **micro serrations** along the edge. This means Dual Core's extremely sharp edge performs at a high level even longer. The etched laminations in the blade reduce drag, helping **food release** from the blade so it glides through each cut quickly and easily.







Blades Explained



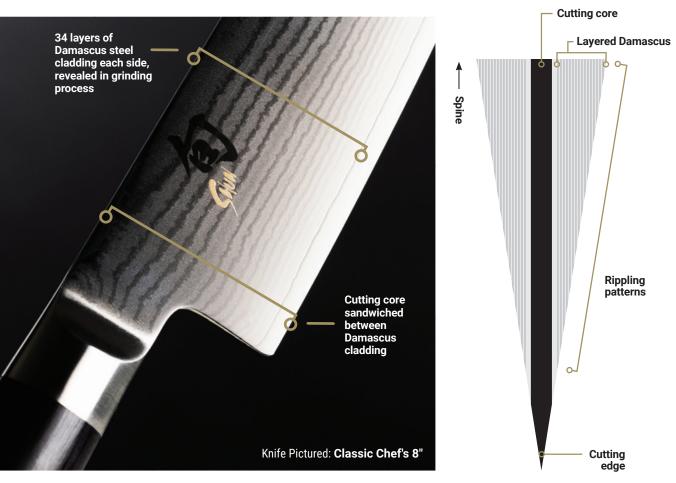
What is Layered Damascus?

Shun's Damascus is formed by layering different types of metal alloys together, then forging them into a single piece.

In Japan, this style of blademaking is known as kasumi. **Kasumi means "mist"** and is so called because the exterior Damascus can have a lovely misty appearance when compared to the harder cutting core.

The process and the different characteristics of the layered metals create the **rippling patterns** you see on the blade. The number of layers can vary. Shun Classic and Premier, for example, have 34 layers of metal on each side of a high performance VG-MAX cutting core.

Damascus looks beautiful, supports and **protects** the hard, dense cutting core, and adds stain resistance. It also helps **food release** more quickly and easily from the blade, and reduces cutting drag, making your meal preparation experience even better.

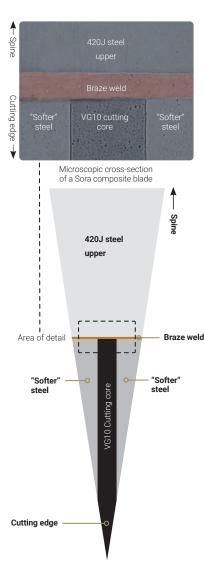




Shun's **proprietary** Composite Blade Technology is a technique that enables us to put high-performance steel exactly where it's needed most—on the cutting edge of the knife. In the **Shun Sora** series, VG10 san mai comprises the lower part of the blade, that is, the cutting edge.

The upper part, above the copper weld line, is 420J Japanese stainless steel. The two sections of the blade are laser cut and fit together like pieces of a **jigsaw puzzle**. Braze welding permanently joins the pieces to create a durable blade that puts the performance of VG10 exactly where it's needed.







The right knife for the best flavor

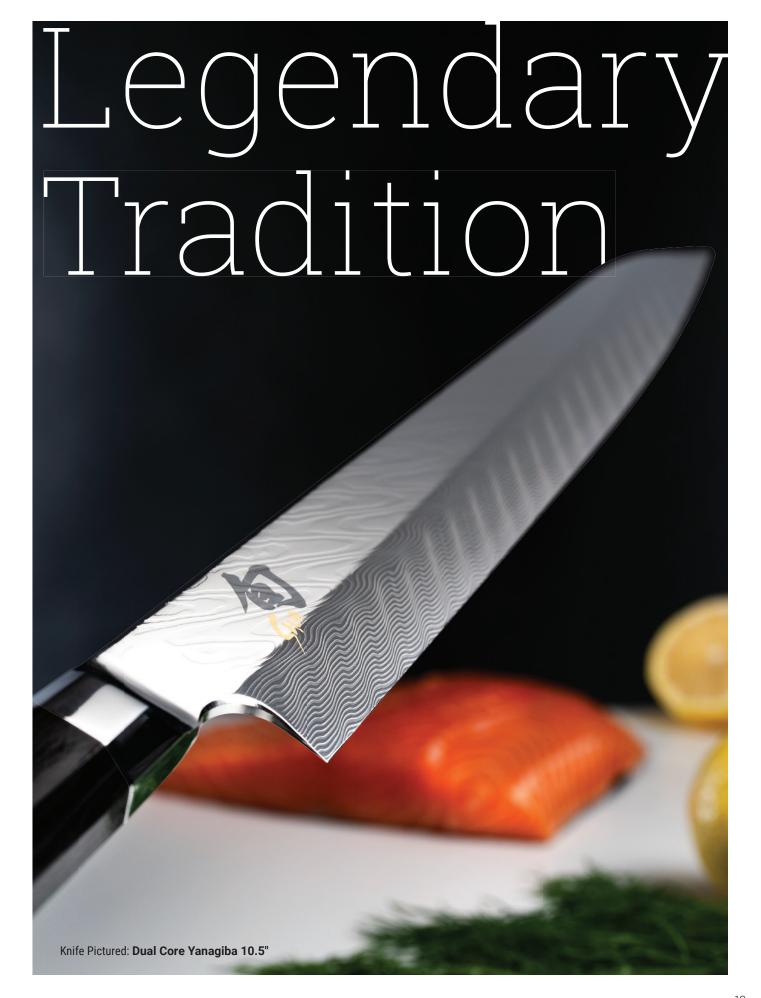
"Shun" refers to eating each food at its ideal seasonal moment—when it is at the **peak of perfection**.

Shun is when fruit is perfectly **ripe**.

Shun is when vegetables are at their **best**.

Shun is when meat is at its most **flavorful**.

We chose it as our name to honor this tradition and as a mark of our dedication to handcrafting kitchen cutlery that is always at the peak of its perfection, too.







For the love of Carbon steel

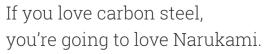
Shun Narukami looks sharp and sharpens easily



Carbon steel requires special care so we added a layer of stainless steel on each side, making care for Narukami easier.

Tough, keen edge.

Even after hours of food prep, resharpening is a breeze, if it needs it. This is why professional chefs prefer carbon steel.



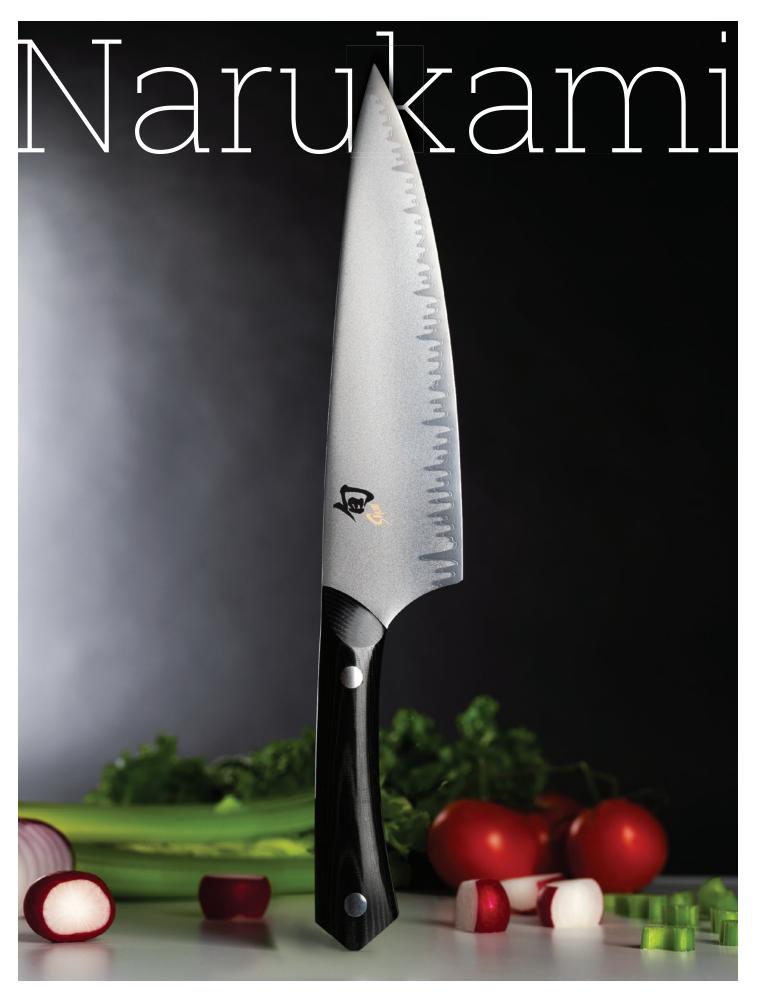
Quick tune-ups. Hitachi Blue II carbon steel is a simple steel, takes a fine edge, and resharpens easily.

Core protection. Bead-blasted stainless steel cladding helps prevent corrosion on the carbon steel core, hides scratches, and helps with food release.

Built to last. Full tang construction, and micarta handles, will make this your go-to for many culinary creations.







New Series













Narukami before use (above) and after use (below) when patina has developed.



What is Carbon Steel?

Hitachi Blue II is a simple carbon steel alloy that provides excellent edge retention and toughness, and can be re-sharpened easily.

Yet, like all carbon steels,
Blue II requires additional
care. Cleaning and drying
immediately is key. Over
time, the edge will darken,
developing a **patina** which,
when formed, will also help
protect the edge. Blue II is
an exceptional cutlery steel.



Graceful Beauty

Shun Dual Core's true beauty lies within

Sharpen less, create more.

The unique herringbone pattern and 71-layer Damascus blades maintain an exceptionally high level of performance, longer.

Light and nimble.

Whether it's just a few quick slices, or hours of food prep—Dual Core remains highly maneuverable and extremely comfortable to use.



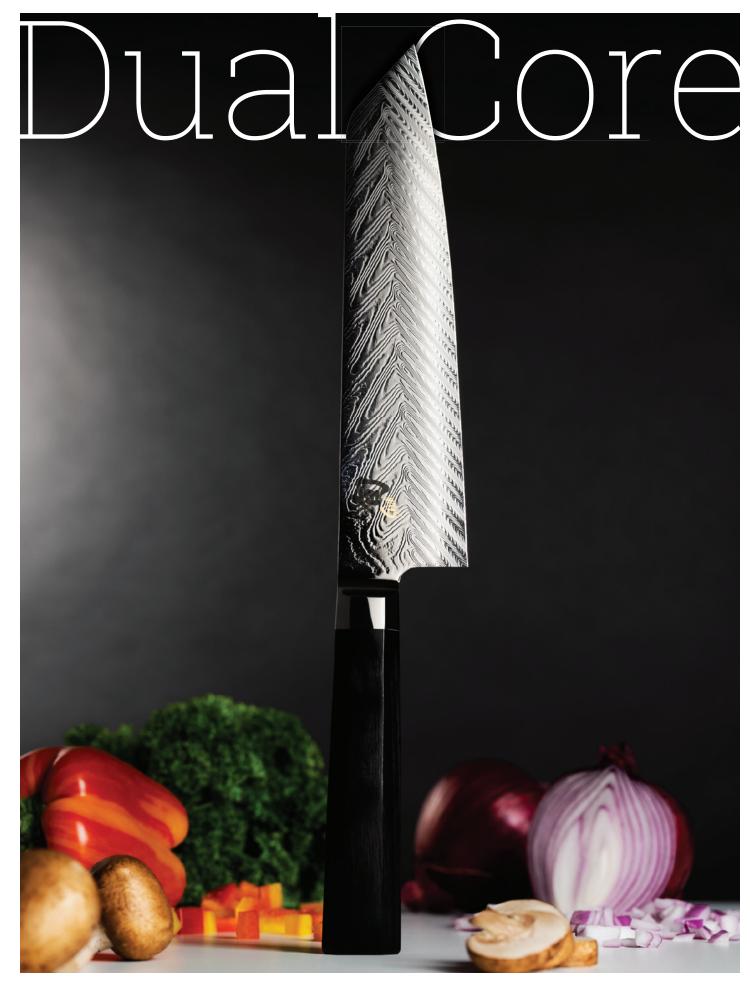
You'll fall in love again with every slice.

Exceptional cutting performance. The 71-micro-layer blade is thin and light, with amazing edge retention.

Safe, secure storage. Comes with a wooden saya (sheath) for safe storage and transportation.

Comfortable, secure grip. Its traditional Japanese octagon handle and rabbet tang give confidence with every slice.







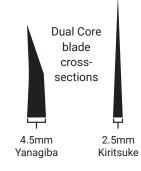








The ultimate
SUShi
knife.
Designed
to perfectly
portion
proteins



The Shun Dual Core Yanagiba has the length, weight, and **single-bevel** design of a traditional Japanese yanagiba. The blade stock is thicker than the rest of the Dual Core series (4.5mm vs 2.5mm). This gives the knife heft and rigidity to glide through cuts with ease. This single-bevel blade offers a strong, razor-sharp edge and simplified sharpening. A hollow-grind on the back of the blade makes food release easier.



The spine of Shun Dual Core Yanagiba (left) and Kiritsuke (right).

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Handcrafted elegance

Shun Premier's beauty has been known to create obsessions



Elegantly cladded and hammered tsuchime blades are stunning to behold and allow food to release more quickly.

Balanced and nimble.

The blade effortlessly glides through the cut, bringing your own kitchen artistry to life.



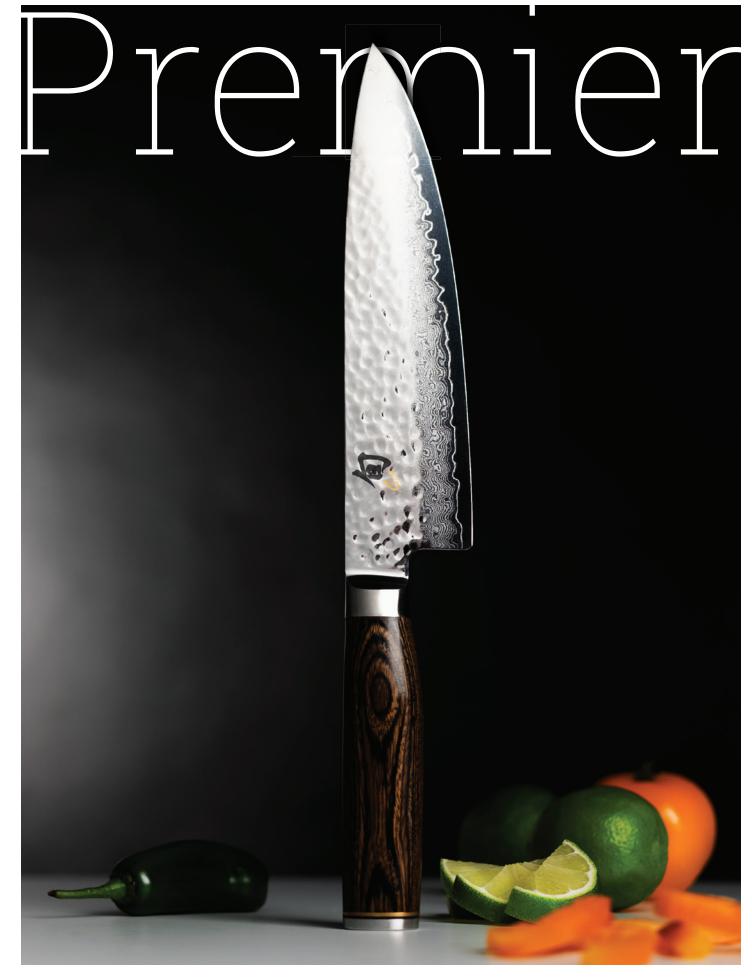
Allow yourself to be obsessed with your cutlery.

Food releases quickly. The hammered tsuchime blade with 68-layer Damascus + cutting core reduces friction.

Stays sharper, longer. Proprietary VG-MAX stainless steel holds a thin, razor-sharp edge.

Secure, comfortable handle. Symmetrical design; embossed endcap. Available in walnut, blonde, and grey handle colors.









Paring 4" [TDM0700W]



Paring 4" [TDM0700G]



Steak 5" [TDM0711] Individual steak knives available only at **shuncutlery.com**



[TDM0711W]

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Steak 5" [TDM0711G]

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[TDM0782W]

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Serrated Utility 6.5" [TDM0722]

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[TDM0701W]



Utility 6.5" [TDM0701G]



Santoku 5.5" [TDM0727W]



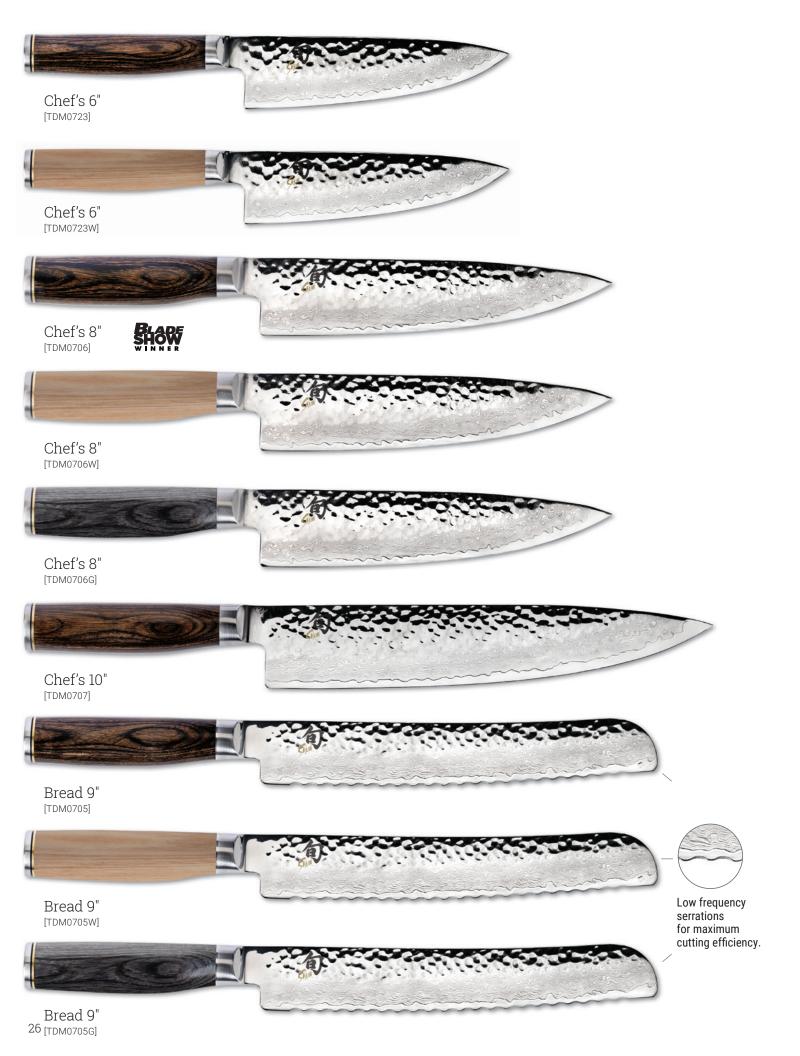




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Serrations at the tip and heel go through tougher exterior and the smooth edge in the middle slices cleanly through a tender interior.







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Boning/Fillet 6"
[TDM0774]
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[TDM0771]
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Carving Fork 6.5"
[TDM0709]
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Premier 2 Pc Carving Set Slicing 9.5" and Carving Fork 6.5" in a gift-boxed set



Premier 3 Pc Starter Set Paring 4", Utility 6.5" and Chef's 8" in a gift-boxed set



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Premier Blonde 3 Pc Starter Set

Paring 4", Utility 6.5" and Chef's 8" in a gift-boxed set



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Premier Grey 3 Pc Starter Set

Paring 4", Utility 6.5" and Chef's 8" in a gift-boxed set



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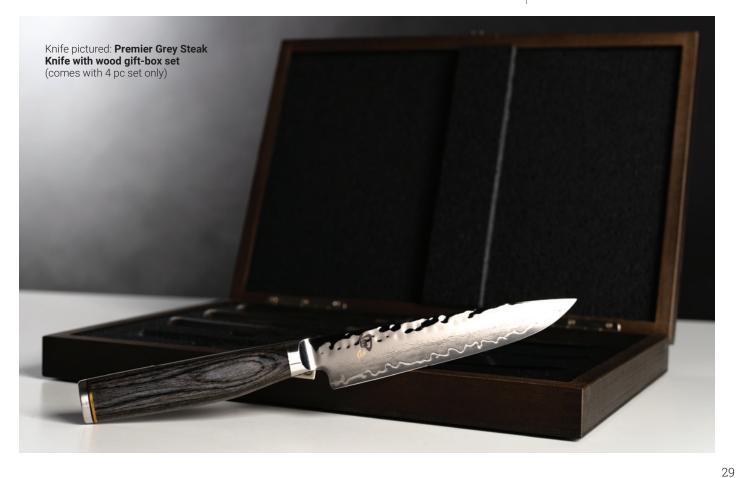


Premier 4 Pc Steak Knife Set [TDMS0400] Four Steak knives in a gift-box set





Premier Blonde 4 Pc Steak Knife Set [TDMS0400W] Four Steak knives in a gift-box set





A cutlery revolution

Shun Classic brings Japanese cutlery to the west

A long legacy.

Kai has been making cutting tools in Japan since 1908. Shun Classic was one of the first to bring that legacy to a wider North American market in 2002.

Why does this matter?

Classic is the original Shun with the most blade shapes of any series. We designed a seriously sharp knife for every kitchen task imaginable.

Let Shun Classic's beauty and performance revolutionize your cooking.

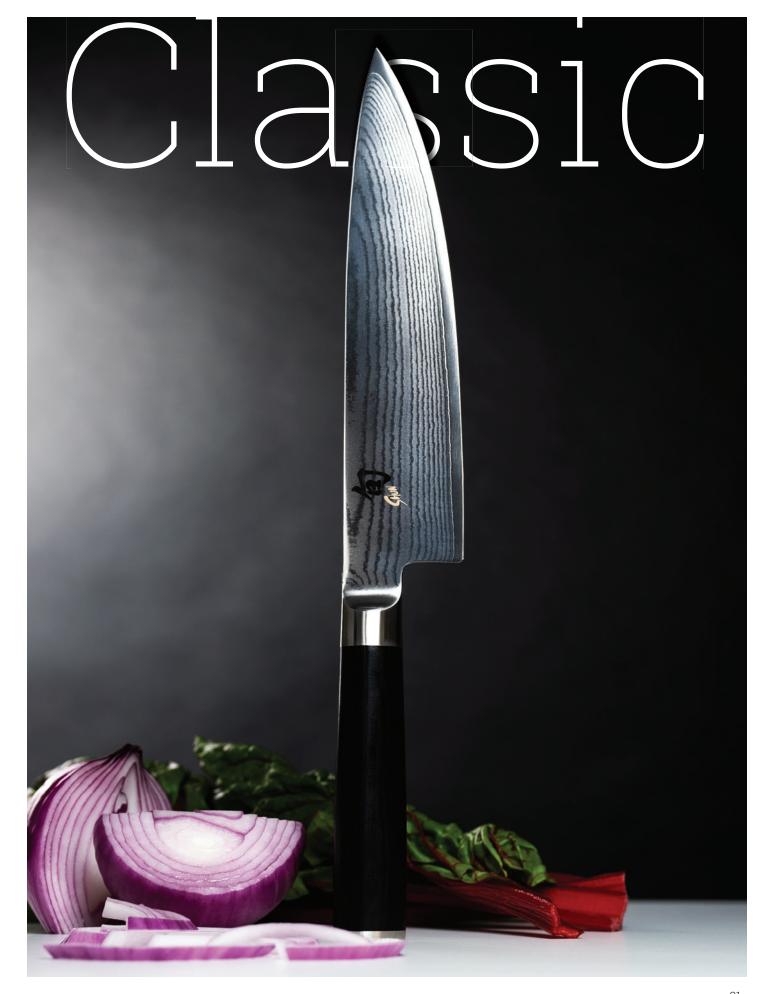
Embrace the prep work. Glide through every slice with 68-layer Damascus + proprietary VG-MAX stainless steel cutting core.

Confident grip. The D-shaped Pakkawood handle fits your hand securely; stainless steel endcap adds balance and beauty.

Trusted by professionals. NSF Certified for use in commercial kitchens, yet perfectly suited for your home kitchen.













Steak 4.75" [DM0711] Individual steak knives available only at **shuncutlery.com**

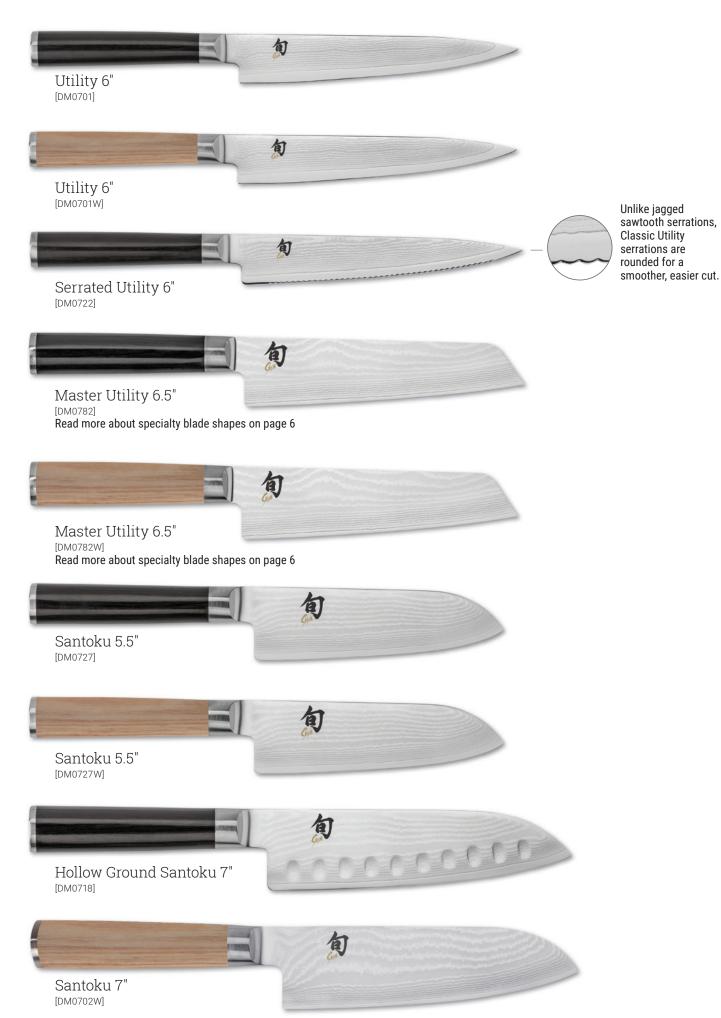


Steak 4.75'' [DM0711W] Individual steak knives available only at **shuncutlery.com**

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Classic 2 Pc Carving Set [DMS0230] Hollow Ground Slicing knife 9" and Carving Fork 6.5" in a gift-boxed set



Classic 4 Pc Steak Knife Set [DMS400] Four Steak knives in a gift-boxed set



Classic 3 Pc Starter Set [DMS300] Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8" in a gift-boxed set





Classic Blonde 3
Pc Starter Set
[DMS300W]
Paring 3.5", Utility 6",
Chef's 8"
in a gift-boxed set



Classic Blonde 4 Pc Steak Knife Set [DMS400W] Four Steak knives in a gift-boxed set



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Simply enlightened

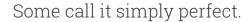
Shun Kanso is built on the Zen principle of simplicity



Nothing extra, not overdone. Every element serves a purpose. A durable blade, effortless slicing and perfect balance.

A natural beauty.

Eye-catching heritage finish and simple, rustic handles are a natural fit, making it feel like an extension of your arm.



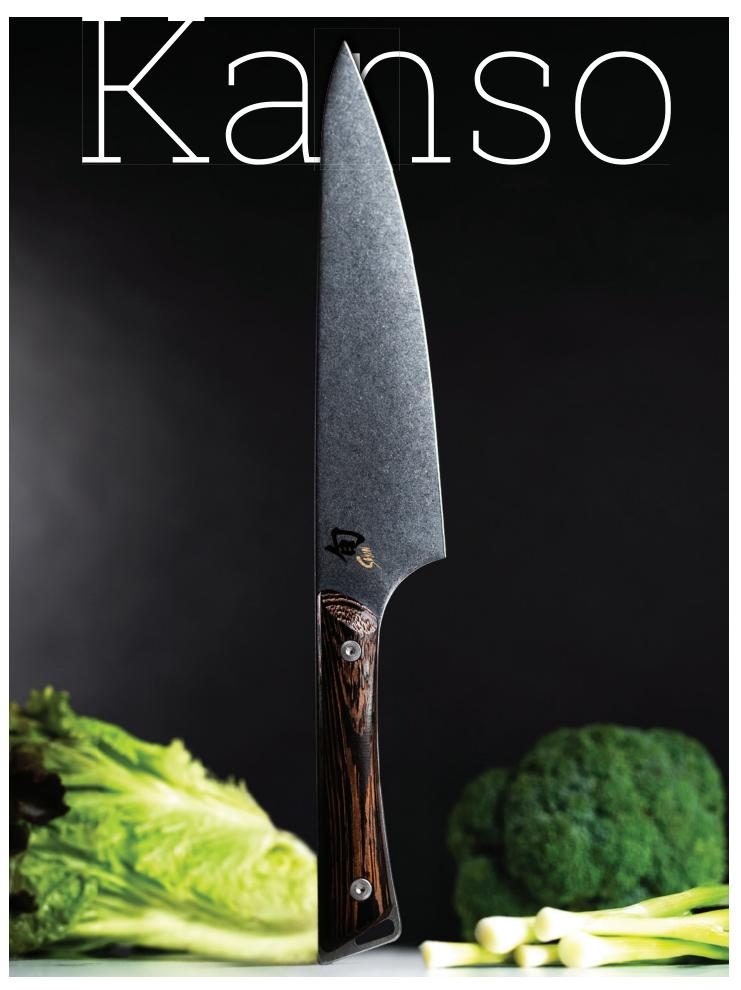
Timeless performance. AUS10A blade with heritage finish is durable and helps hide scratches for years of effortless use.

Strength and balance. Full tang construction and "iron sword wood" handles offer confidence with every slice.

Comfortable contours. Symmetrical Tagayasan (wenge) handles are designed for left/right-handed use.









[SWT0700]



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Individual steak knives available only at shuncutlery.com

Asian Multi-Prep 5" [SWT0729]

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Boning/Fillet 6.5"

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[SWT0728] Read more about specialty blade shapes on page 7

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Includes wooden saya [SWT0778]

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Kanso 3 Pc Starter Set [SWTS0351] Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8" in a giftboxed set



Kanso 4 Pc Steak Knife Set [SWTS0430] Four Steak knives in a gift-boxed set

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Technology meets tradition

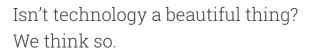
Shun Sora adds modern techniques to the toolbox



Kai's bladesmiths have a 115 year history of innovation. Shun Sora's proprietary Composite Blade Technology adds a new chapter to this legacy.

Performance, where it's needed.

The wavy "modern hamon" is where the blade's upper portion is permanently joined with the VG10 stainless steel cutting edge, where performance begins.



Well-placed performance. Proprietary Composite Blade Technology puts advanced VG10 steel where it's needed most – the cutting edge.

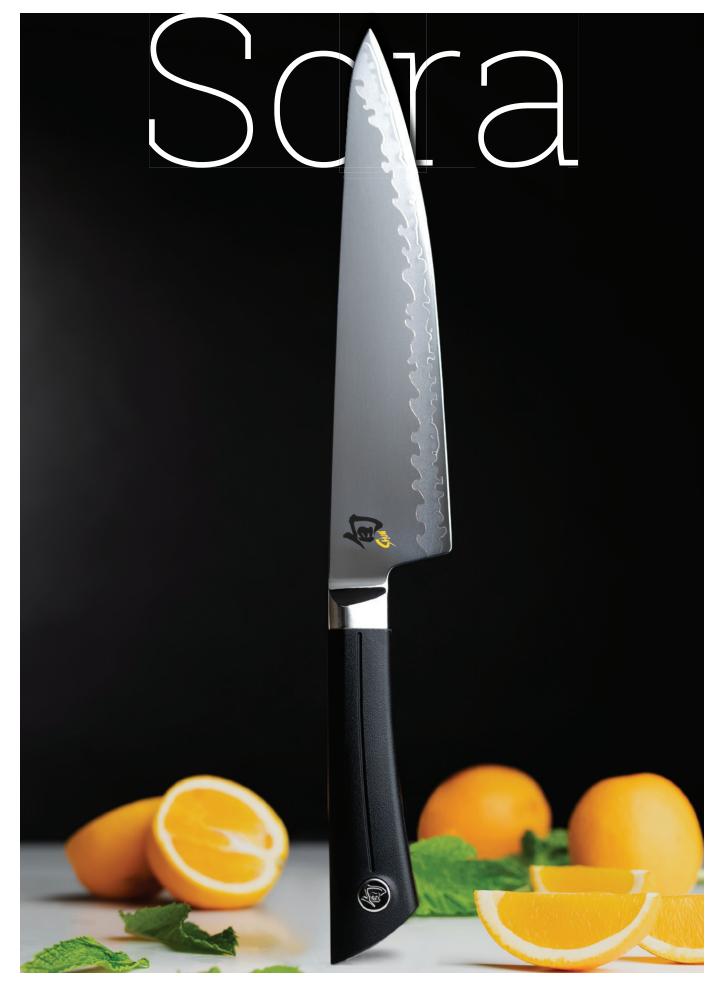
Balanced comfort. Tang extends to emblem on durable TPE handles, providing balance for hours of food prep.

Trusted by professionals. NSF Certified for use in commercial kitchens, yet perfectly suited for your home kitchen.











Paring 3.5" [VB0700]

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Unlike jagged sawtooth serrations, Sora Utility serrations are rounded for a smoother, easier cut.



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Low frequency serrations for maximum cutting efficiency.











Shun Exclusives •



See more of Shun's exquisite exclusive series



Shun Kazahana

In Japanese, "Kazahana" means "Snow that flickers like petals dancing in a clear sky." The Shun Kazahana series is distinguished by its beautiful satin finish blade, and polished black Pakkawood handle. Williams Sonoma exclusive



Inspired by Japan's majestic Mt. Fuji, Shun Fuji represents the pinnacle of precision fit and finish, perfect balance, and graceful symmetry. Williams Sonoma exclusive



Shun Hikari

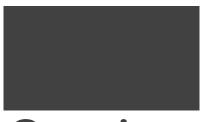
In Japanese, Hikari means "light" or "illumination," making it perfect for this beautiful light-colored cutlery with its intricate "hornet's nest" blade and birch-finished Pakkawood handles. Williams Sonoma exclusive



Shun Kaii

Shun Kaji is a fusion of the best of Japanese and European design. Japan's thinner, harder, and sharper blades are paired with the full-tang construction of fine European knives—for the ultimate in style and function. Williams Sonoma exclusive

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Cutting boards

aprons, and gorgeous steak knives, only on our website



Hinoki Cutting Boards with Urushi Edge

If you've seen an example of Japan's famous red-and-black lacquerware, you've seen Urushi. Urushi is a natural tree sap that is applied by hand to Shun's urushi-edge cutting boards. Why? The end grain of a wood cutting board absorbs more moisture than the rest of the board. Urushi prevents this, helping maintain your cutting board so it can continue to help maintain your knives.





Medium Hinoki Board with Urushi Edge [DM0821] 15.75" × 10.75" × 0.5"



Pictured: Urushi edge



Large Hinoki Board with Urushi Edge [DM0822] 17.75" × 11.75" × 0.75"

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D-Shaped Hinoki Board

with Juice Groove

[DM0826] 14" × 13" × 1"





Shun Aprons

"Pho" stretch denim (pictured) [SHUNAPRON10]

"Dashi" soft, Japanese denim with herringbone pattern [SHUNAPRON11]

"Stingray" 100% cotton canvas [SHUNAPRON12]

Made to Shun's exacting specifications by Hedley & Bennett, manufacturers of professional chefs' gear.

- Adjustable neck strap
- Double pen chest pockets

Available only at shuncutlery.com

- Towel loop
- Large lap pocket



Individual Steak Knives & Carving Forks

Premier Steak Knife 5" [TDM0711]

Premier Blonde Steak Knife 4.75" [TDM0711W]

Premier Grey Steak Knife 5" [TDM0711G]

Classic Steak Knife 4.75" [DM0711]

Classic Blonde Steak Knife 4.75"

Kanso Steak Knife 5"

Premier Carving Fork 6.5" [TDM0709]

Classic Carving Fork 6.5" [DM0709]

Shun Higo No-Kami [DM5900]

Folding steak knife. Includes leather sheath.













Knife Storage



Shun 8-slot Knife Roll (Grey)
[DM0884]
Unfolded 20" × 18",
Folded 20" × 6.5"



Chef's 20-slot Knife Case (Grey)
[DM0886]
Unfolded 20" × 20",



Premier



Premier 8 Pc Professional Block Set [TDMS0808]
Paring 4", Santoku 5.5", Utility 6.5", Chef's 8", Bread 9", Slicing 9.5", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 11-slot Bamboo Block



Premier 3 Pc Build-a-Block Set [TDMS2200K] Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block







Premier 7 Pc Essential Block Set [TDMS0700]
Paring 4", Utility 6.5", Chef's 8", Bread 9", Herb Shears, Combination Honing Steel 9" and 11-slot Bamboo Block





Premier 5 Pc Starter Block Set [TDMS0512]
Paring 4", Utility 6.5", Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block





Set configurations may change without notice

Premier

Blonde

Premier Blonde 5 Pc Starter Block Set

[TDMS0540W]
Paring 4", Utility 6.5", Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block



Premier



Premier Grey 5 Pc Starter Block Set

[TDMS0512G]
Paring 4", Utility 6.5", Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block



Classic



Classic 3 Pc Build-a-Block Set [DMS2200K] Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block







Classic 7 Pc Essential Block Set [DM2003B] Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8", Bread 9", Herb Shears, Combination Honing Steel 9" and 11-slot Bamboo Block



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Classic



Classic 5 Pc Starter Block Set

Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block

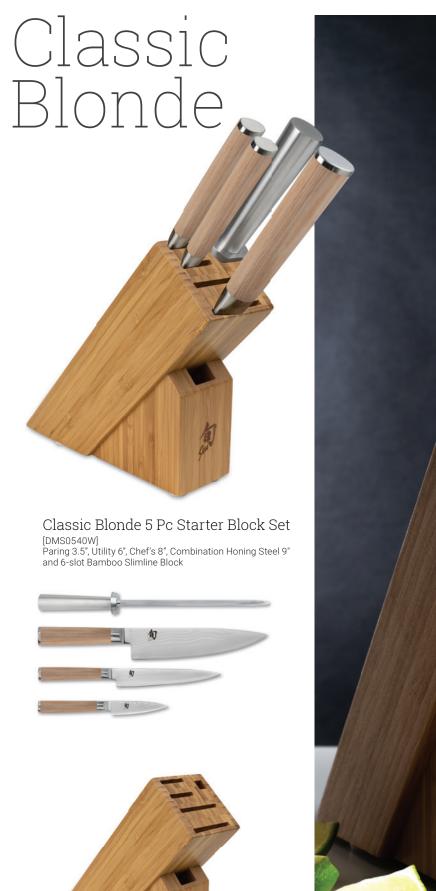




Classic 9 Pc Chef's Choice Block Set

Paring 3.5", Santoku 5.5", Utility 6", Boning/Fillet 6", Chef's 8", Offset Bread 8.25", Hollow-Ground Slicing 9", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 22-slot Bamboo Block









Set configurations may change without notice

Kanso



Kanso 3 Pc Build-a-Block Set

[SWTS2200K] Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block





Kanso 6 Pc Block Set

[SWTS0600] Paring 3.5", Hollow Ground Santoku 5.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and dark 8-slot Block



Sora



Sora 6 Pc Block Set

[VBS0600] Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Chef's 8", Herb Shears, Combination Honing Steel 9" and 13-slot Bamboo Block





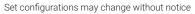


Sora 3 Pc Build-a-Block Set

[VBS3310] Chef's 8", Combination Honing Steel 9" and 6-slot Bamboo Slimline Block







Student Sets



Classic 8 Pc Student Set

[DMS0899] Paring 3.5", Utility 6", Boning/Fillet 6", Chef's 8", HG Slicing 9", Bread 9", Combination Honing Steel 9" and Shun 8-Slot Knife Roll



Shun's Student Knife Sets include the key knives culinary students will use in their classes every day. For an exceptional value, choose our 5-Piece Sora Student Set. For a set with a wider selection of key kitchen knives, choose the Shun Classic 8-Piece Student Set.



Sora 5 Pc Student Set

[VBS0499] Paring 3.5", Chef's 8", Bread 9", Combination Honing Steel 9" and Shun 8-slot Knife Roll



BBQ Sets



Shun BBQ Sets feature the three knives you'll need to handle grill-worthy proteins of all types. They all come in a handsome Shun knife roll, perfect for when you take your BBQ show on the road. These gorgeous sets include the Asian Multi-Prep, the Boning/Fillet Knife, and the Brisket Knife, ideal for trimming and slicing larger cuts of meat, including roasts, brisket, ham, and turkey. The Brisket Knife includes its own wooden saya, or sheath.



Kanso 4 Pc BBO Set

[SWTS0450] Asian Multi-Prep 5.5", Boning/Fillet 6.5", Brisket Knife 12" and Shun 8-slot Knife Roll





Always sheath your knives before placing in roll

Always sheath your knives before placing in roll





Making meals more memorable

Creating food for others forges connections between the chef, the food, and the guests. Choosing the right tools for the job makes prep **easier** and a more **satisfying** meal for all.

- Properly sliced food enhances **flavor**.
- Properly sliced food improves **presentation**.
- Properly sliced food is created with a **sharp knife**.

Whether you're making a simple weeknight dinner or elegant holiday feast, Kai offers the kitchen tools to help you make a **more memorable** meal.



Pro (NSF) Perform like a Pro

Pro makes fast work of every kitchen task

Chef life.

Built to stand up to rigorous use in commercial kitchens. So whether you're cooking for your family or hungry customers, Pro can take it on.

Sharpen less, cook more.

Hand-sharpened and ready to use for hours of food prep; re-sharpens easily when needed.

Pro-level performance that feels right at home in any kitchen



Fast, easy food prep

Japanese AUS6M Stainless steel hold its keen, 16° edge longer.

Quick food release

Hammered tsuchime finish creates air pockets; allows food to release from the blade easier.

Sturdy and comfortable

The contoured POM handle, riveted to the full tang blade, instills confidence with every slice.

Pro is backed by Kai's **Limited Lifetime Warranty** and **Free Sharpening** Program for years of worry-free ownership.





HT7068 | Paring 3.5"

Click on product images for more information









HT7082 | Master Utility 6.5" Read more about specialty blade shapes on page 6



HT7070 | Boning/Fillet 6.5"
Read more about specialty blade shapes on page 7



HT7081 | Flexible Fillet 6" High-carbon German DIN1.4116 stainless steel is specially heat-treated for flexibility & toughness





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HTS0799 | 7 Pc Culinary Set

Set includes:

Paring 3.5"

Utility 6"

Boning/Fillet 6.5"

Chefs 8"

Bread 9"

Combination Honing Steel

5 Blade Guards

8-Slot Knife Roll





The Professional Choice



NSF Certified

PRO has been certified for use in commercial kitchens by NSF International. The NSF develops health standards and certification programs that help maintain the very highest levels of **food safety**.

Health departments, restaurant buyers, and specifiers worldwide trust NSF Certification. In order to receive the NSF seal, products that will be used in the handling of food must meet strict **standards** for safety and quality.

Quality Guaranteed

From the very beginning, both safety and quality have always been top concerns for Kai. The handsome PRO line is no exception to this legacy.

PRO quality extends far beyond "look and feel." We work with **independent laboratories** to ensure that the sharpness, hardness, and even the microstructure of the steel in the blades are what they should be. Furthermore, we back this quality promise with a

Limited Lifetime Warranty and **Free Lifetime Sharpening.**

Wasabi Experience Japan

Wasabi draws on a 115 year Kai legacy. Made in Japan.

All about the bevel.

Enjoy the precision of a traditional single-bevel blade when slicing sushi, or a double-bevel blade in both Japanese and Western blade shapes.

Comfort through tradition.

Wasabi's handles are a traditional Japanese design that have stood the test of time. They're extremely comfortable with understated elegance.

Wasabi is the best of east-meets-west



beauty and corrosion

made from high-carbon

Japanese stainless steel.

resistance; blades

handle design is

secure, comfortable,

and low maintenance.

Wasabi is backed by Kai's **Limited Lifetime Warranty** and **Free Sharpening** Program for years of worry-free ownership.

portioning proteins, or double-bevel for

everyday use; Wasabi

has you covered.





6710P | Paring 4"

Click on product images for more information















Cross-section of single-bevel blade





Push-pull serrations for maximum cutting efficiency



Luna Stylish and striking

Luna offers the perfect combination of style and value

Ease-of-use.

Razor-sharp out of the box, hammered tsuchime finish creates air pockets allowing food to release easier from the blade.

Safety and convenience.

Soft-grip handles ensure a secure grip even when wet, and the included sheath provides safe storage, perfect for traveling.

Beauty and performance will keep you reaching for Luna









Comfort is key

High-quality German stainless steel and contoured handles compliment each other with balance and beauty.



Quick food release

Hammered tsuchime finish creates air pockets; allows food to release from the blade easier.



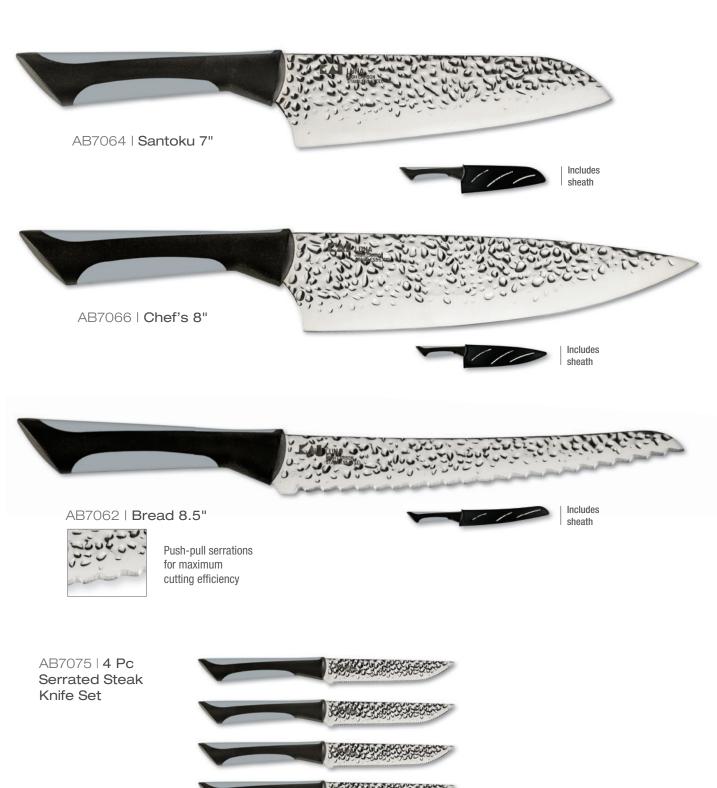
and secure

When stowed in its matching sheath, Luna is ready for the road, or your kitchen drawer.





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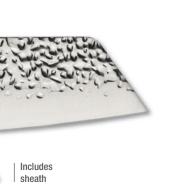


AB7061 | Multi-Utility 6"

AB7077 | Asian Utility 6.5" Read more about specialty blade shapes on page 7

Partially serrated blade cuts through tough exteriors





ABS0370 | 3 Pc Set Includes Sheaths

Set Includes: Paring 3.5" Multi-Utility 6" Chef's 8"



Pure Komachi 2 Sharp and bright

With Pure Komachi 2, brilliant color is just the beginning

Colorful and competent.

The colorful, thin blades are lightweight and hand-sharpened to a razor edge to glide through foods easily.

Secure grip, easy storage.

The comfortable, molded resin handle fits your hand well to help create precise cuts, with confidence. Color-matched sheath for safe storage.

edge makes slicing

faster and easier;

bright colors make

it more fun.

Brighten up your kitchen with the brilliant colors of Pure Komachi



is food safe, helps

with food release,

and resists corrosion.

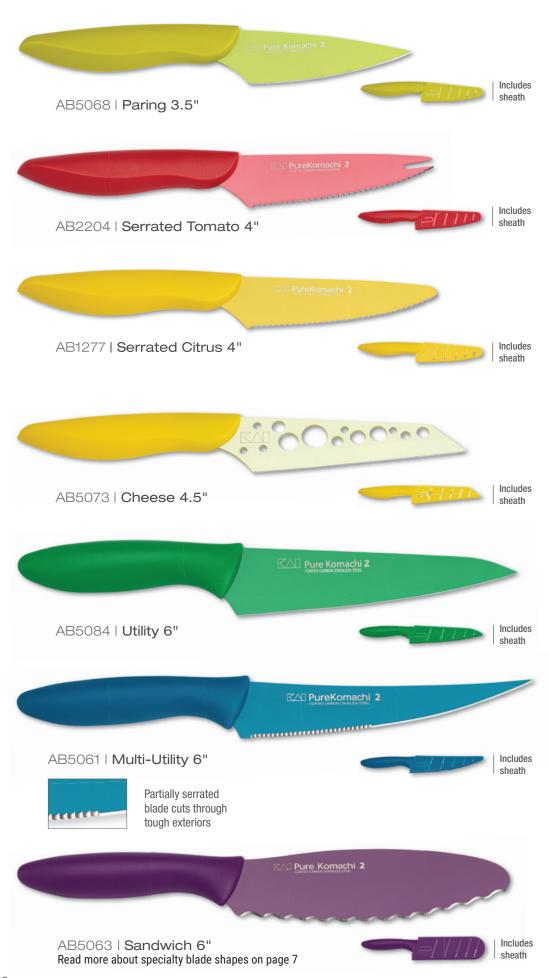
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handle allow for

on your hands.

hours of use; easy

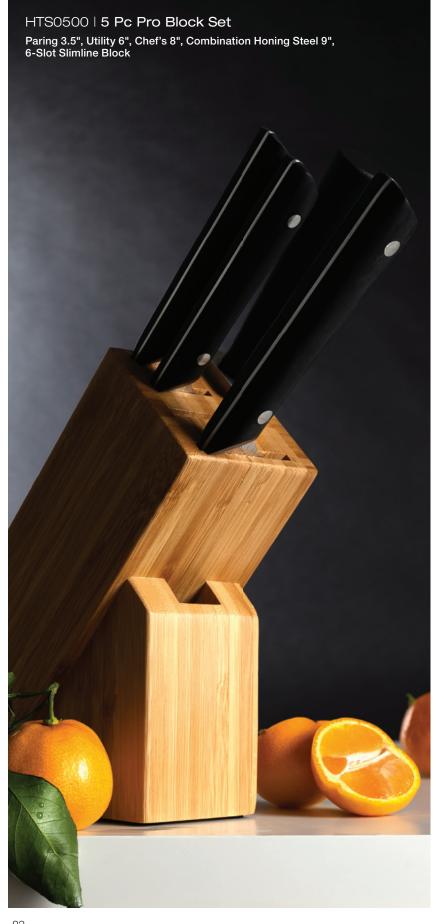




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Block Sets by Kai 🙃











Steak Knives 6







Shun Premier Steak Knife 5"
[TDM0711]
Individual steak knives available only at shuncutlery.com





Shun Premier Blonde Steak Knife 4.75" [TDM0711W] Individual steak knives available only at shuncutlery.com





Shun Premier Grey Steak Knife 5"
[TDM0711G]
Individual steak knives available only at shuncutlery.com









Shun Classic Blonde Steak Knife 4.75" $_{\mbox{\scriptsize [DM0711W]}}$ Individual steak knives available only at shuncutlery.com





Shun Kanso Steak Knife 5" [SWT0711] Individual steak knives available only at **shuncutlery.com**





Shun Shima Natural 4-Pc Steak Knife Set [DMS0435]

(Available in 4-pc set only)
Steel: High-carbon AUS8A Japanese stainless steel
Handle: Tagaysan (Wenge)





Shun Classic Shima 4-Pc Steak Knife Set [DMS0430] (Available in 4-pc set only)
Steel: High-carbon AUS8A Japanese stainless steel Handle: Ebony Pakkawood with inlaid rondels

Steak Knives •

Shun Higo No-Kami

This beautifully crafted folding knife with VG10 steel and Pakkawood handles, is an extremely handsome accessory, whether carried as a tasteful pocket knife or a personal steak knife for use at your favorite restaurant.

Available only at **shuncutlery.com**



6 Pc Steak Knife Set [KAS0600]

These attractive knives are made of high-carbon Japanese 420J2 steel for **durability** and long-lasting **performance**.

The razor-sharp 16° cutting edge cuts cleanly and helps keep flavorful juices inside the steak.

They're durable with full-tang, riveted construction for years of service. Set includes a **bamboo box** for storage and presentation.



Six fine-edge 5-inch steak knives and bamboo presentation box

Luna

4 Pc Serrated Steak Knife Set [AB5075]

These **stylish** steak knives will cut through your steak quickly and easily. The **DIN1.4116** stainless steel blades stay **sharp**, your steak tastes **delicious**. Black polypropylene handles with grey soft-grip accents add a **sophisticated** look that will go well with any table décor.





Kai Personal Steak Knives
The fine, razor-sharp edge of the
Personal Steak Knife cuts cleanly,
keeping more of the flavorful juices
inside your steak. The design is
Inspired by the original Japanese
folding knife.

The **razor-sharp edge** is sharpened to a 16° cutting angle on each side. The Japanese 420J2 stainless steel blade opens easily with a slim, stylish lever, then a liner lock holds the blade safely open during use. Durable handles are made from Acrylic (5705X, 5715X), Pakkawood (5710X), and POM (5700X).

It folds for easy storage in the included **leather sheath.**





Kai Personal Steak Knife (Champagne)
[5705X] Limited Edition



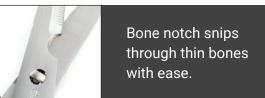
Kai Personal Steak Knife (Rosewood)
[5710X] Limited Edition



Kai Personal Steak Knife (Marble)
[5715X] Limited Edition

Shears





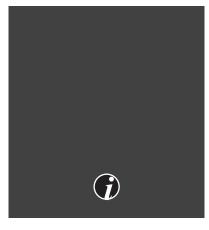


All shears separate for easy cleaning









Leading the way to sustainable himoki forests

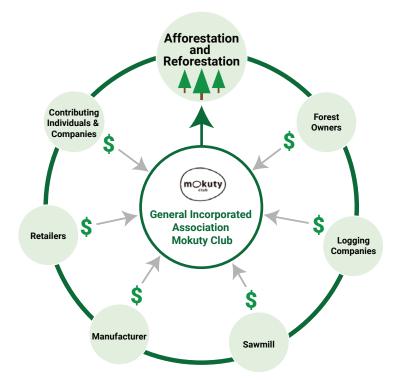
When you purchase **Shun Hinoki** products you are not only helping maintain the edges of your knife. You are also helping to support a network of **properly managed forests** in Japan.

Since reforestation began in the 1950's, many of these trees have been harvested and replanted. Over the years, we have learned these forests need to be properly pruned and thinned to ensure healthy growth. It is our corporate social responsibility to **reinvest** in these forests so they are healthy and provide beautiful hinoki products for years to come.

It is also our responsibility to make sure **nothing is wasted**. The steam produced in the drying process is collected and made into **hinoki water** for use as an air freshener. **Hinoki oil**, another byproduct, is used for reconditioning hinoki products, like your hinoki cutting board. The **sawdust** is mixed with biomass plastic, adding antimicrobial and deodorizing properties to create various products including tableware and flatware.

Every time you use a Shun Hinoki Cutting Board, the refreshing **citrus-like scent** will remind you of your contribution to the health of these forests.

The **General Incorporation Mokuty Club** is a network of individuals and companies committed to the **ethical consumption** of forest products. All members, from forest owners to retailers, donate funds for afforestation and reforestation efforts. This creates a **sustainable stream** of funds specifically dedicated to the future of forests across Japan.





Hinoki Cutting Boards



Small Hinoki Board [DM0814] 10.75" × 8.25" × 0.5"



Medium Hinoki Board [DM0816] 15.75" × 10.75" × 0.5"

Hinoki wood is renowned for its beauty and delicate fragrance. Used in a cutting board, this medium-soft wood "gives" as you cut, helping to **preserve** the sharp edges of your fine Shun cutlery. Quite simply, hinoki is the perfect cutting surface for all your finest knives.

The wood for Shun's hinoki products is grown in Japan and is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certified for sustainable forest management practices. In addition, all of our hinoki products are made from wood resulting from forest thinning, which is required to maintain healthy growth.



Large Hinoki Board [DM0817] 17.75" × 11.75" × 0.75"





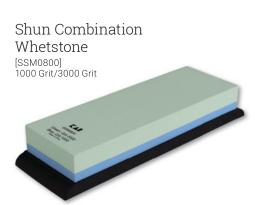
Reversible Large Hinoki Board with Juice Groove [DM0819] 20" x 14" x 1"







For the sharpening perfectionist, we offer a range of combination-grit whetstones. You'll always have the grit you need—whether you're just touching up your edge or re-sharpening completely. To keep your whetstones perfectly flat for precision sharpening, try our easy-to-use leveling stone, too.





Shun Leveling Stone [SLM0500]

Accessories •

Kai Pure Komachi Graters

- · Available in two grating styles
- · Easy to clean
- Protective sheath included
- Red Dot Design winners
- Made in Japan







Shun Black Apron (left) [SHUNAPRON50] Shun Charcoal Apron (right) [SHUNAPRON40]

- Available in two colors.
- · Made of durable poly/cotton twill.
- · Crease-resistant finish.
- · Reinforced stress points.
- Two large front pockets & smaller, upper-chest pocket.
- · 36-inch ties.
- Embroidered Shun logo.





Shun Knife Care Kit [DM0625] Includes food-grade knife oil 2 oz., rust removal and polishing boards, talc powder ball, Shun polishing cloths and work instructions. and user instructions.





Knife Storage •



Shun 8-slot Knife Roll (Grey)

[DM0884] Unfolded 20" × 18", Folded 20" × 6.5" (Knives not included) Available only at shuncutlery.com





Shun 8-slot Knife Roll (Black)

Unfolded 20" × 18", Folded 20" × 6.5"
(Knives not included)





Always sheath your knives before placing in roll



Shun Chef's 20-slot Knife Case (Grey)

[DM0886] Unfolded 20" × 20", Folded 10" × 20" × 3.75" (Knives not included)





Shun Chef's 20-slot Knife Case (Black)

[DM0882] Unfolded 20" × 20", Folded 10" × 20" × 3.75" (Knives not included)







Kai 8-slot knife roll

[KA0880] Unfolded 20" x 18" Folded 20" x 6.5" (Knives not included)





Shun Large Universal Saya

Fits a variety of 7"– 8" blades. See website for a complete list of compatible knives.

Kai Blade Guards

Translucent blade guards let you see the knife inside for easy identification. Eight sizes available. Protect your knives the easy way.



Blocks & Trays



6-Slot Bamboo Slimline Block [DM0845] Dimensions: 3"W x 8"H x 9.5"D



6-Slot Slimline Block [DM0846] Dimensions: 3"W x 8"H x 9.5"D



6-Slot Bamboo Slimline Block [DM0847] Dimensions: 3"W x 8"H x 9.5"D



22-Slot Bamboo Block [DM0832] Dimensions: 6.25"W x 9"H x 12.5"D



22-Slot Block [DM0854] Dimensions: 6.25"W x 9.25"H x 12.75"D



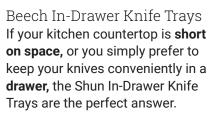
8-Slot Angled Block [DM0839] Dimensions: 3"W x 9.75"H x 12"D



8-Slot Birch Kickstand Block [DM0838]
Dimensions: 3.5"W x 11"H x 16"D



11-Slot Bamboo Block [DM0831] Dimensions: 5"W x 9.25"H x 12.75"D





7-Slot
In-Drawer
Knife Tray
[DM0857]
Dimensions: 4.75" x 17.5" x 2.5"
Accommodates up to 7 knives.
See website for slot dimensions.





13-Slot Bamboo Block [DM0830] Dimensions: 4.75"W x 9.5"H x 13.75"D



17-Slot Birch Angled Block [DM0850] Dimensions: 5.75"W x 10.75"H x 13.75"D

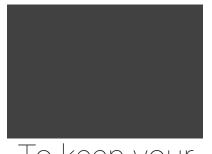


17-Slot Angled Block [DM0848] Dimensions: 5.75"W x 10.75"H x 13.75"D



Knife Tray
[DM0856]
Dimensions: 10" x 17.5" x 2.5"
Accommodates up to 14 knives plus 1 slot for your
Shun Honing Steel. See website for slot dimensions.





To keep your fine cutlery performing at the

highest level and to maintain its striking beauty,

for how to best **use and care** for your knife.

follow these tips







Cutting surface

The cutting surface you use makes a big difference in keeping your knives sharp. A good **cutting board** will help retain a sharp edge for substantially longer. Soft woods, such as **hinoki**, are preferred. Tile, ceramic, synthetic, marble, granite, or any kind of glass cutting boards are not recommended and can be harmful to your knives.

Handling tougher foods

For heavy-duty kitchen work, choose the appropriate knife. For bone-in meat, try the HT7067 PRO Cleaver. Tackle that tough butternut squash with the DM0766 Shun Classic 8" Western Cook's Knife. Its wider cutting angle helps when cutting hard foods.

Storage

It is best to store your Shun cutlery and knives from Kai in a wooden block, in-drawer knife tray, sheath, or knife case. Do not store your knives unsheathed in a drawer.



Washing & drying

- Handwash with gentle dish soap.
 Don't use soaps with citrus extracts or bleach; they can promote corrosion.
 Scouring pads, steel, or gritty cleansers can cause damage.
- Rinse and towel dry immediately. Dry knives completely before returning to storage.
- 3. Never leave knives in a sink full of soapy water. This promotes corrosion.
- 4. Store knives in a block, knife case, in-drawer tray, or sheath. Never store knives unsheathed in a drawer; this is extremely dangerous to you and damaging to the knives.

Tip: Handwashing is also the best way to care for the **wood handles** of Shun knives. Although the wood is stabilized, it is natural wood and, like all wood, will shrink in arid environments and swell in humid ones. The handle color may change slightly over time due to oils in the hand and the natural color-change that occurs in wood due to oxidation and/or exposure to light. This is not a defect.

Caring for your natural wood accessories

Knife block & In-Drawer Knife Tray care

- Keep clean by wiping with a damp cloth
- After cleaning, dry immediately; never soak
- Apply mineral oil sparingly if the surface appears dry or shows scratches

Cutting board care

- Wet cutting board before each use to help it resist staining
- Wash with mild detergent; towel dry, then let air-dry away from direct sunlight

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• Do not put in dishwasher

Honing & Sharpening •

Why does my knife feel dull?

Every time your knife contacts the cutting board, there's an **impact** on the blade. Over time, this impact will form a "rolled edge." The edge is still sharp, but the sharpest part is no longer what is moving directly through the food as you cut.



Enter the honing steel

A honing steel enables you to re-align the edge. To hone, align the flat side of the blade with the 16° angle guide on the collar of your Shun honing steel. Maintaining that angle, gently pull the blade down and back from heel to tip. Some cooks hone daily, or weekly depending on usage.



When your knife's edge is **severely rolled**, and honing is no longer effective in bringing the "sharp" back, then it's time for real **sharpening**. Whenever you sharpen your knife, a bit of the metal is removed. But that's no cause for concern. Your knife can be sharpened again and again to return it to razor-sharp performance.



Best for sharpening?

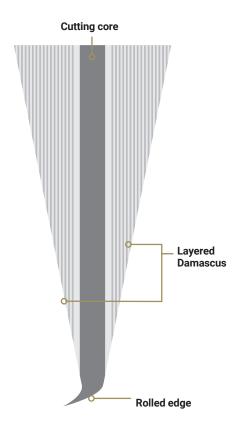
A whetstone is the preferred sharpening method for your knives. Our whetstones come in a variety of **grit combinations** to cover all your needs. Sharpening with a whetstone takes time to perfect but is well worth it. The Shun 3-Piece Sharpening System includes a base that helps you maintain the correct 16° angle more easily.

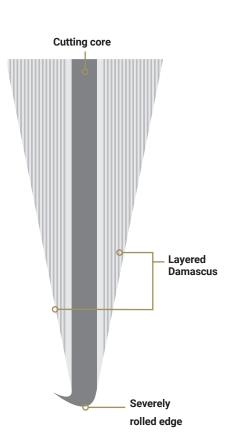
Only sharpen when you really need it. Similar to honing, frequency depends on **usage**. Once a year is probably more than enough for

most home cooks. **Professionals**, of course, will need to sharpen more often.

Prefer not to sharpen yourself?

No problem. In fact, the easiest way to ensure your knives are sharpened correctly is to send them to us. We offer FREE sharpening for the lifetime of your Shun and knives from Kai Housewares.







Here to Help •



Free sharpening service Your Shun and Kai Housewares cutlery performs best when the edge is

Your Shun and Kai Housewares cutlery performs best when the edge is sharpened to our **16° angle** on each side. If you prefer not to sharpen them yourself, we'd be happy to sharpen any Shun or Kai Housewares knife for free for the **lifetime** of the owner.* You pay for shipping and processing and our expert sharpening services are FREE. When we sharpen your knives in our Tualatin, Oregon facility we use the same type of horizontal sharpening wheel used to put the original edge on your knives. Called a **hiromai**, this sharpening wheel—and the skill of our knife care experts—ensures a sharp edge every time.

Warranty

All Kai products purchased on our websites or sold by authorized dealers are backed by solid warranties against manufacturing defects, so you can always feel secure in your purchase. Please check our website to see which warranty applies to specific products. If you have any questions about your purchase and which warranties may apply, please contact our expert Warranty Team. They'll be happy to assist you.

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^{*} If you purchased your Shun or Kai Housewares knives in the USA, Canada, or Mexico, you can send them to us at Kai USA in Oregon for free sharpening. (See our website for the required forms and details.) If you purchased your Shun or Kai Housewares knives outside of the USA, Canada, or Mexico, please email warrantyhelp@kai-usa.com for the best way to proceed.

Online **Resources**



New to Japanese cutlery?

Hungry for new recipes?

Our websites are loaded with valuable resources.

Product use & care

Visit our websites to find out how to get the most from your cutlery with smart (and easy) use and care tips. Learn the important difference between honing vs sharpening, the correct terms for the various parts of a kitchen knife, how cutting technique affects your knives, and much more.

Create delicious recipes

Learn how to make crispy buttermilk fried chicken, conquer meatless meals like summer vegetable tian, and much more. Complete list of ingredients, instructions and video tutorials included!

Dive deeper into the knife world Learn all about what certain blade shapes are commonly used for, what

does vanadium add to a knife's performance, and what is Pakkawood?

Want to test-drive a knife?

Our **Dealer Locator** can help you find the closest authorized Shun or Kai Housewares dealer to discover which knife fits your hand best. When you buy from our Authorized Dealers, you can be sure you're getting the genuine Shun & Kai Housewares products, fully backed by our warranties. These dealers are specially selected for their ability to professionally represent and sell our fine kitchen cutlery and accessories. We are proud to do business with them and you will be, too

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Recipes like Vietnamese Sweet Potato and Shrimp Fritters, and video tutorials are available on our website.

Quality control

Social media



Manufacturing precision

Our manufacturing processes are just as meticulous as our attention to quality materials. Each Shun knife requires at least **100 handcrafted** steps to complete and is inspected at every step along the way to ensure the highest quality. Products from Kai Housewares use precision manufacturing technology and continual quality inspection to make certain our products maintain the **highest standards**. In addition, all knives from Kai Housewares are hand sharpened and finished for a sharp, long-lasting edge.

Tight quality control

Our products are inspected throughout the manufacturing process, and they are inspected and tested again when they arrive at Kai USA in Portland, Oregon. In addition, we send out products for independent **third-party testing** to guarantee our products continue to meet our demanding specifications.

Quality materials

While many steels may look alike on the outside, inside they're not the same. The formula for any specific steel can make a difference in how it performs. Kai uses advanced and high-quality steels to make our products. We **rigorously test** to ensure that the steel formula is precisely what it should be for top performance every time. Learn more on our websites.



If you #lovemyshun and #cutwithkai, we hope you'll come join us on social media.

Follow us for the photos

When we take new shots of our beautiful knives, we like to share. Who doesn't think a gorgeous photo of a shiny knife is a great way to take a break in your day? If you love sharp and beautiful knives like we do, give us a follow. See our latest photos. Learn about new products and services. Stay up to date on what we're working on. You can also find out more about your knives and be inspired by what other fans are cooking up with their knives.

Follow us on your preferred social media: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, or TikTok.

Share your pics and tag us

We like to take photos—and we like to see yours, too. So, post a pic the next time you're using your Shun or Kai Housewares knives and tag #lovemyshun or #cutwithkai. Your photo could be the next one featured on our social media or websites. We can't wait to see your knives in action.

@shuncutlery



@kaihousewares



Handle Materials 6

Our knife handles employ a variety of materials and designs, both Steel is an alloy of **iron** and **carbon**; the atoms of one element occupy traditional and contemporary, to ensure each knife offers comfort and **secure grip** during use.

The many colors of Pakkawood

Because of the way this premium handle material is made, it can be left in its natural color (Blonde) or dyed in a variety of rich colors.









Ebony Dual Core, Kaji, Kazahana,

Pakkawood

Blonde Classic Blonde, Hikari, Premier

Premier

Premier Grev

Most Shun handles are Pakkawood, a premium handle material made of genuine hardwood impregnated with resin. The resin makes it moisture resistant, strong, and durable—important for kitchen knives. Sanding and buffing brings Pakkawood to a beautiful gloss finish. As with natural wood, no two pieces of Pakkawood are exactly alike. Pakkawood handles are used in Shun's Dual Core, Hikari, Kaji, Premier, Premier Grey, Premier Blonde, Kazahana, Classic, and Classic Blonde series.

In Japan, this unusual dark-grained wood is known as "iron sword wood" for its incredible durability. The wood's hardness requires extra handcrafting during manufacturing, but will provide its owner with a lifetime of service. Tagayasan (or wenge) wood handles are used in Shun's Fuji, and Kanso series.

Micarta

Micarta is a strong, durable laminate made from resins layered with a variety of different types of fabrics. Micarta can handle extremes of heat or cold, resists moisture, and is extremely stable. Ground and polished, it reveals attractive patterning. Micarta handles are used in Shun's Narukami series.

TPE is a thermoplastic elastomer that is molded to provide absolute precision in handle geometry. Shun textures the material for an easy and secure grip, even in wet conditions. TPE handles are used in Shun's

Polyoxymethylene (POM) is a thermoplastic known for its high strength, stiffness, and hardness. They are excellent for applications that require tight tolerances, such as the NSF-Certified Kai PRO series.

Polypropylene is a thermoplastic polymer that is rugged, resistant to organic solvents, and has excellent molding capabilities. It is economical, durable, and recyclable.

Polypropylene with soft-grip

Handles made with this material offers all the advantages of polypropylene, but also have a "rubberized" insert that provides a softer grip and additional grip security in wet conditions.

Acrylic is a thermoplastic that can be mixed with various coloring agents to produce knife handle scales that are both beautiful and durable

the spaces between the atoms of the other so that the materials are inextricably joined. Most steel also has ingredients to enhance specific characteristics. For example, stainless steels contain chromium to enhance stain resistance.

Dual Core

71 alternating micro-layers of high-carbon, high-chromium VG10 & VG2 stainless steel extend all the way to the edge. Dual Core steel is used in Shun's Dual Core, and Hikari series. These two steels are layered, welded, and roll-forged together. VG2 is a fine grained, high-carbon, high-chromium Japanese stainless steel that takes and holds a very sharp edge.

SG2 STEEL

An advanced, high-chromium powdered steel alloy. SG2 steel is used in Shun's Fuji and Kaji series. The powdered steel manufacturing method enables steel grain structure to be very fine and dense.

HITACHI BLUE II CARBON STEEL

A highly sought-after Japanese cutlery steel. Blue II carbon steel is used in Shun's Narukami series. It is a simple carbon steel alloy that takes a fine edge and can be re-sharpened easily when needed. It has some additional alloying elements that enable it to provide superior edge retention and toughness.

The newest in the line of VG super steels and is proprietary to Shun. VG-MAX™ steel is used in Shun's Premier, Premier Grey, Premier Blonde, Classic, and Classic Blonde series. This steel builds on the highly successful VG10 formula by increasing ingredients that take this advanced steel to the "MAX." VG-MAX includes more carbon to improve strength and durability. It has additional chromium for wear and corrosion resistance. Increased tungsten enables the steel to be very fine-grained so the edge can be extremely sharp. Molybdenum improves corrosion resistance and strength. Vanadium improves impact resistance and enables the steel to form vanadium carbides, which enhance cutting performance.

A complicated blend. In addition to iron and carbon, it contains chromium, manganese, molybdenum, silicon, and vanadium. Most of these elements improve desirable blade characteristics such as wear resistance, corrosion resistance, hardness, and toughness. Vanadium helps make sure the steel's texture is fine, which is important for Shun's extremely sharp, long-lasting edge. VG10 is used in Shun's Sora series.

A Japanese high-carbon stainless steel with high strength, as well as good corrosion resistance, hardness, and wear resistance. AUS10A steel is used in Shun's Kanso series. Added vanadium refines the grain of the steel so that it takes a fine edge.

A Japanese high-quality, high-carbon stainless steel. It provides good wear resistance, corrosion resistance, toughness, and the ability to take a razor-sharp edge. It also resharpens easily when needed.

A German-made high-carbon, high-chromium stainless steel. It provides good corrosion and wear resistance and offers easy resharpening when needed.

A Japanese high-chromium stainless steel. It provides good wear resistance, corrosion resistance, toughness, and the ability to take a razor-sharp edge. Kai's heat treatment brings out the best qualities in

This steel is found in Pure Komachi 2 knives. The stainless steel blades are coated with a food-grade coating to produce the eye-catching colors of Pure Komachi 2 cutlery. Kai meticulously heat treats the steel so that it offers excellent corrosion and wear resistance.

Series comparison



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BLADE FEATURES		NARUKAMI	DUAL CORE	PREMIER (INCLUDES BLONDE & GREY)	CLASSIC (INCLUDES BLONDE)	KANSO	SORA	PRO	WASABI	LUNA	PURE KOMACHI 2
Dual Core VG2/VG10	Made of two premium high-carbon stainless steels in alternating micro layers; produces a finer grain in the steel for strength and beauty.		•								
Blue II Carbon Steel	A simple carbon steel alloy that provides superior edge retention and can be re-sharpened easily when needed.	•									
VG-MAX™ cutting core	Shun's proprietary VG-MAX is the latest in the VG line of "super steels;" wear and corrosion resistant, holds a fine, sharp edge.			•	•						
VG10 "super steel"	This high-performance high-carbon stainless steel is tough, stain resistant, and takes/holds a fine edge.						•				
Solid AUS10A	A high-carbon stainless steel with high strength, as well as good corrosion resistance, hardness, and wear resistance. Added vanadium refines the grain of the steel so that it takes a fine edge.					•					
AUS6M	A high-carbon stainless steel that provides good wear resistance, corrosion resistance, toughness, and the ability to take a razor-sharp edge. It also resharpens easily when needed.							•			
DIN1.4116	A German-made high-carbon, high-chromium stainless steel. It provides good corrosion and wear resistance, and resharpens easily when needed.									•	
1K6	A high-chromium stainless steel that provides good wear resistance, corrosion resistance, toughness, and the ability to take a razor-sharp edge. Kai's heat treatment brings out the best qualities in this steel.								•		
Coated Carbon	Stainless steel with a food-grade color coating. Kai meticulously heat treats the steel so that it offers excellent corrosion and wear resistance.										•
Composite Blade Technology	Proprietary Shun technology that joins two steels in one blade and enables Shun to put high-performance steel where it belongs—on the cutting edge.						•				
Stainless steel layered Damascus	Supports the cutting core; offers enhanced stain resistance.		♦ 71 layers total	68 layers plus core	68 layers plus core						
San mai stainless steel Damascus cladding	3-layer construction; single outer layer on each side protects and supports cutting core.	•					2 layers plus core				
Tsuchime ("hammered")	Hammering creates tiny pockets of air that act as hollow-ground cavities to reduce drag and quickly release food from the blade.			•			-	•		•	
Double bevel; 16° cutting angle each side	Edge is sharpened on both sides of the blade, provides control and ease of cutting.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Single bevel; 16° cutting angle one side	The traditional Japanese single-bevel blade offers an exceptionally strong, sharp edge that is easy to resharpen.		Yanagiba only					◆ Yanagiba only	◆ Yanagiba and Deba only		
Full(F)/Composite(C) tang	Enables the knife handle to attach to the blade, provides strength and balance.	♦ (F)		◆ (C)	◆ (C)	◆ (F)		♦ (F)			
Rabbet tang	The tang extends into the handle, but not all the way to the end; this is the way samurai swords were commonly made.		•				•		•	•	•
HANDLE MATERIAL											
Pakkawood	Premium, resin-impregnated hardwood resists moisture, is strong and durable.		•	•	•						
Tagayasan (or wenge)	Known as "iron sword wood," tagayasan is notable for its denseness, durability, and simple beauty.					•					
Micarta	A durable laminate made from resins layered with a variety of different types of fabrics. Micarta can handle extremes of heat or cold, resists moisture, and is extremely stable.	•									
Textured PP/TPE	Provides excellent grip, balance, and easy maintenance.						•		•		•
POM	Polyoxymethylene (POM) is a thermoplastic known for its high strength, stiffness, and hardness.							•			
Soft-Grip	Offers all the advantages of polypropylene (PP), but also have a "rubberized" insert that provides a softer grip and additional grip security in wet conditions.									•	
HANDLE GRIP	a sorter grip and additional grip security in wet conditions.										
Symmetrical (ambidextrous)	Handle is shaped the same on both sides enabling left- or right-handed use.	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
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