

### Knife Skills & Safety

A sharp knife will help you glide through your prep work.



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THE KNIFE IS AN EXTENSION OF THE HAND



ALWAYS USE A SHARP KNIFE



USE THE APPROPRIATE KNIFE FOR THE TASK



KEEP HANDS AND KNIFE HANDLES DRY



MAKE SURE CUTTING BOARD IS STABLE AND SECURE



HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO WORK SAFELY

## The Proper Grip

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Gives maximum control

Increases cutting accuracy and speed

Prevents slipping

Lessens the chance of an accident from happening



Grasping the knife between the thumb and forefinger gives solid control over the blade.

### The Guiding Hand

- While one hand controls the knife, the other hand controls the product being cut.
- The guiding hand:
  - Holds the item being cut
  - Guides the direction of the knife
  - Protects the hand from being cut

#### **Cutting Techniques**

Chopping

Cutting

Dicing

Mincing

Peeling

Slicing

Turning (Tournéing)



#### Classic Cuts

- Purpose of the Classic Cuts
  - Uniform shapes and sizes
  - Even cooking times
  - Enhances appearance

- Brunoise  $-1/8" \times 1/8" \times 1/8"$
- Small dice  $-\frac{1}{4}$ "  $\times \frac{1}{4}$ "  $\times \frac{1}{4}$ "
- Medium dice  $-\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- Large dice  $-\frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times \frac{3}{4}$ "  $\times \frac{3}{4}$ "
- Julienne 1/8" x 1/8" x 2 ½"
  long
- Batonnet 1/4" x 1/4" 2 1/2" long
- French Fry ½" square x 3"
  long
- Roundelle round or biasround cuts, varies in diameter or thickness

### Vegetable Stock (Broth)

Good vegetable trimmings should be kept to lessen the amount of vegetables needed to make a stock.

**Basic Ingredients** 

Mirepoix (onions, carrots, celery)

Bouquet garni (parsley stems, black pepper corns, dry or fresh thyme, bay leaves)

Water

Optional: mushroom trimmings, tomatoes, parsnips, garlic cloves

