

Good Housekeeping

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Summer glamour

The GHI team put a range of cook's knives to the test – slicing, dicing and chopping their way through tomatoes, onions, carrots, herbs and stewing steak. The knives were also subjected to repeated durability and dishwasher tests. Finally, we asked the Cutlery and Allied Trades Research Association (CATRA) to assess them for sharpness and edge retention*. Even we were surprised at the results!

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GH talks to
AMANDA REDMAN

Some days, when the knuckles when cutting on a board, it's also slightly blade heavy. I found it to be the fish taster, but with only slight watermarks on the edges, and gained full marks in durability tests.

Stockist: 0845 358 4363;
www.ikea.com/gb/en

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ZWILLINGS & JA HENCKELS
FOUR STAR
£79

20cm blade, 11.5cm synthetic handle, full tang; dishwasher safe at 55°C

GHI VERDICT 74/100

■ Solid, weighty knife with a high-quality design and smooth grip.

■ Well-rounded blade shape results in a smooth rocking action.

■ More suitable for a serious cook as the thick blade makes it difficult to manoeuvre.

■ Scored average results for blade sharpness.

Stockist: 0845 262 1731; www.shop.zwilling.com/uk/

17cm blade, 14cm plastic handle, half tang; dishwasher safe.

GHI VERDICT 82/100

■ As good as the overall winner (Wusthof Classic) for sharpness.

■ This knife has an excellent non-slip handle – easy to use, even with wet hands.

ANOLON RAYMOND BLANC
£30

20cm blade, 12cm plastic handle, full tang; not dishwasher safe

GHI VERDICT 74/100

■ Handle was comfortable to hold, with a good grip.

■ Some users found this knife a little bulky and cumbersome.

■ There was slight cracking around the handle after our drop test.

■ Achieved high scores for performance and prolonged sharpness.

Stockist: 0151 482 8000; www.meyergroup.co.uk

IO SHEN – MASTERGRADE
£69.95

21cm blade, 11cm bakelite Tai Tang non-rivet handle, full tang; not dishwasher safe

GHI VERDICT 80/100

■ The unusual handle design of this knife gives it added strength. It received top marks for durability.

■ It achieved a high score for prolonged sharpness.

■ While the knife sliced cleanly through all foods, some testers felt the handle was too angular and chunky for comfort.

Stockist: 01869 357700; www.ioshenonline.co.uk

ROBERT WELCH SIGNATURE
£38

18cm blade, 12cm synthetic handle, full tang; dishwasher safe

GHI VERDICT 83/100

■ Comfortable to hold and control, thanks to its compact design, although testers found the handle harder to grip when wet.

■ It scored full marks for durability when dropped, and ranked highly for staying sharp with repeated use.

■ The handle discoloured slightly and the blade was slightly watermarked after repeated dishwasher tests.

Stockist: 01386 840522; www.robertwelch.com

WUSTHOF CLASSIC
£105

20cm blade, 11.5cm synthetic riveted handle, full tang; dishwasher safe

GHI VERDICT 86/100

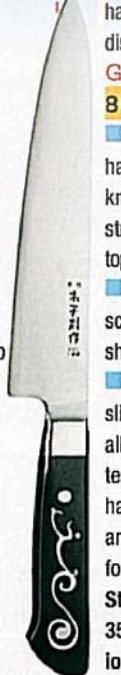
■ A weighty knife with a hard, thick blade that requires some skill to control – our chief home economist recommends it for experienced cooks.

■ Sliced a variety of foods with ease.

■ Scored full marks for durability, surviving repeated drop tests and dishwasher cycles with only slight watermarks.

■ Ranked highly for resistance to wear.

Stockist: 01782 572910; www.inthehaus.co.uk



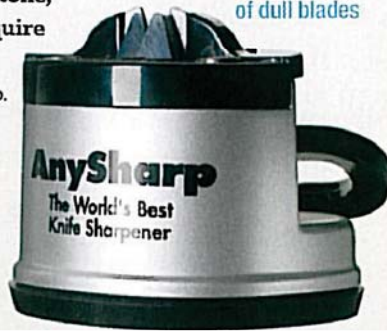
KNIFE SHARPENERS TESTED

Although the best way to sharpen knives is with a steel or whetstone, these techniques can be a bit daunting. But knife sharpeners require less skill – and the best ones do just as good a job:

ANYSHARP SHARPENER, £14.98 (01382 868137; www.itjustworks.co.uk), sharpened plain and serrated blades in just a few strokes. Has a suction cap for securing it temporarily – removing the risk to fingers.

CATRA'S CATRAHONE DIAMOND-POWERED KNIFE SHARPENER, £60.79 (01142 769736; www.catra.org), has separate slots for varying degrees of bluntness and got brilliant results fast.

Make quick work of dull blades



OTHER COOKING KNIVES TESTED

- John Lewis 74/100; £16.99
- Pro balance 73/100; £75
- Kitchen Devils 67/100; £7.99-£10.99
- Masterclass-Contoro 61/100; £15.50

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