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Sword warfare was used in the American Civil War.



A sword is a long-edged piece of metal, used as a cutting, thrusting, and slashing weapon in many civilizations throughout the world. The sword developed from the dagger when the construction of longer blades became possible.



French revolutionists were notorious bayonet users.

A knife bayonet is a knife or short sword which can be used both as a bayonet. The knife bayonet became the almost universal form of bayonet in the 20th century due to its versatility and effectiveness.





Church of Satan founder Anton Levey was well known dagger enthusiast.



An athame—or athamé—is a ceremonial double-edged dagger, one of several magical ‘tools’ used in traditional witchcraft rituals and is seen employed by other pagan beliefs and religions such as the Wiccans and Druids.



A collector of decorative and 'fetish' edged weapons shows off his arsenal.

The dagger plays a significant role in some cultures through ritual and superstition, as the knife was an essential tool for survival since early man. Today knives are sold as folklore and relics from our ancestors.





This young boy wears a traditional emblem with a Kirpan.

The Kirpan was a ceremonial sword or dagger that was worn by all baptized Sikhs (Khalsa), after a mandatory religious commandment given by Guru Gobind Singh (the tenth Guru of Sikhism) in 1699 AD.



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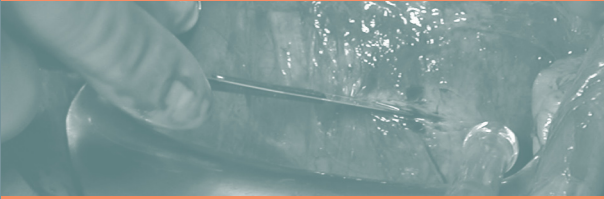
cutting utilitarianism



A 'Bowie Knife' at work
in the wilderness

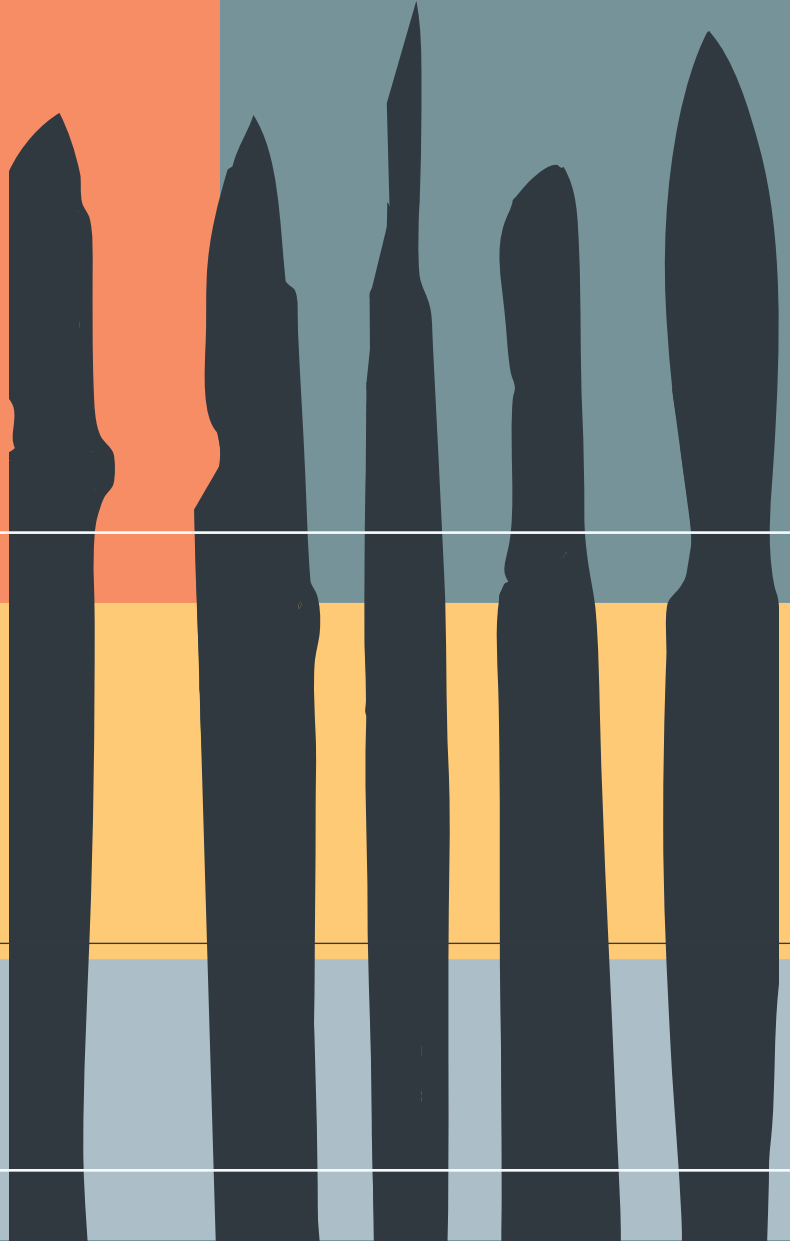
A Bowie knife specifically refers to a style of knife popularized by Colonel James “Jim” Bowie and first made by James Black, although its common use refers to any large sheath knife with a clip point.





A scalpel used in a cesarean-section surgery.

A scalpel is a small but extremely sharp knife used for surgery, anatomical dissection, and various arts and crafts.





A United States Marine is never without his 'K-Bar'

Modern combat knives come in many shapes and sizes. A combat knife is a large knife designed for military or paramilitary use. Most military forces today have standardized the types of combat knives issued to infantry soldiers.





The Swiss came up with the ultimate tool that covered many uses.

A Swiss Army knife is a brand of multi-function pocket knife or multi-tool. A Swiss Army knife has a blade as well as various tools, such as screwdrivers and can openers.





A young boy usually gets his first pocket knife from his father or grandfather.

A pocketknife fits inside the handle and that is small enough to fit in a pocket. Pocketknives are very versatile tools, and may be used for anything from opening an envelope, to cutting twine.

