



This is the 2018 Holiday Gift Giving Guide from The Knife Junkie. The guide features the four stages of knife giving for that special “knife junkie” in your life. Each of the four categories has five knives – each owned and personally vouched for by The Knife Junkie.

\$40 and Under – No Strings Attached

- Kershaw Atmos.
- Steel Will Cutjack (D2 steel; great flipping action).
- Ontario Rat2 (R2D2) amazing utility knife; not crazy about aesthetics but feels good in hand; very versatile knife.
- Buck 110 – comes with leather sheath; kind of heavy.
- Tangram Santa Fe from Kizer – The Knife Junkie’s favorite.

\$40 - \$120 Category – The Going Steady Category

- Real Steel Metamorph – beautiful finish, incredible blade, slicy, front flipper. Super slick knife. Competition for the Benchmade 940.

- Cold Steel Broken Skull – only one downfall, the name, which is written on the blade. Super slim. 4 inch blade, with fantastic blade steel.
- Benchmade Bugout – light and fun knife. Marketed as a lightweight backpack knife. “Bugout” implies doomsday. Action is amazing. Blue and black and tan versions.
- Boker Laterallis – heavier, art deco flipper. Produced by Boker, designed by JB Stout. Incredible action. Incredibly good looking knife.
- Someone who likes outrageous -- Cold Steel Frenzy. 5 ½ inch blade, talon shaped. Very slender. Triad lock.

\$120-\$240 – Skin in the Game Category

- Spyderco Spidiechef. Beautiful knife. Very broad, thin, LC200 blade; very slicy. Rust proof knife.
- Spyderco Yojimbo. Michael Janich Design. Wharncliffe blade. Intended as a self-defense knife but makes a great utility knife. Compression lock. Major fidget factor.
- Zero Tolerance 0452CF. Beautiful big knife.
- Benchmade Crooked River. Great action.
- Emerson Combat Karambit and Super Karambit.

\$250 and Beyond – Marriage Material

- Reate K2 – A beautiful Tanto. Smoothest knife in Bob’s collection.
- Hinderer XM-18 – Tri-way pivot. Stout knife. It is a hard-use knife.
- Hinderer XM-24 – Kind of huge and heavy. The Knife Junkie’s favorite all-time knife.
- Microtech Socom Elite – Most beautiful tactical knife. Best looking Tanto blade; aluminum handle. My “go to” car trip knife.
- Chris Reeve Sebenza 21. Amazingly constructed and designed knife.