

Knife Skills Grading Rubric



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ITEM and CRITERIA

SCORE

CARROTS, Small Dice • Two Large Carrots

uniformity of cuts	2	4	6	8	10
	rough chop; the cuts are not uniform in size or shape	appropriate cut is discernible, but pieces vary widely in size and shape	pieces of the correct shape are present, but mixed with a variety of other shapes	most pieces are of the correct shape; the product would be usable as garnish if a few imprecise cuts were removed	identical in size and shape; could be used for garnish in a fine dining restaurant
size: approximately ¼" dice	1	2	3	4	5
	dice vary widely in size and could not be cooked uniformly	dice are much larger or smaller than ¼"	it is possible to find ¼" dice, but there is much variation	most dice are approximately ¼"	all dice are approximately ¼"
yield	1	2	3	4	5
	more scrap than usable product	below average yield from the given product	a moderate yield from the raw product; could be improved with practice	good yield; most of the available product is converted into dice (one cup)	very minimal waste; almost all of the raw product is converted into dice (one cup or more)

ONIONS, Small Dice • Two Onions

uniformity of cuts	1	2	3	4	5
	rough chop; the cuts are not uniform in size or shape	appropriate cut is discernible, but pieces vary widely in size and shape	pieces of the correct shape are present, but mixed with a variety of other shapes	most pieces are of the correct shape; the product would be usable as garnish if a few imprecise cuts were removed	identical in size and shape, could be used for garnish in a fine dining restaurant
size: approximately ¼" dice	1	2	3	4	5
	dice vary widely in size and could not be cooked uniformly	dice are much larger or smaller than ¼"	it is possible to find ¼" dice, but there is much variation	most dice are approximately ¼"	all dice are approximately ¼"
yield	1	2	3	4	5
	more scrap than usable product	below average yield from the given product	a moderate yield from the raw product; could be improved with practice	good yield; most of the available product is converted into dice	very minimal waste; almost all of the raw product is converted into dice

POTATOES, Allumettes • Four Potatoes

uniformity of cuts	2	4	6	8	10
	rough chop; the cuts are not uniform in size or shape	appropriate cut is discernible, but pieces vary widely in size and shape	pieces of the correct shape are present, but mixed with a variety of other shapes	most pieces are of the correct shape; the product would be usable as garnish if a few imprecise cuts were removed	identical in size and shape, could be used for garnish in a fine dining restaurant
size: approximately ½ x ½ x 1½" dice	1	2	3	4	5
	allumettes vary widely in size and could not be cooked uniformly	allumettes are much larger or smaller than ½ x ½ x 1½"	it is possible to find allumettes of the correct size, but there is much variation	most allumettes are approximately ½ x ½ x 1½"	all allumettes are approximately ½ x ½ x 1½"
yield	1	2	3	4	5
	more scrap than usable product	below average yield from the given product	a moderate yield from the raw product; could be improved with practice	good yield; most of the available product is converted into allumettes	very minimal waste; almost all of the raw product is converted into allumettes

POTATOES, Tournéed • One Potato Yields Four Tournées

technique and regularity of shape	1	2	3	4	5		
	"lumps"; not seven-sided or football-shaped	some smooth, oval sides showing basic technique	recognizable as an attempt at tourné, but not usable on a plate	usable, but imperfectly shaped	four each, football-shaped; seven smooth uniform sides; blunt ends		

TOMATO, Concassée • Two Tomatoes • Peel, Seed, and Small Dice the Outer Flesh; Seed and Chop the Core

uniformity	1	2	3	4	5		
	rough chop; the cuts are not uniform in size or shape	appropriate cut is discernible, but pieces vary widely in size and shape	pieces of the correct shape are present, but mixed with a variety of other shapes	most pieces are of the correct shape; the product would be usable as garnish if a few imprecise cuts were removed	identical in size and shape; could be used for garnish in a fine dining restaurant		
seedless, skinless	1	2	3	4	5		
	seeds and skin were not removed	much seed and skin present in the concassée	some seeds and skin are left in the concassée	an isolated seed or two is present	no seed or skin discernible		

GARLIC, Minced • Four Cloves

uniformity and size	2	4	6	8	10		
	rough chop; the garlic is not uniform in size or shape; is crushed and beginning to oxidize	garlic is cleanly cut with a sharp knife, but is not uniform in size and shape	garlic is cleanly cut with a sharp knife; some variation in size would make it difficult to cook properly	garlic is uniformly minced, but should be smaller	garlic is very finely and uniformly minced; not oxidized		

ORANGE SEGMENTS or Suprêmes • One Orange

uniform shape and size, no membrane or seeds	1	2	3	4	5		
	rough or torn segments, much membrane and seeds	not usable on a plate, though general shape is discernible	irregular in shape; some would be usable on a plate	some irregularity of shape or small amounts of membrane and seeds are present	segments are completely uniform in shape and size; no membrane or seeds; garnish quality		

PARSLEY, Finely Chopped • 1/2 Bunch

	1	2	3	4	5		
	rough chop; not entirely dry, some big pieces and some small, stems present	pieces are too big and/or have the consistency of freshly-mown wet grass	some large pieces remain, needs to be chopped more finely to be usable as garnish	parsley is fairly uniform but needs to be finer—or is clumping slightly because it was not thoroughly dried	parsley is clean, dry and very finely chopped, variation in size is not discernible; no stems; about four tbsp yield		

CLEANLINESS • ORGANIZATION • USABLE SCRAP

	2	3	4	5	6		
	messy, disorganized, or unsanitary station and/or product	some noticeable issues with cleanliness, organization, or appropriate use of product	worked reasonably clean and kept the product organized, but could improve with practice and attention	clean and organized, but could improve use of product and distinction of usable scrap	maintained a clean and well-organized station throughout the exam; retained the appropriate usable scrap		

TOTAL SCORE