

ONLY *BLADE*[®] HAS THE INSIDE SCOOP ON FACTORY KNIVES SET TO DEBUT AT THE BLADE SHOW

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It is an honor to provide a sneak peak at a dozen production knives that will be introduced at the BLADE Show. The anticipation is palpable in the days, weeks and months prior to the world's largest knife show, with expectations high for the new and innovative knives companies plan to debut there. This isn't meant to be a spoiler, but only a teaser for what's to come.

What a lineup it is!

"Spyderco's new Laci Szabo folder is a serious personal protection tool. Its dramatic scimitar-shaped blade provides exceptional penetration and cutting performance, and it has Laci's signature martial arts look and features."

—Joyce Laituri, Spyderco

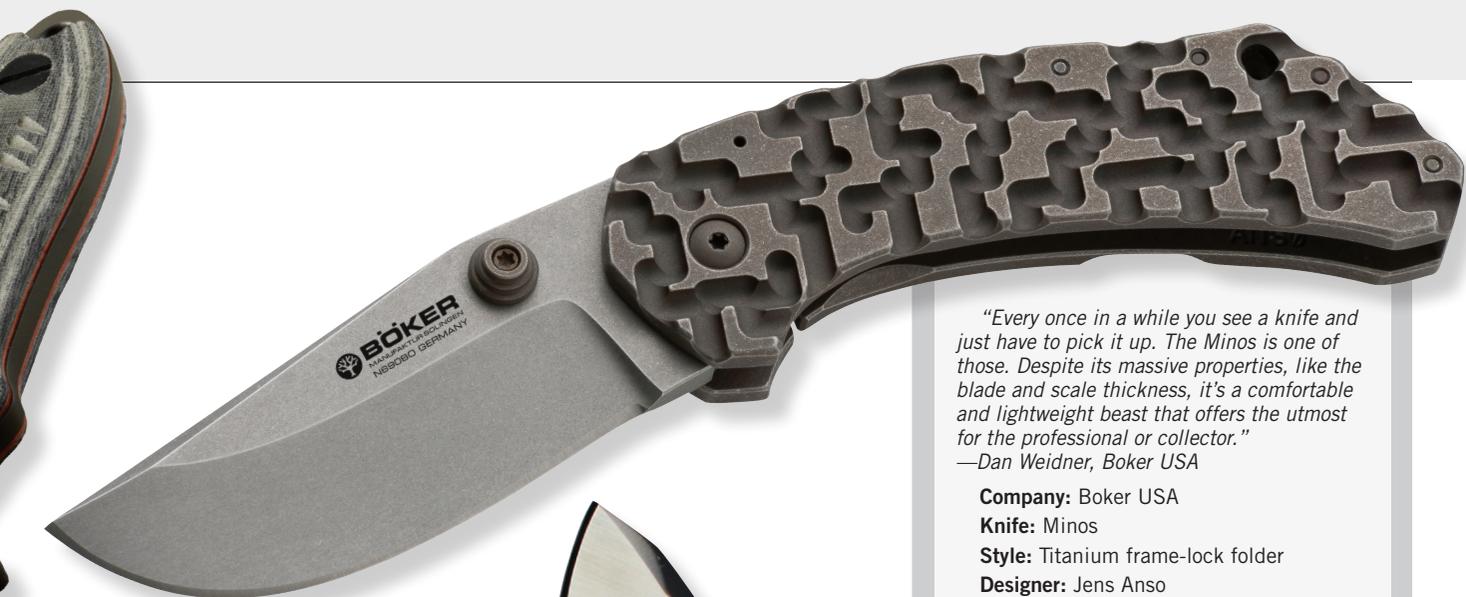
Company: Spyderco
Knife: Laci Szabo Folder
Blade pattern: Scimitar-shaped
Blade steel: CPM-S30V stainless
Blade length: 4.6 inches
Overall open length: 10.31 inches
Handle: Gold-weave carbon fiber
Lock: Compression Lock™
Liners: Stainless steel
Clip: Four-position pocket clip
Weight: 6.8 ounces
Unusual feature: Self-close mechanism
MSRP: \$299.95

"I like that this is a lightweight fixed blade, easy to carry in the outdoors, and provides the user with CNC-textured, all-weather Micarta® handle scales. It has multiple grip points for ultimate control and safety."

—Mike Dolmage, Buck Knives

Company: Buck Knives
Knife name: 065 Buck/Hood Punk
Designer: Ron Hood
Style: Clip-point fixed blade
Blade steel: Powder-coated 5160
Blade length: 5 5/8 inches
Rockwell hardness: 57-59 HRC
Handle: Grooved Micarta®
Guard: Integral
Weight: 7.4 ounces
Unusual features: Handle "Shock Mitigation System" and deep finger groove
Sheath: M.O.L.L.E.-compatible nylon
MSRP: \$180





"Every once in a while you see a knife and just have to pick it up. The Minos is one of those. Despite its massive properties, like the blade and scale thickness, it's a comfortable and lightweight beast that offers the utmost for the professional or collector."

—Dan Weidner, Boker USA

Company: Boker USA

Knife: Minos

Style: Titanium frame-lock folder

Designer: Jens Anso

Blade steel: N690B0

Blade length: 3.25 inches

Blade thickness: 0.197 inch

Overall open length: 7.5 inches

Handle: "Labyrinth"-milled titanium

Scale thickness: 0.157 inch

Lock: Frame lock

Clip and thumb stud: Titanium

MSRP: \$349

Available: October

"It's the perfect gentleman's pocketknife because it's small, elegant and fits nicely in the palm of your hand."

—Alicia Hunt, Benchmade

Company: Benchmade

Knife: 483 Shori (*shori* means triumph or winner in Japanese)

Designer: Shoki Nakamura

Blade pattern: Utilitarian style

Blade steel: CPM-S30V stainless

Rockwell hardness: 58-60 HRC

Blade length: 2.85 inches

Overall open length: 6.6 inches

Handle: Contoured black G-10

Bolsters: Aluminum

Lock: Nak-Lok® mechanism

Weight: 2.52 ounces

Unusual feature: MIM back spacer with lanyard hole

MSRP: \$225



"You have a great tactical/utility knife complete with ergonomic and modern features, including a Kicker Assist™. One flick of the cam-driven stop-pin lever launches the blade into an assured locked-and-ready-for-action position."

—Mike Vellekamp, Blade-Tech

Company: Blade-Tech

Knife: I4NI

Blade steel: AUS-8 stainless

Opening hole: Blade-Tech V-Hole

Blade length: 3.75 inches

Overall open length: 8.75 inches

Handle: Fiberglass-reinforced nylon

Liners: Nested

Lock: Locking-liner construction

Clip: Ambidextrous tip-up pocket clip

Unusual features: Kicker Assist™

opener and IKBS (Ikoma Korth Bearing System)

MSRP: \$87.95

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“Designed by noted tactical knifemaker Allen Elishewitz and made in the USA by Hogue, light, smooth and tough are all hallmarks of this outstanding new collaboration.” —Tressa Logue, Wilson Combat

Company: Wilson Combat exclusive, identified by grip medallion

Manufacturer: Hogue

Designer: Allen Elishewitz

Knife: Star-Light

Style: Tactical folder

Blade: Drop point (shown) or tanto styles

Blade steel: 154CM stainless

Rockwell hardness: 57-59 HRC

Blade length: 3.5 inches (drop point) or 4 inches (tanto)

Overall open length: 8 inches (drop point) or 9 inches (tanto)

Handle: Black “starburst”-pattern, G-Mascus® G-10 laminate

Lock: Safety that, when pushed forward, “double locks” the blade

Thumb studs: Ambidextrous

Pivot: Oversized, hardened

Clip: Reversible, deep-pocket style for tip-up or tip-down carry

Weight: 4.2 ounces (drop point) or 5 ounces (tanto)

Unusual feature: Recessed lanyard loop

MSRP: \$229.95 (drop point) or \$249.95 (tanto)

"We are introducing this model in 2012 as a crossover knife for hunting, survival and tactical use. It feels great, looks great and handles so well." —John Cammenga, White River Knife & Tool

Company: White River Knife & Tool

Knife: BackPacker

Style: Integral fixed blade

Blade steel: CPM-S30V stainless

Blade length: 3 inches

Overall length: 6.75 inches

Handle: Skeletonized with lanyard hole to incorporate 5-foot paracord wrap

Sheath: Kydex® for neck, boot, multi-position belt or gear carry

Unusual features: Various paracord color options and deep finger groove

MSRP: \$89



"We are excited about being able to offer flipper folders with stag and German steel. This ties into the heritage of what Puma is all about—great steel and stag—while offering some updated options to American customers. It can easily be opened with a quick snap of the wrist." —Chris Lalik, Puma Knife USA

Company: Puma Knife USA

Knife: Bobcat SGB 3532

Style: Flipper folder

Blade: Clip point with flipper

Blade steel: 440A German stainless steel

Rockwell hardness: 55-57 HRC

Blade length: 3.3 inches

Overall open length: 7.9 inches

Handle: Pakkawood™ with stag inlays

Lock: Locking liner

Liners: Stainless steel

Weight: 4.4 ounces

MSRP: \$39.99

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"Having a USA-made knife of ZDP-189 and titanium is exciting in itself, and because of the success of the Acies, we have had many customer requests for a smaller version, either for personal carry or for legal carry requirements." —Debbie Myers, A.G. Russell Knives

Company: A.G. Russell Knives
Knife: Acies 2
Style: Titanium frame-lock folder
Blade: Drop point
Blade steel: ZDP-189 stainless
Rockwell hardness: 64-66 HRC
Blade length: 3 inches
Handle: Titanium
Lock: Frame lock
Clip: Deep tip-up or tip-down pocket style
MSRP: \$295



"Ken Onion designed the Foresight as a kick-ass, tough tactical knife. The IKBS makes this blade fly open when you hit the flipper, and the finger grooves fit perfectly. Looking back, it's a knife we should have done years ago." —Doug Flagg, CRKT

Company: Columbia River Knife & Tool
Knife: Foresight
Style: Flipper folder
Blade pattern: Drop point, plain or partially serrated (shown)
Blade steel: Acuto 440C with black titanium-nitride finish
Blade length: 3.5 inches
Overall open length: 8.75 inches
Handle: Cold-forged aluminum
Lock: Locking liner
Liners: Stainless steel
Pivot: IKBS (Ikoma Korth Bearing System)
Unusual feature: Large finger grooves integral to the handle slabs
MSRP: \$140
Available: July

"Have you ever been in a tight squeeze and needed the right tool? Need I say more? I love the design, balance, bolster, thin profile and function." —Walter Gardiner, Canal Street Cutlery

Company: Canal Street Cutlery
Knife: #1134549 "Squeeze 5"
Lockback
Blade pattern: Tapered clip point, flat ground with a nail pull
Blade material: D2 tool steel
Rockwell hardness: 58-60 HRC
Blade length: 5 inches
Handle: Smooth "antique ivory bone"
Lock: Lockback
Lanyard hole: Aluminum
Sheath: Top-grain leather snap model
Unusual features: Nickel-silver "Top Hat" bolsters and gift box
MSRP: \$185



"This knife brings together elements from several of Zero Tolerance's most popular knives—the size of the 0350 and the tiger-striped blade of the 0301. If we can judge by the reaction of our fans, it's a perfect storm of what knife enthusiasts want, a big, beefy blade in a knife that's a good size for reasonable everyday carry, and the great looks of the tiger-striped blade." —Isidora Forrest, Zero Tolerance and Kai USA

Company: Zero Tolerance/Kai USA
Knife: ZT0350TS
Style: Assisted-opening flipper folder
Blade steel: CPM-S30V, plain (shown) or partially serrated
Blade length: 3.25 inches
Overall open length: 7.75 inches
Handle: Textured G-10
Lock: Locking liner
Clip: Ambidextrous quad-mount style for tip-up or tip-down carry
Weight: 5.6 ounces
Unusual feature: Tungsten DLC tiger-stripe blade coating, and SpeedSafe® assisted opener
MSRP: \$185
Available: July



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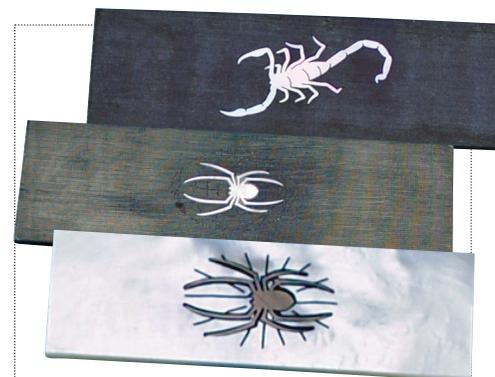


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New for the **BLADE** Show, Masecraft Supply releases double-black-linen knife handle slabs with mother-of-pearl custom inlays. The hand-cut inlays come in a variety of designs, including skulls, scorpions, dragons and spiders.

MOTHER-OF-PEARL INLAYS AVAILABLE

According to Chris Hartman of Masecraft Supply, the company plans to unveil natural and synthetic knife handle slabs showcasing hand-cut mother-of-pearl inlays in a variety of designs, including skulls, scorpions, dragons and spiders.

"For now, I would call them limited-edition hybrid slabs," Hartman says. "These handle slabs are made using a mix of materials, such as linen, G-10, mother-of-pearl, abalone, black-lip mother-of-pearl, reconstituted stone, M3 metal composites, decorative acrylics and even our 'Moon Glow' material to basically create inlaid works of art within a knife scale.

"With the talented inlay artists we have at our factory, the possibilities are endless as to what we can do," Hartman continues. "The first series of slabs to be released at the **BLADE** Show are double-black linen with real mother-of-pearl custom inlays. They are available in three sizes—3.5 inches, 4.25 inches and 5 inches, and all slabs are 1/8-inch thick. They will be sold as single slabs or pairs, and prices will range from \$40-\$160 in limited-production runs."

For more information on the pictured knives and knife-related items, see "Where To Get 'Em" on page 64.

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