

Surgical Instruments Instruments λ Instruments are classified by their function – Cutting & Dissecting – Grasping & Holding – Clamping & Occluding – Exposing & Retracting – Suturing & Stapling – Viewing – Suctioning Instruments – Dilating & Probing – Measuring – Microinstruments – Powered instruments Cutting & Dissecting Cutting & Dissecting λ Cutting instruments have sharp edges. They are used to dissect, incise, separate, or excise tissue. λ Most instrument sets will include #3 and #7 knife handles & suture, curved mayo, metz and tenotomy scissors. Knife Handles λ Come in various widths & lengths λ Blades are attached by slipping the slit in the blade into the groove on the handle #7 #4 #3 Knife Blades λ Blades with numeric prefix of "1" (e.g., 10, 11, 12, 15) fit #3 or #7 handles λ Blades with the numeric prefix "2" (e.g., 20, 21, 22, 23, 24) fit #4 handles Knife Blades λ #10 are used for large skin incisions λ #15 are used for	
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short shallow incisions λ #11 are used for initial skin puncture of tiny deep incisions #10 #15 #11 Other Knife handles λ Long handles are used inside deep incisions (e.g., open abdominal cases) λ Beaver knives are used for small delicate cases	
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