

CRKT® Launches Three Exciting New Knives in Advance of Blade Show Atlanta

Mid-year release features three limited-run models: two Italian-made Squid™ II folders and Minimalist® Nessmuk, a versatile, compact outdoorsman's fixed-blade

TUALATIN, OR, UNITED STATES, May 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- CRKT®, a brand built on innovation, craftsmanship and collaboration with leading custom knife designers, today launched three extraordinary new knives in advance of the knife industry's largest and most celebrated event, Blade Show Atlanta.

This release features three limited-run models: two Italian-made [Squid™ II](#) folders from renowned designer Lucas Burnley, and the [Minimalist® Nessmuk](#), a compact fixed-blade knife designed by long time CRKT® partner, Alan Folts, that is quickly becoming a fan favorite. This versatile outdoorsman's knife honors its namesake, American writer and early conservationist George Washington "Nessmuk" Sears.

"Blade Show Atlanta brings out the best in the industry, each and every year, so we wanted to match that high bar with the introduction of these new premium CRKT® knives," said Kyle Stuart, CRKT® VP of Marketing. "Both the Squid™ II and the Minimalist® Nessmuk are validated and verified designs with our brand DNA – custom-inspired innovation, collaborative design and purpose-built utility – woven throughout."

CRKT's Blade Show Atlanta introductions include:

- Squid™ II - Melding the utility of an everyday carry with the strength and polish of a high-end

The CRKT logo, consisting of the letters "CRKT" in a bold, dark green, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the right.

CRKT® Squid™ II



Minimalist® Nessmuk

custom design, the Italian-made Squid™ II is a bold reimagining of Lucas Burnley's classic Squid™ folding knife. The Squid™ II brings a few key upgrades to this fan favorite, starting with a stonewash-finished M390 blade for excellent edge retention and wear resistance. It's bigger than the original and adds a liner lock for confident lockup, all while keeping the clean profile and easy in-pocket carry that made the Squid™ such a hit in the first place.

This latest Squid™ design will be available in two versions, the first with a black stonewashed M390 blade and deep, rich Santos mahogany wood handle, and the second with a more traditional stonewashed M390 blade and light, grainy olive wood handle. MSRP: \$195.

- Minimalist® Nessmuk - The Minimalist® Nessmuk is a compact fixed-blade knife that honors its namesake's philosophy of a lighter, yet infinitely capable approach to exploring the outdoors.

The 12C27 blade features a black stonewash finish for a rugged, low-profile look, while the stabilized wood handle brings rich contrast and durability with black and bronze tones. Three finger choils lock in a confident grip, giving this compact blade outstanding control. Finished with a matching bronze fob and paired with a versatile sheath set up for belt carry or neck carry with the included lanyard, this limited-run Minimalist® is equal parts hard-use tool and eye-catching collector piece. MSRP: \$90.

All three new CRKT® knives go live on www.crkt.com Thursday, May 28th and will be available to consumers as Blade Show Atlanta kicks off June 5th. More information and tickets for Blade Show are available at <https://bladeshow.com/show-info/>

About CRKT®

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