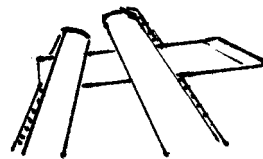


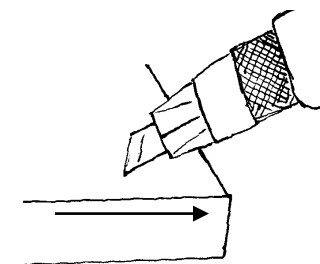
How to Modify the NT Stencil Cutter to Cut Wood or Linoleum

Before you carve wood, linoleum or similar hard materials with an NT Stencil Cutter, there are two modifications you can make so the blade will last much longer.

First of all, the blade is long and it tends to break in two when pressure is placed on it. To prevent this, hold the blade between two pliers and snap it in half. Place the shortened blade down into the handle, then pull up on and twist on the textured ferrule to tighten the blade in place.



Second, the blade is steeply angled and the very tip can easily snap off. You can make it stronger by putting a counter-bevel on the blade. Place the flat side of the tip down on a sharpening stone and pull it toward you five or six times.



The dotted lines indicate the part of the tip that has been removed. If you have a magnifying lens, you will see that the tip has been lowered to a slightly wider and stronger part of the blade.



How to Replace the Blade

- 1) To remove the old blade, pull up on the ferrule (the metal part with the texture for gripping) and turn the handle clockwise. The inner part of the metal piece that holds the blade will appear between the ferrule and handle as you turn the handle.
- 2) Insert the blade and make sure it is seated down firmly into the handle.
- 3) Pull up on the ferrule and place your index finger behind the upper part that holds the blade so it does not turn. We found that wrapping a rubber band tight around the ferrule and the part holding the blade gave us more grip - just be careful not to cut yourself as you wrap the rubber band over the blade. You can also use a glove that has rubber fingers or rubber finger tips from a stationary store - anything to help grip those two parts of metal and not cut yourself.
- 4) Continue to hold up on the ferrule as you turn the handle counterclockwise to tighten.



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