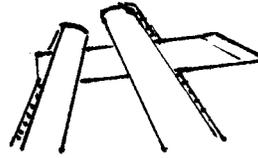


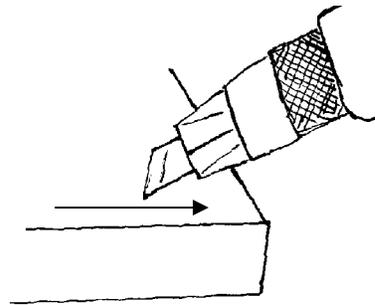
## How to Modify the NT Stencil Cutter to Cut Wood or Linoleum

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 tip of the blade is steeply angled and it can 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.



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