



# River Road Creations<sup>®</sup>, Inc.

## Wing and Foam Body Cutters

### Instructions

**WARNING: Please use extreme care when unpacking the cutters. The cutters are razor sharp. These tools are not toys and should not be used by children. When not in use, store the components out of the reach of children.**

#### Contents of package:

- a) Cutter(s)                      b) Tool caddy (applicable only to cutter sets)                      c) White cutting pad

#### General Instructions for wings and foam bodies:

- 1) Place white cutting pad on a stable, flat surface. Position the material you wish to cut over the white cutting pad. **Do not use cutter on any surface other than the white cutting pad. Doing so will prematurely dull and distort the shape of the cutter and possibly damage the surface.**
- 2) Position the cutter with the blade facing downward over the section of material you would like to cut.
- 3) Press the cutter through the material, using slow, steady pressure. The cutters should punch through the material easily. Do not press excessively hard against the pad since this will prematurely dull the cutter and may distort its shape. Extra cutting depth is provided to accommodate thicker or multiple layers of foam and is generally not needed when cutting single thicknesses of 2-3 mm foam. Penetrating the cutting pad only far as needed to cut through the foam will extend the life of the pad. If you plan on producing a good number of foam bodies at once, cutting at least two layers at a time will help minimize penetration of the cutting pad – and it will speed up production!
- 4) **Do not press the material against the cutter with your fingers. This could result in severe injury.**
- 5) Carefully remove the cutter from the material. Use scissors to remove the cut bodies/wings from the material.
- 6) Repeat until you have cut all of the bodies/wings you desire.

#### Helpful Tips:

- 1) Store cutter sets by placing the cutters upside down in the tool caddy. A foam pad covering the bottom of the caddy is provided to prevent dulling of the blades when stored in this manner. **Store cutters out of the reach of children.**
- 2) To create thicker foam or to make multi-colored bodies, use spray foam adhesive available at any craft store to bond layers of foam together. After drying, cut as usual.
- 3) When tying the finished bodies to the hook, avoid using extremely fine thread, which may “cut” through the foam. Use several wraps of thread with gradually increasing pressure to avoid this problem.
- 4) The cutting pad is worn out when obvious gaps are present in the surface. If clean cuts are not being achieved, chances are the cutting pad is becoming worn and creating distortions in the material as it is being cut. This is generally not a sign that the blade is dull – with proper care, we have produced well over two thousand bodies with each cutter without noticeable dulling. Replacement cutting pads are available from River Road Creations, Inc.
- 5) There are many tying ideas on our website: [www.riverroadcreations.com](http://www.riverroadcreations.com).
- 6) If you have any questions, please e-mail us at [tony@riverroadcreations.com](mailto:tony@riverroadcreations.com). We will be happy to assist you in any way we can. Your satisfaction is our number one concern!

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