

X-ACTO[®]
PRECISION INSTRUMENTS

CREATIVE KNIFE USES



X-ACTO'S PRECISION GOES FAR BEYOND CUTTING PAPER.

If it's fabric, wire, or wood—our knives get the job done. We've heard from people like you all over the country, telling us the creative ways they're using X-ACTO. And we are amazed! There were so many ideas, we knew we had to share. Take a look, get inspired, and find out what new ways X-ACTO can work for you!



Art

Art Uses:

- Carving
- Sharpen pencils
- Cut sheets of tin for artwork
- Sculpt wax
- Wood pattern maker
- Cut canvas to adhere to a painting
- Create sculptures
- Cut doilies for art

"X-ACTO knives are great for the fine detail in ice sculptures."

John B., New York



CREATIVE!

"I'm an art teacher. While working in oil pastels, my students would sometimes forget to leave a white area to produce a shine effect. We used the X-ACTO knife to scrape away those areas in order to add the white shine areas. We could also imply texture by scraping away one color and introducing another."

Brenda D., Florida

"I use X-ACTO knives to hand carve intricate egg shell art."

Malea C., Indiana



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CRAFT & HOBBY

Crafty Uses:

- Scrapbooking
- Card making
- Shave off glue on crafting scissors
- Fix toys, especially to remove glue spots when affixing smaller parts
- Pick out small paint chips from the crevices of hand-painted keepsake boxes
- Model trains
- Cut and shape soft ceramic greenware
- Add details to a model clay creation
- Pick up embellishments and decals
- Cut folded paper silhouette
- Cut stencils from cardboard
- Create crisp folds for origami
- Curl wire using handle
- Sculpting wood

"While sewing one day, I couldn't find my preferred seam ripper, a surgical scalpel. I discovered that the X-ACTO knife makes an excellent substitute and better seam ripper. Why? Because it's easier to find replacement blades, and I like the rough edge section near the blade for a good grip."

Jeanne G., Oregon

THRIFTY!



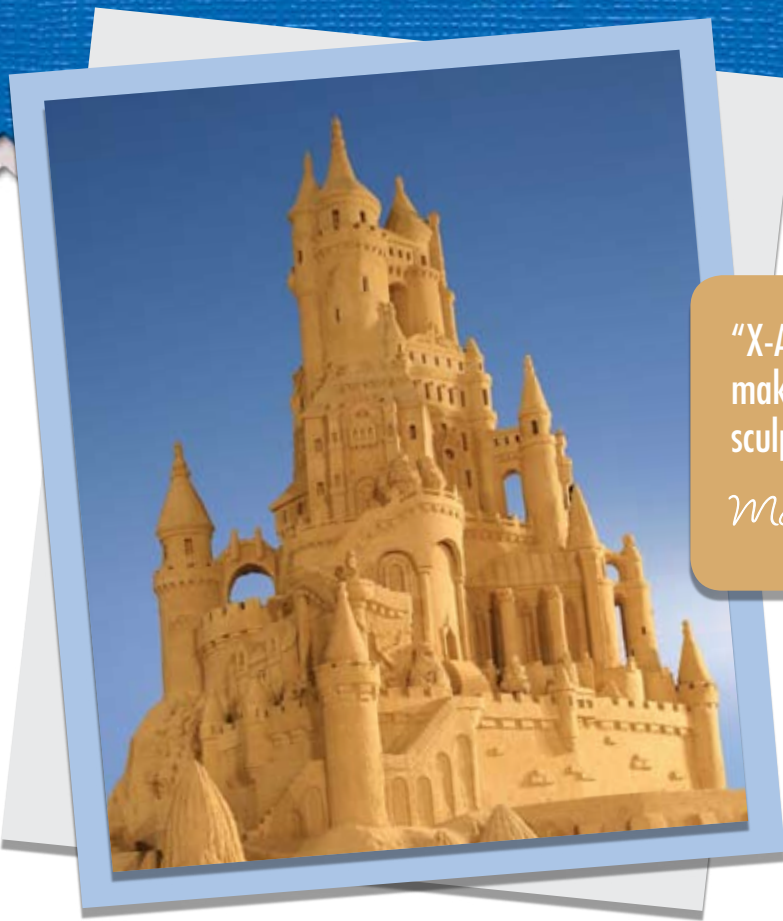
"My husband was given a model ship years ago, and his X-ACTO knife came in real handy."

Deborah T., West Virginia

That's a LOT of CUTTING!

"I love my X-ACTO and always have since I was a kid. My mom introduced them to me while cutting shingles for her custom doll houses. Sometimes there were 5,000 shingles to be cut, and the X-ACTO blade just kept going."

Derek M., Texas



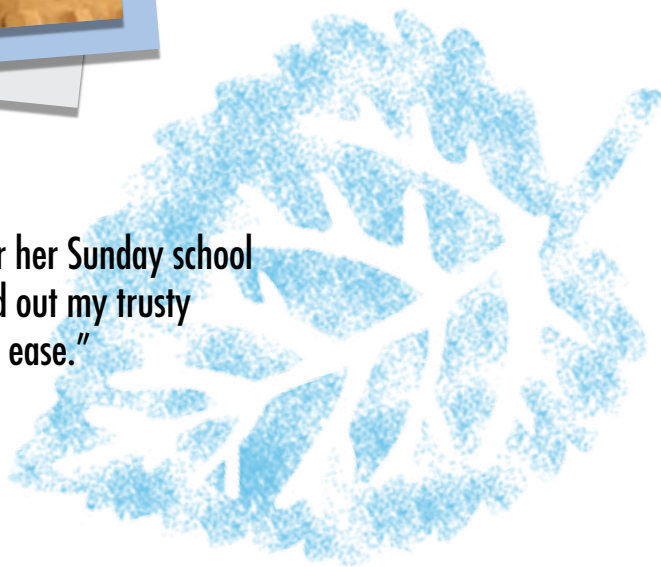
"X-ACTO knives are perfect for making really detailed sand sculptures."

Mary W., Florida

TRY THIS AT HOME!

"My wife needed to make a unique rubber stamp for her Sunday school class. Using fun foam glued to scrap wood, I whipped out my trusty X-ACTO knife and carved a great looking stamp with ease."

Douglas R., South Carolina



"I like to make quilled flowers. To make the fringed edge for some of the flowers, I place my quilling paper under a taped down, narrow toothed comb and use the X-ACTO knife to make evenly spaced cuts before rolling the paper into a flower."

Julia G., New York

HOME



THAT'LL GET IT CLEAN!

"My 4 year old spread my mascara all over my bathroom mirror (as 4 year olds do). I used the X-ACTO knife to scrape off every trace of my makeup."

Stacey W., California



Bath Uses:

- Clean edges of sink
- Scrape makeup off a bathroom mirror
- Cut away old caulking



"My X-ACTO knife is handy for removing old silicone caulking around my sink and tub."



"I use my X-ACTO knife to clean the edges of my sinks to get rid of mold and mildew."

Pam A., Virginia



HOW SWEET!

"I use the X-ACTO knife to carve out my childrens' birthday cakes. We can't afford the shaped pans, so we do the fine work by hand."

Shannon S., New York

Kitchen Uses:

- Carve apples for Halloween
- Shape fresh pasta using handle
- Carve watermelon rind art
- Cut puff pastries into shapes
- Shape fondant
- Ice pick



"I use my X-ACTO knife to slice a hole in the edge of wine corks. I then place my corn on the cob holders into the slit, storing one on each end of the cork. I place them into my drawer and do not worry about cutting myself on the sharp corn on the cob holders. It looks neat and stays safe. My X-ACTO knife made it all possible."

Dorothy N., South Carolina



DECORATIVE & TASTY!

"I keep an X-ACTO knife in the kitchen to use for carving intricate patterns in pie crusts and vegetable platters."

Mary M., Maryland



"The last time I used an X-ACTO knife was to open the seal on a bottle of wine."

Brenda A., Minnesota

DIY



GROOVY!

"I used my X-ACTO to get into the grooves in my tongue and groove paneling to remove the paint allowing me to repaint and see all the wood details."

Carol S., California

DIY Uses:

- Carving furniture embellishments
- Add details to plain wood furniture before staining
- Remove old molding from around windows to reseal with wood filler
- Pry loose windows that have been painted shut
- Cut up old carpet padding
- Remove paint on a basement floor base and not destroy wall finish
- Score the back of drywall to make it curve
- Cut a screen window



"Use your X-ACTO knife to get painter's tape in the crevices if you can't line the tape up just right. This is great when dealing with grooved or fancy corners or edging."

Rose A., Michigan



How Thoughtful!

"I use an X-ACTO knife to carve soap into shapes for dresser drawers or in a guest bathroom. This is a great way to use up the ends of soap."

Rebecca, W., Oklahoma



Knife Tip:
For best control, slide palm along
work surface to provide support.

THAT'S a DOGGONE GOOD TIP!

"I have recently used my X-ACTO knife to make more holes in my never-gonna-stop-growing dog's collar! He is a Chocolate Lab puppy, and the X-ACTO knife is the only utensil that penetrates the tough collar barrier. I am a genius! A million thanks!"

Jodi K., Michigan

"We use the retractable knives to open boxes. We have a soup kitchen and when we're in a rush to get hundreds of boxes of food cut open, it's wonderful to be able to slide the blade on the X-ACTO knife open, cut cleanly, and safely of course, through the tape on the boxes, retract the blade, and slip the knife in our pockets. I have to say, the blades on these things last a loooong time!"

Rhonda M., Tennessee

Utility Uses:

- Remove wood glue
- Scrape resin out of a pipe
- Get mud off golf shoes
- Remove hanging tags from clothing
- Scratch off lottery ticket

"I use my X-ACTO knife to carve old books one page at a time to create layered sculptures."



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FARM & GARDEN

Garden Uses:

- Carve name into a tree
- Remove aphids from roses
- Remove moss from in between bricks
- Cut branches and foliage
- Cut lattice for under a porch
- Cut plastic yard waste binding
- Trim bonsai

"I use my X-ACTO knife to easily thin out my seedlings when starting our vegetable gardens."

Megan P., Colorado



IT'S GOOD TO BE GREEN!

"I use the X-ACTO to place "X" marks on the bottom of plastic containers that I use for my flower pots. I mostly like to recycle round butter containers. The "Xs" on pot bottoms act as drainage holes. Then I use the container lids to catch any water from the pots themselves."

Pat V., Wisconsin



"I use my X-ACTO knife to carve into a gourd to mask my bird house prior to painting it."

Brenda Lea A., Illinois



Retractable Knife Tip:

1. Be sure to use knife set on middle position for cutting.
2. Fully retracted is for storage.
3. Fully extended is only for blade changing, not for cutting.



Farm Uses:

- Open grain bags
- Slash corn tassles
- Cut bail twine

"I always have an X-ACTO knife in the barn — it's handy for everything from cutting baling twine to opening stubborn bags of grain. I also use it (with care) to trim a bridle path in my horse's mane which is much quicker than clippers and a lot easier than a razor.

Sharon L., New York



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Fashion

CREATE With a FRIEND!



"I have a bachelor's degree in art, so I'm always creating something fun. My X-ACTO knife has seen a lot of wear and tear over the years, it's one of my most loved tools! One creative use that I think anyone could try is using an X-ACTO to cut small patterns in tape (masking, painters tape — whatever you have on hand), then stick the tape to your fingernails and use it as a stencil for applying nail polish. Peel off the tape and voila, you get a inexpensive, one-of-a-kind manicure that's uniquely you!"

Renee R., Wisconsin

Fashion & Beauty Uses:

- Dip in nail polish remover to open a nail polish bottle that's sealed shut
- Sharpen eye liner pencil
- Enlarge a button hole on new jeans
- Make jewelry
- Add extra hole to your belt
- Fray jeans



CRAFT With PRECISION!

"I like to use my X-ACTO knife to make jewelry. It cuts great, and the small head helps twisting wire or manipulating beads."

Meghan F., Washington

"The X-ACTO knife blade makes it easy to cut little sections of hair a bit shorter to give the hair body. I've done this before with scissors, but this would be PERFECT as it has needle precision on the end. How wonderful such a product has SO MANY USES!! I had thought scrapbooking and card making were the only ideas for the X-ACTO knife!!"

Mary Kay M., Michigan

Holiday

"After a party, the X-ACTO knife is the perfect tool to help clean up! You can use it to pop the leftover balloons or get the gum off the floor!"

Lois W., Massachusetts

**Quick & Easy
CLEANing!**

Holiday Uses:

- Cut free-form cookies
- Carve chocolate for Valentine's Day
- Cut fuse on fireworks
- Cut the string off Thanksgiving turkey
- Cut "windows" in an Advent calendar
- Trace patterns on rolled gingerbread to create a house
- Trim Christmas tree
- Trim and shape a wreath



Spooky FUN!

"I enjoy carving pumpkins — real, craft pumpkin, or funk'n™. I enjoy them all, and my tools are always X-ACTO blades. The best!"

Rebeckah S., Oregon



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Business

"Hey, my name is Joe, and I like to build electric guitars. Personally, I feel like my tool rack wouldn't be complete without at least one X-ACTO knife. I've literally used one on every guitar I've made to date in one way or another. They've helped me remove old frets and fret boards. They've scraped binding and helped to remove stubborn wood glue. I even use them to cut and bevel my pick guards. Basically, they're a tool that has a thousand more uses than just cutting, and I couldn't think of a better use for them!"

Joseph J., Virginia

**What a
Rockin' TIP!**



Office Uses:


- Remove a stamp placed improperly
- Cut bubble wrap when mailing packages
- Clean tiny holes in a phone
- Clean between keys on a keyboard
- Cut and paste at a print shop
- Correct a document by lightly perforating the top skin of a paper and outlining an area to be removed and peeled

How Exciting!

"I use X-ACTO knives to help clean the accumulated dirt clinging to fossils that we retrieve from the Calvert Cliffs along the western shore of Chesapeake Bay. They also come in handy when cutting plaster of Paris wraps prior to wrapping large specimens."

William F., Maryland





"We use our X-ACTO knife for very precise cuts when we work on electronics. Whether it's customizing wires or shaping tape, X-ACTO knives perform perfectly every time."

Mary W., Florida

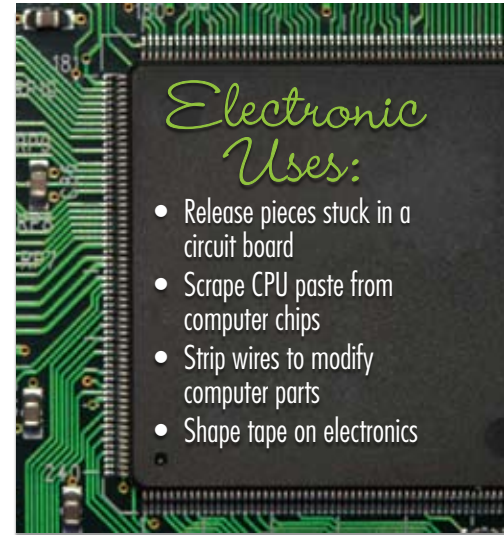


"I've been building models for 50 years. I worked as an artist in the printing and sign industry for over 25 years. Presently I'm employed as a model builder. I've had an X-ACTO knife in my hand for most of my life."

Dave R., Pennsylvania

Electronic Uses:

- Release pieces stuck in a circuit board
- Scrape CPU paste from computer chips
- Strip wires to modify computer parts
- Shape tape on electronics



ALL in A Day's Work!

"I use my trusty X-ACTO knife to scrape cpu paste from chips. I also use it in my electronics toolkit to strip wires and modify computer components. Just yesterday I used my X-ACTO blade to cut a slot in my sensor bar's plastic cover in the process of changing it from using 12 batteries a week to being USB powered! X-ACTO is saving the planet. Thanks X-ACTO...and keep it sharp!"

Derek M., Texas

"I use my X-ACTO knife to cut bubble wrap for packages that I mail."

Suzie W., Missouri

Kids

Parent Uses:

- Create play sets
- Create cardboard costumes
- Cut play dough
- Create a foam board mobile
- Create bunnies from an egg carton
- Science fairs
- Cut shapes in a foam board cube to encourage learning
- Cut an oversize picture into puzzle pieces
- Cut circle holes in cardboard for a bean bag toss game
- Cut notches on a wall for a growth chart

AWE, THAT'S DARLIne!

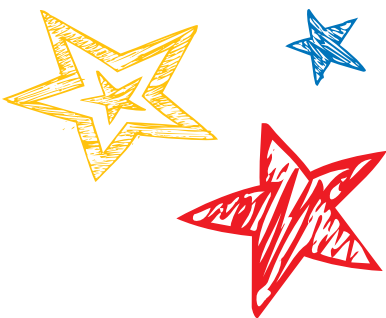
"A solution for kiddos who will not leave a bandage in place and pick at the scab as their boo-boo is healing: use an X-ACTO knife to cut the bandage into a fun shape. Or, even better yet, cut the bandage in a silhouette likeness of the injured child."

Susan B., New Hampshire



"My 9 year old son and I use the X-ACTO knife for his Pinewood Derby® car every year! We have one that has multiple exchanging blades. We use it to carve different designs into his derby car. We also shave out a rocket for the Space Derby! We love our X-ACTO knife! I also use the X-ACTO knife for cutting pictures out for scrapbooking! I make great designs, and they always look different!"

Lynda G., Pennsylvania







FUN FOR The Family!

"With the American Girl® doll craze in full swing, I began making clothes for my granddaughter's dolls. The factory-made outfits had matching shoes that were so cute that I had to get creative to find a way to make shoes to match all of my outfits. Girls need shoes you know!!! So I used an X-ACTO blade to cut flip flops from sheets of foam. Next, I added matching material across the foot and then glued a sole on the flip flop and PRESTO — every summer outfit now has matching flip flops. My granddaughter Jessi was delighted, and all her friends want them too."

Helen H., Wisconsin




Knife Tip:
Hold the knife like a pencil. For the best control, hold the knife 1/2" from blade base (where blade fits into handle).



"I use the X-ACTO knife to make the kids' Valentine boxes! The knife makes it super easy to cut the slot at the top of the box, and it also allows us to cut shapes and pieces of corrugated cardboard and construction paper to decorate it."

Karen M., Iowa



"I use X-ACTO knives to open toy packaging."

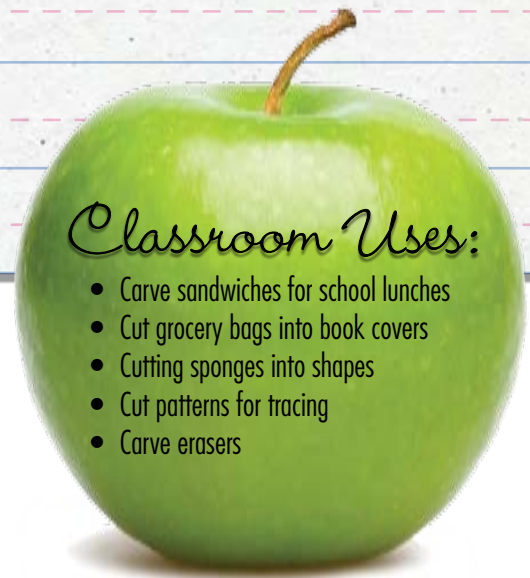
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Classroom



"I'm a second grade teacher, and I LOVE my X-ACTO knife! I use it to cut classroom decorations, sets for plays, and even cardboard costumes! For the holidays, I made each kid a small dog by cutting a pattern from a playing card. They loved them! There's nothing I can't do with an X-ACTO knife!"

Elisa F., New York



Classroom Uses:

- Carve sandwiches for school lunches
- Cut grocery bags into book covers
- Cutting sponges into shapes
- Cut patterns for tracing
- Carve erasers



"Two words: SCIENCE PROJECT!! My daughter came home all excited for the Science Fair. Her project was the human brain! There is a lot of cutting and pasting that goes with a project of this magnitude! I have 5 girls all still in school. They are always cutting and pasting! Always!"

Sheri S., Maine



MAKES LEARNING FUN!

"I use an X-ACTO knife to cut corkboard pieces and make it into a map of the USA to help kids learn geography."

Jenny Z., Texas

When you're looking for a handy, multi-use blade, look no further than the classic #11. But when it's time to chisel, carve or saw, check out X-ACTO's wide collection of specialty knives. Learn which blades work best for your next project.

X-ACTO BLADES



#10 General Purpose Blade

- For general purpose cutting, carving, and slicing of light weight materials
- Easily cuts paper, balsa, bass wood, plastic, light cardboard, vinyl, rubber, and foam



#12 Mini Curved Carving Blade

- For delicate paper cutting, stenciling and detailed carving
- Easily cuts paper, film, plastic, bass wood, rubber and foam

USES TYPE A HANDLE



#11 Classic Fine Point Blade

- For delicate, precision cutting, trimming, and stripping
- Easily cuts paper, plastic, balsa, thin metal, cloth, film, and acetate



#16 Scoring Blade

- For delicate stenciling, cutting and scoring
- Easily cuts paper, plastic, balsa and decals



#17 Lightweight Chiseling Blade

- For precision chiseling
- Easily chisels balsa wood, linoleum, bass wood and plastic



#2 Large Fine Point Blade

- For precision cutting of medium to heavy weight materials
- Easily cuts wood, paper, plastic, metal, film and acetate



#22 Large Curved Carving Blade

- For heavy cuts and initial shaping, carving, trimming and slicing
- Easily cuts balsa wood, linoleum, plastic, rubber and foam

USES TYPE B & C HANDLE



#15 Keyhole Saw Blade

- For small interior cuts
- Easily cuts paper, plastic, balsa, thin metal, cork and foam



#23 Corner Stripping Blade

- For corner cuts and trimming in tight areas
- Easily cuts wood, linoleum, plastic, rubber and foam



#26 Whittling Blade

- For whittling and trimming
- Easily cuts wood, linoleum, plastic, rubber and foam



#18 Heavyweight Wood Chiseling Blade

- For deep cross and smooth wood chiseling
- Easily chisels balsa wood, linoleum, bass wood and plastic



#24 Deburring Blade

- For deburring, stripping and gasket cutting especially with close corner cuts
- Easily cuts wood, linoleum, plastic, rubber and foam



#28 Concave Carving Blade

- For whittling and curved shaping
- Easily cuts balsa wood, leather, linoleum and plastic



#19 Angled Wood Chiseling Blade

- For light chiseling, rough shaping, deburring and trimming
- Easily cuts wood, linoleum, plastic, rubber and foam



#25 Large Contoured Blade

- For heavy pressure cutting, carving and trimming
- Easily cuts wood, linoleum, plastic, rubber and foam

Blades shown actual size

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