Basic Tools

An X-Acto knife

A cutting board, one of the "self-healing" mats is best

Various sizes of metal binder clips, clothes pins, or small clamps

Toothpicks for applying White Glue

Felt-tip markers or colored pencils in various colors

Glue - White Glue and glue sticks are a good start

Scissors

Ruler (any straight edge will do) a steel rule is recommended

T Pin or ???

Optional Tools

Beading tool

Needle nose pliers

Strop

Canning wax

Paper

Smooth bond paper

Wausau 110 lb Premium Cardstock

Neenah 65 lb Premium Cardstock (Optional)

Quick safety hints

No rolling knifes!

Wrap those dead blades

Basic Cutting

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Poke inside corners with T-Pin or other needle tool

Bending

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Glueing

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There are hundreds of tips and ideas documented here - http://www.cardfaq.org/faq/ Clever Models' Tips and Tricks - http://clevermodels.squarespace.com/tips-tricks/

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