

## Knives and Swords

### Technique Discussion:

Costume props are a common demand of the prop designer. These objects will be used by the actors/actress and will occasionally break. It's a good idea to make back-up props just in case.

### Activity:

**Supplies:** Cardboard, box cutter, marker, Duct tape, black paint, brushes, water, *Knife/Sword Example.*

**Time:** 15 - 20 minutes per knife or sword with one student working.

**Note to Instructor:** *Students will want to start playing with these automatically. They should be reminded that play-acting during class time is against the rules.*

**Instructor Prep work:** Be prepared to use the box cutter.

**Students Examples:** [DSCN0649.JPG](#)

1. Have students draw the knife or sword onto the cardboard using the marker. These objects should be life size.
2. The instructor should use the box cutter to cut out the objects.
3. Cover the metal part of the knife or sword with the duct tape.
4. Paint the handle black, and allow time to dry before using.
5. Detailed designs can be drawn onto the duct tape, if desired.

Knife / Sword  
Examples

