Getting Started

Part One

Angles... the more you know about angles the easier it is to understand the Glass Shop.

Don't let fig. 1 overwhelm you... the 21 angles are only six glass shop settings. The 90° line divides fig. 1 into left and right sides... red and black numbers on each *red line* use the same Glass Shop setting... angles on the left use the same Glass Shop setting as the same angle on the right.

In fig. 2, 45° being less than 90° is called a closed angle... 135° being greater than 90° is an open angle.



The three shapes in fig. 3 were created with the same length lines... think of the square as 2" by 2" and it becomes obvious that you will need 2" wide strips to make several squares. The angle makes the side lines look shorter than that of the square but they are the same. When you make the diamonds, the width of the glass strip





needed is less than the square... the importance of this is... *the strips needed to make the diamonds must be measured from one side to the opposite side at a 90° angle*.

The mitered borders and the four shapes shown in fig. 4 use all six settings shown in fig. 1. Because practice is what will make you accomplished with the Glass Shop, use the four shapes shown in fig. 4 as tutorial projects.



To use fig. 4 for practice, you must round up a substantial supply of double strength window glass... often stores that replace broken house windows have a lot of scrap that can be bargained for.

The size of the practice projects is not important... make a square, octagon, hexagon or pentagon... next make a border around the shape... the width of the border can be any size you want.

Resist the temptation to start right

now... read all of the getting started section first... most of your questions will be answered with a few simple glass cutting exercises.

Proper use of the glass cutter and learning to score well on either side of the Cutting Bar are important things to learn first.

ccuracy with the Glass Shop is the Acombination of good scoring and glass breaking technique combined with the correct setup. The easy part is the setup... the Glass Shop instructions will show you how to setup for strips or trapezoids... the harder part is the scoring and breaking... good technique for scoring against the cutting bar and then breaking the score will require some playful practice on window glass... playful practice will give you a chance to make a few mistakes and learn from them.

the cutter toward the bar... just 5° of tilt will result in a 1/32" error... in fig. 5d with the cutter tilted away from the bar the error is less but still a ¹/₄" error.

The cutter wheel runs ½ cutter width away from the cutting bar and it is important this allowance be made accurately. The Glass Shop has features that allow for glass cutter but the cutter must be the correct width. The Toyo Supercutter and Fletcher Scoremaster were used to develop the Glass Shop and are examples of cutters that work well... study fig. 5e.

A frequent cause of inaccuracy is a burr or flare... fig. 6a shows a flare. Flares are often caused by poor scores and uneven pressure on each side of the score during the break.

Burrs are like flares but are usually caused by the angle of the scoreline to the edge of the glass... see fig. 6b.

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The 60° angle used to make the equal triangle will usually not yield a burr... however, uneven pressure during the break can cause a burr and often a flare. The 45° angle used in a mitered corner will almost always yield a burr when you make the break... a good score and good breaking technique will give less burr.





The Safety Break and the Quick Angle Kit are tools that will help you be more accurate... see box below.



The Angle Copy, Scale and Glass Stop are parts of the Quick Angle Kit (PG02).



with accuracy are due

to a lack of knowledge about how the glass cutter is held against the cutting bar.

In fig. 5a the glass cutter is being pulled down the bar with the cutter wheel following ... lean the cutter handle back in the direction of the score and pull the cutter toward yourself.

In fig. 5b the cutter has no side tilt. Keeping the cutter from tilting is very important both for accuracy and a good score.

Fig. 5c is showing the effect of tilting

Getting Started

Surface Markings

Part One

Use a lead pencil to mark your surface... this is important and it will take only a few minutes.

The surface dots divide the surface into left and right sides... the numbers you add will connect the dots... a dot assumes the number between two numbers (*dot between 6 and 8 is 7*).

Top numbers and dots are used with the Bar Locks to set angles... lower numbers and dots are used with the Glass Stop to set sizes... Bar Lock and Glass Stop settings on one side can easily be transferred to the other side.





Practice... the secret to understanding the Glass Shop is practice... the following exercise should be helpful. Before you get started you should look over pages 1 - 12... don't let the information overwhelm you. One of the problems with trying to learn by reading the directions has to do with too much information.

Too much information... if you wanted to make a simple jewelry box you would already know the general size and color of the box... since all the parts are various sizes of rectangles you only have to know about strips and rectangles... the instructions for strip cutting is on pages 2 and 3... instructions for rectangles is on page 5. The rest of the directions can be left for another day... why stew over a pentagon when the rectangle will do.

We find that most problems are related to scoring and breaking glass. Hopefully you will gain a great deal of general information by doing the following exercise. As you become comfortable with scoring against the cutting bar you will have less trouble following the directions.

Your success with the Glass Shop will be directly related to your glass working skills. How much time you spend on the following exercise has a lot to do with your glass experience. If you have been working with glass for years, you may feel comfortable scoring on both sides of the bar after a few minutes. If you are just learning, you may need several hours of scoring and breaking practice before you go on to make something.

You will need a supply of double strength (¼") window glass. The Safety Break (SB01), shown on page B, is optional, but strongly recommended as a breaking tool... now let's get started. Most shapes, made on the Glass Shop, start with a glass strip. You will be no more accurate with the Glass Shop than the glass strips you start with. The strip cutting, shown on page 2 and 3, is the most important and the most difficult part of the Glass Shop. Even though this exercise starts with 3" strips, strip cutting is not a good place to start your practice session. If cutting the strips is a problem for you, get some help.

Step 1... Cut at least two 3" glass strips... any length (see pages 2 & 3).

Step 2... Set a 90° angle using your Squaring Block *(see page 5)*.

Step 3... Use your Sizing Scale to set the Glass Stop at 1"... the raised post on the Sizing Scale is allowing for the glass cutter (see fig. 8). Step 4... Position your glass strip as seen in fig. 9a if you are right handed. If you are left handed you may want to start with fig. 9b. Score and break 1" pieces until you are automatic and completely comfortable with the score and break... have someone watch you score to be sure you are not tilting your glass cutter... show them fig. 5 on page B so they know what to look for.

Step 5... When you are sure that step 4 is going great... reverse the setup as in 9b and start learning to score on the opposite side of the Cutting Bar. Have someone watch you score again... tilting the cutter will make your settings inaccurate.

Note... Keep comparing your pieces... the goal is to make them all the same.



Tutorial Exercise

Components



Strip Cutting

Fig. 10 can only be used with strips wider than 1¾"... it should be used as an optional setup when the standard setup, shown in fig. 11, cannot be used.



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Fig. 13 is used when the starting edge is not straight... because it is easier to remove the starting scrap from a smaller strip, you should do the following: Set the both Blocks larger than the strip size needed (usually about ½" to ¾" will do)... setup as shown and score and break the piece... note the arrow... in Fig. 14 you see the strip turned end for end... Blocks set to the needed strip size... you will use the extra glass to hold the #1 strip in place while you make the 2nd score...

> Left Handed Qut92

remove the starting scrap.

If your starting edge is straight, you need only set the Blocks to the size needed as shown in fig. 11 ... skip figs. 13 and 14 and use fig. 15 if it applies.

Fig. 13

Make this your standard strip cutting setup... once you are accustomed to holding the glass and Cutting Bar to the Blocks you will find it a very efficient strip cutting method... you must use this setup for strips less than 1³/₄".

> The Measuring Blocks allow for the glass cutter when you set to the mark indicated by the arrows... see page B for more about the cutter against the Cutting Bar.

> > Left Handed... turn page upside down strip Cutition, with the Measuring Blocks... you pull the cutter toward yourself... tion of the glass cutter... just remember wour set into glass cutter... wou of the glass cutter... wou of the glass cutter... wou set into a set to solve the glass of the solve to a set to solve the glass would be a set to solve to s

Fig. 12

You can use the Bar Locks to hold the Cutting Bar... this is an option that some users find helpful.



Fig. 11



Angle and size settings with the Glass Shop are recorded in a simple code. The code gives the surface square location and the scale setting of the Bar Locks and Glass Stop.

You can quickly learn how to make angle and size settings by making the settings on your Glass Shop. With your Glass Shop and Surface ready, find **page C** and **page 9**... we will refer to diagrams on these pages.

Four things you must remember!

(one) Angle settings for the Mini Surface and Maxi Surface are different. (two) The round post, of the Bar Lock and Glass Stop, is plugged into the square you are told to use. (three) When the Cutting Bar is angled to the left, the black knob of the Bar Lock is on the left side of the Bar. (four) When the Bar is angled to the right, the knob is on the right.



On the preset angle diagrams, the red print is the code that tells where to place Bar Lock. The **P** simply means **P**osition and the number is one of the numbers you added to the upper part of your surface. *A number on the left has the same number on the right*.



The **S4Lg** on the Maxi 72° and **S4Sm** on the Mini 72° are scale settings. Study the diagram above... it shows all the options for scale settings. Use "closed" sparingly... usually you can move to a square that will give you a scale setting... this is better because you can increase or decrease without moving to a new square.

You can learn a great deal about your Glass Shop by setting the five preset angles. Use **page 9** as a setup guide... your Bar Lock positions will differ from **page 9** but the general setup is the same as the following instructions:

1) Setup Squaring Fence, Cutting Bar and Bar Spacer on your Surface.

2) Set the Bar Lock scale to a 72° setting... use the code... check to see if you match the diagram.

3) Use the Position number to locate the square used for 72° on the left side

Angle and Size Codes

of the Surface... correct locations are shown on the left side of fig. 7a or fig. 7b... plug in the Bar Lock and swing the Cutting Bar into position.

4) When both left and right angle is needed... set the 1st Bar Lock... duplicate scale setting to the 2nd Bar Lock using the overlap method... plug into the opposite marked square. Use the diagram in the center of fig. 7b to duplicate your 1st 72° setting.

5) The lower numbers and dots are used with the Glass Stop. Study the lower right section of fig. 7b... place your Glass Stop on the Surface as shown in fig. 7b. Use the black knob as your reference point... the Horizontal row is 3... the Vertical row is 10... a simple code for this is H3V10.

6) Move the Stop down 3 rows... you are now in the Fence row... use this row most of the time... the code can be simplified to F10... since the Stop is on the Right side of center the Stop is at F10R... if your scale setting is S1Lg the size setting is F10R S1Lg.



Portable Glass Shop 90° Squares & Rectangles

Part Three









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Angle Copy & Sizing Scale



In Step 3, use the Angle Copy without the Bar Lock to determine the correct square for the Bar Lock. *The correct square will be the first numbered or dotted square to the right of the Cutting Bar that is completely exposed.* With the Bar Lock in the correct square... black knob loosened... use the Angle Copy to adjust the Cutting Bar to the correct angle... tighten the black knob.

Step 4, 5 and **6** will help you learn to use the Sizing Scale.

Page 14 is a tutorial... do it a few times you will know how to use the Angle Copy and the Sizing Scale.

Step 4

Measure the base of the trapezoid... the post on the lower left corner of the Sizing Scale when moved against the bar allows for the glass cutter.

Patterns can be distorted... the Angle Copy will help you find and correct the angle... the Sizing Scale will help set the size and allow for the glass cutter.

Number your Mini Surface or Maxi Surface first *(See Part One, page C)*. Numbers on the left are the same as numbers on the right.

The Angle Copy and Sizing Scale set the angle and size on the right side first. Any angle or size can be easily transferred to the opposite side by duplicating the tail setting of the set Bar Lock or Glass Stop and placing it in a square with the same number or dot on the opposite side. In **Step 1** the Angle Copy is matched to the baseline and the left side of the pattern... tighten the knob.

In Step 2 (without changing the setting from Step 1) check the right lower corner... if it does not match the left corner you must correct the trapezoid angles before proceeding. Page 14 has detailed instructions on making the correction.







make trapezoids with the "A", "B"

the examples on the right side.

and "C" angles and compare them to

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you can duplicate the setting... butt the tail of the unset Bar Lock to the tail of the set Bar Lock... tighten the knob.