

SPECIAL GRAPHICS TOOLS

SCISSORS: A descent pair of **bent-handled** scissors will cost about \$8-9.

OLFA KNIFE: There are other makes of snap-off knives, just make sure that you get one with a good blade-locking mechanism. \$6-10

SMALL EXACTO KNIFE: Get what's called the "Number 1" handle. It's about the size of a pencil, and costs around \$4. Use the pointed #11 blades.

LARGE EXACTO KNIFE: Great for making curved contour cuts in foamcore. It's the "Number 2" handle, and works best with a #2 blade. \$4-5.

SQUEEGEE: You can buy them at a Sign Supply Store, or make your own. You'll learn how to make one in class.

PLASTIC SCRAPER: Comes in handy for removing graphics, tape, goo, etc., without causing damage to the background material. I'll tell you how to make one.

SHARPIES: A pack of assorted "Fine Points" works well for general marking purposes, and for touch-up. \$2-3.

STABILO MARKERS: Non-permanent layout pencils. Get a light colored one, and a dark colored one; **any color but red**. About \$1.50 each at an Art Store.

MAGIC MARKER: It doesn't have to be a "Magic Marker" brand, but don't get the real cheap ones because they leak.

GLUE STICK: Very useful for making all kinds of paper repairs. Keep it in a small plastic baggie.

PUSH PINS: Ideal for holding down banners and other hard to manage materials while you work on them. Buy "Moore's" brand aluminum head pins (the plastic ones break too easily). Hard to find, but Patrick's Office Supply on Market St. still carries them.

WHITE ERASER: The type that's used for drafting. Won't leave an ugly pink stain when you erase your layout lines.