MODEL MAKING 101 - CUTTING CARD

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Cutting mat.
Metal safety rule.
Craft knife such as a scalpel, ACM knife, Utility knife or similar.

PROTECT YOUR SURFACE

Use a cutting mat (you can also use firm cardboard to protect the surface).

CHECK YOUR KNIFE

The blade must be sharp, this is best achieved with a new blade.
If your blade is not sharp it will be more difficult to make your cut and you may go 'off course' where accidents are more likely.

PREPARE FOR THE CUT

Place the metal ruler on the material you are cutting, hold the rule firmly with your fingers in the safety groove running the length of the ruler.

COMMENCE YOUR CUT

Hold the knife firmly but not gripping too hard, keeping it as vertical as possible, start to make your cut. It is important not to push too hard, just let the blade find its way through the material.

TAKE YOUR TIME

Make as many cuts as needed to cut through the material and don't rush it!