QuickTips: Glass Cutting

You don’t “cut” glass; you score, then break it.

Score the Glass
Hold cutter wheel perpendicular to glass surface. Use just enough pressure to create a gentle “hiss” sound as the cutter wheel rolls. A score must always start at one glass edge and end at another glass edge.

Breaking and Running a Score
For straight cuts, straddle the score with thumbs, snap glass down and away.

On more challenging cuts, “run” the score before breaking it. Run from both ends if needed.

Using the Breaking Pliers
Use Breaking Pliers when pieces are too small to grasp safely. Pull down and away.

Breaking Pliers can also be used to remove unwanted bits of glass.

Always score glass from edge to edge using steady, even pressure.