**HOW CHOCOLATE FOREVER KEEPS OLFA KNIFES SHARP**

*The splendid story of blade master Okada, chocolate and OLFA cutters*

Japanese master blade maker Yoshi Okada often pondered the eternal question of how to keep a knife super sharp. Okada San also loved chocolate. One evening, as he broke a block off a slab of finest chocolate, he had a eureka moment... What if he created a blade with chocolate bar-like segments? So each time your knife went blunt, you’d simply break the end segment off? Surely that would leave the next segment sharp, and ready to cut.

Inspired like never before and armed with his chocolate block, Yoshi headed straight to his knife shop and started experimenting. Before too long, he had created a segmented blade, to simply crack the end segment off, every time its tip went blunt. To keep the blade super-sharp. Next Okada developed a system to easily shift the segmented blade further out of its sheath every time, and his first OLFA segmented blade Snap-Off Blade Cutter was born. The rest, as they say, is history.

A world leader in blades, knives and cutters, Yoshi Okada’s OLFA Corporation has gone on to sell millions of cutters, knives, and blades around the world. OLFA’s impeccable range is freely available throughout Southern Africa too, backed and supported by Vermont Sales. There’s quite simply an OLFA blade, knife, cutter, and accessory for every plausible cut.

The OLFA range includes a broad variety 9 millimetre to 12.5, 18.25 mm cutters, each with its own selection of blade types to suit any application. More specialised original OLFA ranges include art knives and blades, compass, and rotary cutters, as well as broad ranges of touch knives, scrapers, and scissors. Each with its own variety of blades. OLFA accessories include cutter holsters, storage solutions and more. You can even get an OLFA hoodie!

Among OLFA’s latest products, the durable new stainless steel blade SK-16 safety pull cutter is ideal for any unpacking job. It has a broader, easy to change blade to slice through thicker materials. And a metal tip to most effectively slit tape. The OLFA SK-16 will cut through anything, from double-walled cartons to heavy-duty paperboard and rubber sheets. It also easily deals with stretch film and strapping bands.

Other latest specials waiting for you at [www.olfa.co.za](http://www.olfa.co.za) include a fibreglass reinforced ratchet lock utility knife, a 30-degree stainless steel precision knife, and the self-retracting stainless steel safety knife. Also check the CK2 craft knife and ergonomic 60 mm rotary cutter out, as well as rotary cutting mats, and so much more. Order yours now online, or find, touch, feel and buy any of OLFA’s fine cutting tools at a hardware or tool store in your neighbourhood.

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