

In today's tumultuous world, toast is a near certainty. You will encounter toast in schools, on airplanes, near hydroelectric dams, and even in diners. Knowing your toast -- being able to assess its operational capabilities with a single glance -- is therefore essential for all personnel.

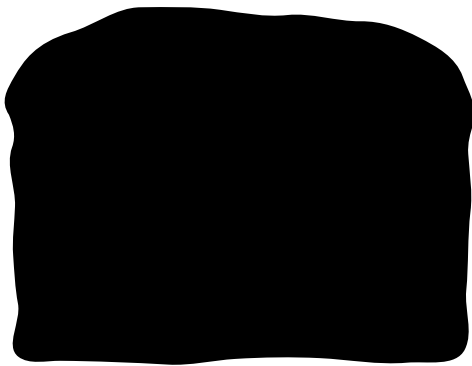
This **Harry's Guide** will prepare you to recognize common toast cuts based on their outlines, and to associate each outline with the operational characteristics of the cut as measured by our experts on the five-point PHTM™ scale:

Prep Time:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
Impact of the cut on overall toast preparation time. 1: negligible, 5: significant.	Impact of the cut on toast handling. 1: awkward, 5: handy.	Impact of the cut on crumb output. 1: crummy, 5: clean.	Impact of the cut on threat level. 1: negligible, 5: advanced, persistent.

Drill these silhouettes each morning, before heading into the breakfast zone. Effective breakfast operators **C.A.E.R.™: Categorize, Assess, React to, and Eat** toast.

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## Null Cut



Silhouette

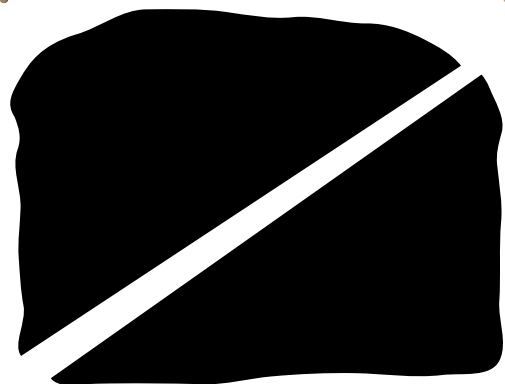
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1	1	1	2

Assessment

Reduced portability, increased mess. Lower prep time. May indicate hasty improvisation or a novice breakfast operator.

Description

## Diner Diagonal



Silhouette

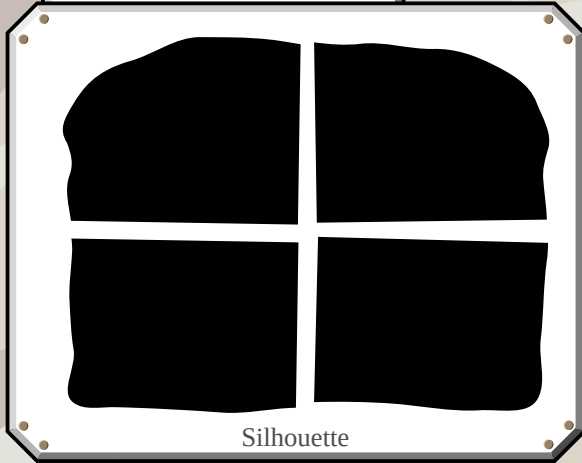
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2	2	2	2

Assessment

A compromise cut, provides slight mess reduction with acute nibbling corners vs null cut. Antiquated, but underestimate it at your own peril. Also deployed for sandwiches and toast-sandwich hybrids (grilled cheese).

Description

## Checker



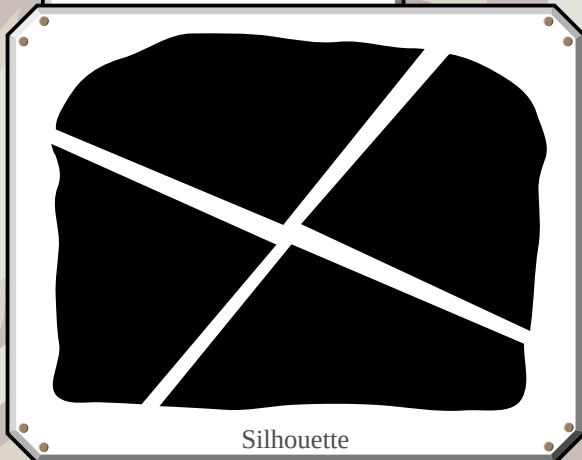
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Prep:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
2	1	2	2

A four-piece cut used by breakfast irregulars and conscripted forces. Almost never deployed by professional breakfast operators. No handling benefit over the null cut, but increased prep time.

### Description

## Windmill



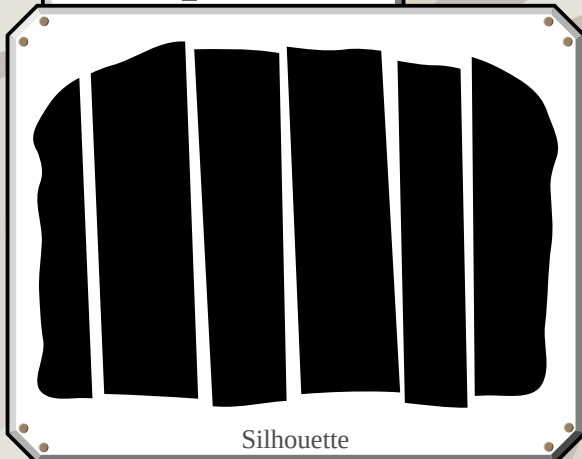
### Assessment

Prep:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
3	4	3	5

An experimental cut beginning to be adopted by major breakfast powers with established supply lines. Increased handling speed and decreased mess relative to the basic cuts. Requires careful knife handling during preparation. Do not attempt to field improvise. If deployed against a windmill exercise caution -- your adversary is prepared.

### Description

## Speed



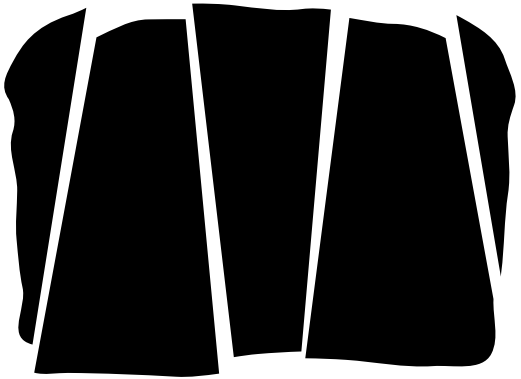
### Assessment

Prep:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
2	5	2	3

The speed cut prioritizes handling above all else. Used by breakfast operators who want to get in; get out; go, go, go! Surprisingly clean, despite the handling focus.

### Description

## Princess



Silhouette

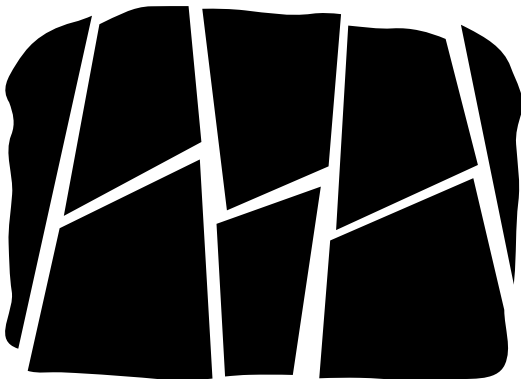
### Assessment

Prep:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
5	3	3	3

The princess cut is used only by the most discerning breakfast operators. The dainty trapezoids evoke the faceted cuts of heritable mineral wealth. If you need to ask about the prep time you probably can't afford it.

### Description

## Teatime



Silhouette

### Assessment

Prep:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
5	4	5	4

The teatime cut adds a zesty flare to the Princess cut by diagonally bisecting the middle trapezoids. Enjoyed by truly grizzled breakfast operators who have seen enough of the chaos of life to know that a cup of calming tea is to be savored wholeheartedly with a spot of toast.

### Description

## Herringbone



Silhouette

### Assessment

Prep:	Handling:	Mess:	Threat:
5	5	4	5

A highly-adaptable cut that can mimic the princess cut, windmill cut, and speed cut. More complex to prepare and plan for, this cut is used exclusively by experienced breakfast operators who need the ultimate in adaptability.

### Description

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A breakfast operator is always prepared! Design your own tactical toast cuts.

