



Top Tips for Scissor Skills

Learning to use scissors is a useful skill

Before learning to use scissors

To use scissors you need to be able to have good strength and control in your arms and hands. Some fun activities to work on this include lego, stickle bricks, making models from playdoh or clay, tweezer games e.g. operation and bed bugs, putting clothes pegs on shapes e.g. a round circle for a face and placing them to be someone's hair and tearing paper to make collages,

Starting to use scissors

First practise how to hold the scissors and how to open and close them. Then you can try using them for simple projects i.e. to put a fringe around a circle to create a lion's mane, cutting straws into small pieces to make a snake or a necklace, and cutting up thin strips of paper into squares to make a collage.

Developing scissor skills

To learn to cut in a straight line punch lots of holes into a piece of paper and practise cutting from one hole to the next. You could also try gluing two lollipop sticks or straws on a piece of paper, starting by placing them quite wide apart and practise cutting between them. You can decrease the distance as you improve. Then you can simply draw lines on paper and practise this way.

A step further

Next try cutting between the lines of a zig zag pattern learning to change direction and then curves and finally to cut around shapes including a square, triangle and circle.

