

Sequence of Scissors Skills



1- Cutting Playdoh:

- When cutting Playdoh, children use simple snipping motions, opening and closing their hands. This works on the movement for cutting and improves hand strength.

2- Making Fringe:

- Making fringe is the next developmental step of beginning scissors skills.

3- Snipping:

- Snipping is the next step. Children can snip half-inch strips of construction paper. This addresses the movement a child uses to cut as well as hand strength.

4- Straight Lines:

- Cutting straight lines requires continuous opening and closing of scissors in a rhythm, with one hand cutting and the other hand holding and moving the paper.

5- Zig Zags:

- This is the first step in which a child changes direction while cutting. This builds more advanced scissors control and precision. This calls for good visual monitoring as well.

6- Curves:

- This step continues to work on a child's bilateral (two-handed) skills.

7- Spirals:

- This step allows for more practice with turning a page while cutting. Making spirals requires almost constant planning, sequencing, and hand movement.

8- Circles:

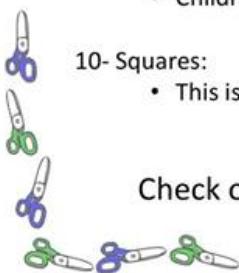
- Children continue to improve hand strength and planning. A child is not expected to cut exactly on the lines of a circle, but within a ½ inch or so of the line.

9- Right Angles:

- Children master turning the page while cutting, readjusting their hands as they go.

10- Squares:

- This is the final step in beginning scissors skills!



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