



Developing Scissor Skills

1. Practise snipping

- Snip across straws – they can be used later for threading
- Make slime and pour out on a rack over a table. Snip the slime ribbons as they fall.
- Grow a grass head and practise snipping its hair as it grows.
- Make a fringe by snipping the edges of a sheet of paper
- Snip thin strips of paper (no wider than 1 inch)
- Punch holes or place stickers along the edge of a sheet of paper and snip up to the hole or sticker.



2. Cutting along a straight line

- Practise cutting along thick lines first, then progress to thinner lines.
- Cut in between a path made of string, drinking straws or lollipop sticks.
- Place stickers along the line as a visual guide
- Make paper chains – cut strips of card then glue the strips into circles, interlocking them to make a chain.
- Paper lantern – Fold a piece of paper in half lengthways; make cuts an inch apart starting at the folded edge and stopping an inch before you reach the end. Once all lines have been cut, open out and stick the two short ends together to make a lantern. Cut additional strips from another piece of paper for a handle and streamers.



3. Cut around angles (e.g. square or triangle)

- Make some playing cards to play matching pairs. Draw a box around each picture to cut out along the lines.
- Make shape pictures – cut out individual (angled) shapes – try and make a house, a rocket or a Christmas tree.
- Make a shopping list - draw a box around pictures from magazines and catalogues – cut around them and stick them onto your list.
- Draw continuous concentric squares, cutting along the lines to make a decoration that can be hung up.

4. Cut around curves and circles

- Use finger paints to follow the path of the curve and then cut along this path once the paint has dried.
- Glue string to make a curved path and cut in between.
- Draw continuous concentric circles, cutting along the line to make a snake
- Make curve/circle shape pictures – can you make a flower?
- Draw pizza slices and cut out tomatoes and pepperoni to go on top.