



# Developing scissor skills

## Activity card 2

### Learning objective

Holding scissors correctly. Opening and closing scissors with one hand. Snipping a variety of materials.

### Choosing the correct scissors:

Which hand does the child use ? Left/right handed scissors.

Can he open/close the scissors ? Squeezy/self opening scissors

Do you have to help hold the scissors ? Dual control scissors

### Activities

Teach the children the following rhyme to help remind them how to hold the scissors:

**Fingers on the bottom, thumb on top.  
Open up the scissors and chop, chop, chop.**

Practice snipping different materials - those materials with a degree of rigidity will be easier to hold with one hand while the other hand uses the scissors to cut. Provide a tray of different materials :

Straws (make necklaces !)

Strips of card

Pieces of construction paper

Playdough