



Developing scissor skills

Activity card 4

Learning objective

Holding scissors correctly. Opening and closing scissors with one hand. Cutting along a straight line.

Skills to be taught:

Point out that the tips of the scissors must follow the line you are cutting along. Encourage the child to look at the point of the scissors. If the child finds this difficult, draw attention to it by putting a blob of bright paint on the tips.

Demonstrate how to line up the blades of the scissors along the line to be cut.

Encourage the child to hold the paper lightly with the free hand, near to where he/she will cut to avoid tearing. Explain that he/she should not pull on the paper, the scissors should do the work.

Activities

For children who need more sensory guidance - glue two thin strips of card along a piece of sugar paper (like train tracks) ask the child to cut between them. See attached example. Use self opening scissors if required.

Cut along a thick line (1 cm thick or more) - see attached cutting guide.