

## Scissor skills

Before a child can successfully cut with a pair of scissors, they must have enough muscle strength to control the scissors. They must also be able to coordinate both hands to hold paper, and cut. When cutting, the thumb should be in the "up" position.

To work on scissor skills:

- begin by cutting straws, play-dough, sandpaper, yarn, etc
- use heavier weight paper (index cards)
- start by snipping the edges
- work on cutting 8 ½", then work up to 11"
- work on cutting straight lines, then progress to square shapes, and lastly curves/circles