



Developing scissor skills

Activity card 3

Learning objective

Holding scissors correctly. Opening and closing scissors with one hand. Making consecutive cuts with a forward motion (snipping along the edge of a piece of paper).

Activities

Provide the children with wide strips of paper. Show them how to snip along the edge of a piece of paper (eg to make grass for a farm picture or use the fringes to make paper flowers). You may need to hold one side of the paper. Ensure that the child uses just one hand to cut with.

This step comes before cutting across a whole page where repeated cuts are needed along the same 'line'.

Provide children with wide strips of paper and ask them to cut across the whole strip - uses the pieces for collage activities.

Try glueing pieces of thin cardboard to either side of a piece of construction paper, leaving about an inch or two of space down the middle. Then encourage the child to cut between the two pieces. The resulting pieces can be made into a craft activity--butterflies, airplanes, etc.