



Developing scissor skills

Activity card 5

Learning objective

Holding scissors correctly. Opening and closing scissors with one hand. Cutting along a curved line. Cutting out circles.

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.

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

Cut a rough outline first - thus removing an unmamagable mass of paper.

Encourage the child to hold the paper lightly with the free hand, near to where he/she will cut to avoid tearing. The card holding hand has to move constantly round the circle at the same time as the other hand cuts with the scissors.

Activities

Try cutting a coiled line round the edge of a paper plate. Move on to making spiral snakes.