



Scissor Skills



Why Are Scissor Skills Important?

Learning to use scissors correctly is an important skill for young children to learn. When you open and close scissors using the muscles in your hand you are practicing fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are essential for when children begin to learn to write.

Learning to use scissors also helps children develop hand-eye coordination. Holding the scissors in one hand and the paper in the other, children will practice watching and guiding the scissors as they move across the paper.



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Tips

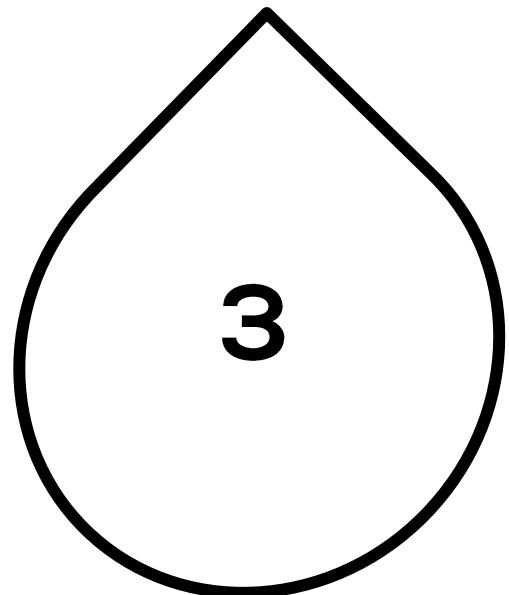
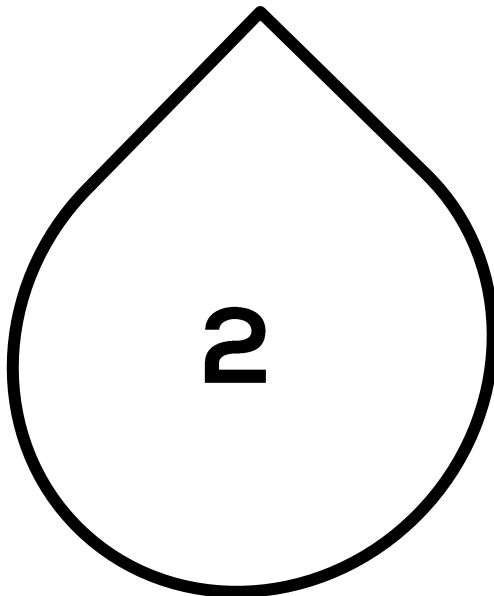
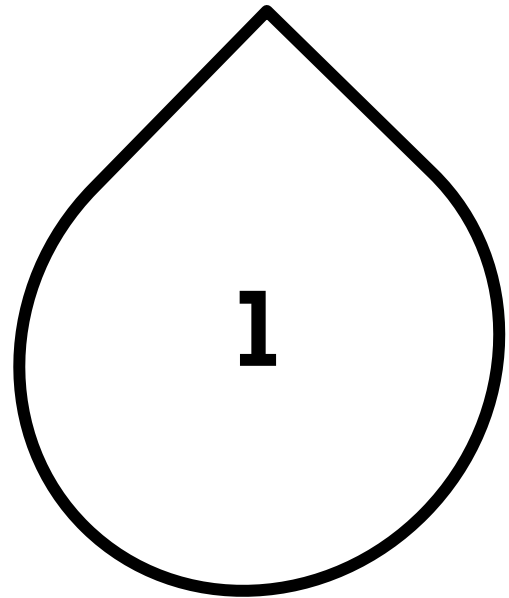
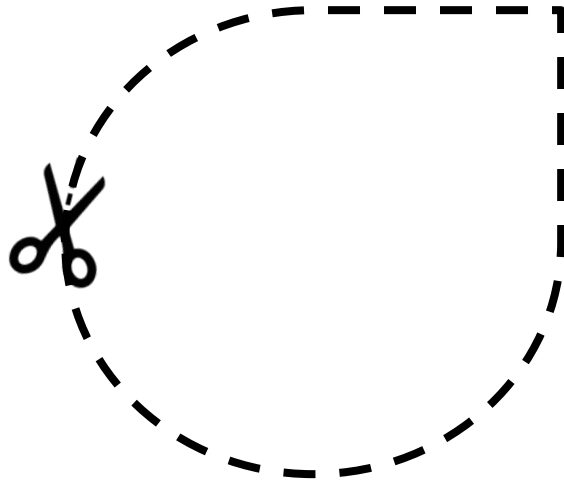
Teaching scissors skill can be frustrating for parents and kids. Take a deep breath and set yourself up for success with these tips.

1. Talk to your child about scissor safety. Explain that scissors are **ONLY** for cutting paper. Nothing else!. Also stress the importance of not walking everywhere with scissors.
2. Get a good set of scissors. It is best to start with scissors that have a blunt point, however, make sure they aren't too dull and that they are sharp enough to cut the paper.
3. Help your child correctly hold the scissors. If your child is left handed, be sure to purchase left handed scissors.

Start slow and remember... Practice Makes Perfect!

Lets Cut Out

Tear Drop



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