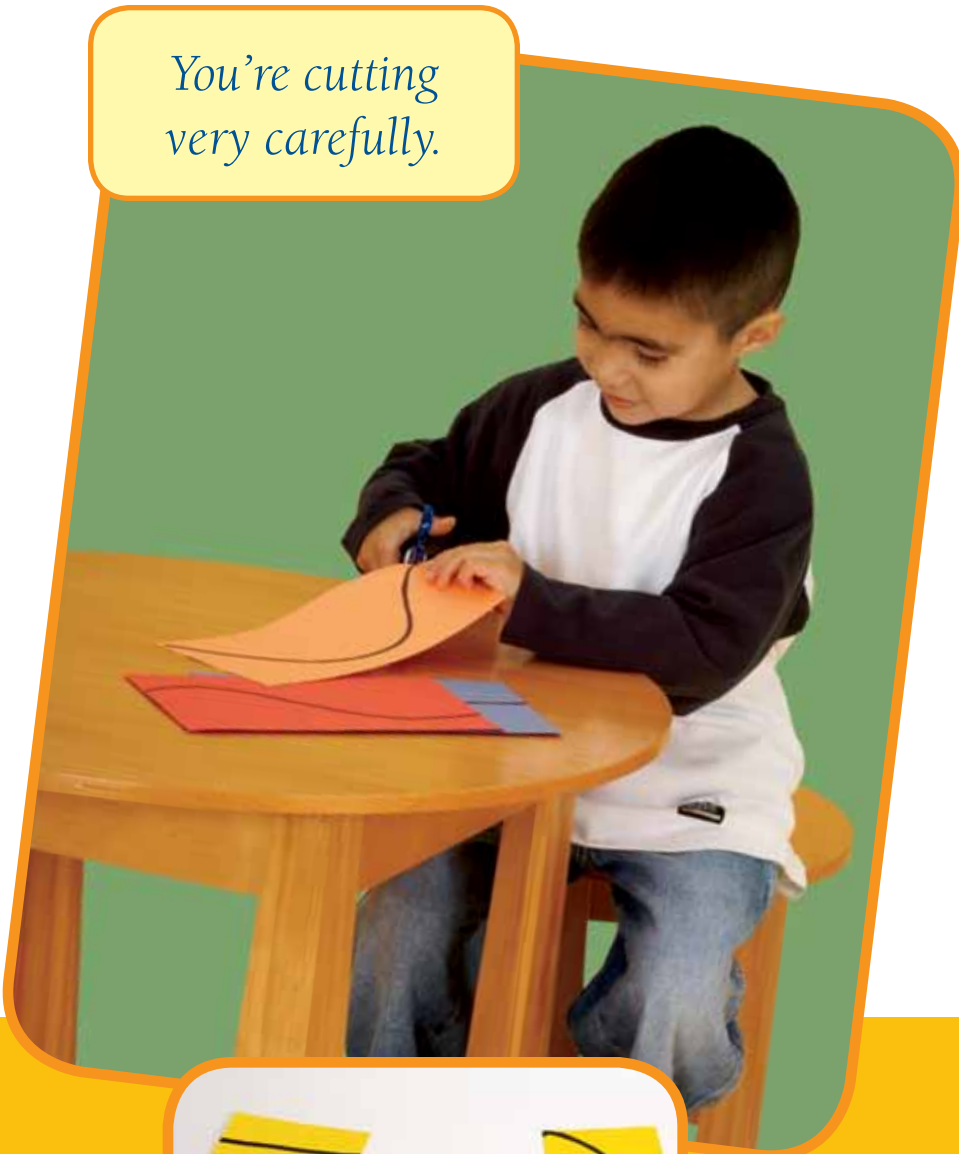


Cut New Lines

You're cutting very carefully.



Draw several types of lines on paper for your child to cut.

His hand and finger skills will increase as he practices using scissors, and your child will feel good about his growing abilities.





Why this is important

Your child can improve his scissor skills in a safe and acceptable way. An available supply of attractive practice sheets can keep him motivated and working to control his cutting. Careful and precise use of the muscles in his hands will be required in many school, work, and life activities.

What you do

- Prepare a series of sheets of paper with lines that help him develop direction in his cutting.
- Make thick lines on thick paper such as construction paper or cut up grocery bags.
- Start with thick, straight lines on the paper. Eventually, make thin straight lines, and then try wavy lines.
- Demonstrate for your child how to cut along the thick, straight line.
- Invite him to practice cutting on whichever lines he feels most comfortable.
- Talk about the shapes he creates and use words such as *straight*, *curve*, and *corner*.
- Show him how the cut pieces can fit together again: *It fits back together. You made a puzzle!*
- Offer lots of encouragement as he practices.

Ready to move on?

You can continue to challenge him by adding zigzag lines, wavy lines, circles, and more.

Let's read together!

Look! Look! Look!
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