

## Materials Needed:

- Child-safe scissors (blunt tip recommended)
  - Construction paper (various colors)
  - Paper with pre-drawn lines (straight, wavy, zig-zag) - thick lines are easier to start
  - Optional: Glue stick
  - Optional: An extra piece of paper for making a collage
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## Introduction: Scissor Safety First!

Hello! Today we're going to learn a super useful skill: how to use scissors! Scissors help us cut paper to make fun shapes and crafts. But first, we need to learn how to be safe. Rule #1: Scissors are only for cutting paper (or other things grown-ups say are okay). Rule #2: We always walk carefully when holding scissors (pointy end down!). Rule #3: We hand scissors to others handle first.

## Let's Learn to Hold Them!

Okay, let's practice holding the scissors. Put your thumb in one hole and your middle finger (and maybe your pointer finger too) in the other bigger hole. Like this! (Demonstrate). Now practice opening and closing them: Open, shut. Open, shut. Great!

## Practice Time: Snip, Snip, Snip!

1. **First Snips:** Let's start with a plain piece of paper. Hold the paper with your other hand. Use your scissors to just make little snips along the edge. Snip, snip, snip! Doesn't matter where, just get the feel of the paper cutting.
2. **Cutting Straight Lines:** Now, take the paper with the straight line drawn on it. Try to keep your scissor blades following the line. Remember: open, move forward, shut. Open, move forward, shut. Turn the paper with your helping hand as needed. Take your time!
3. **Wavy and Zig-Zag Lines:** Getting good? Let's try the wavy line! This needs more turning of the paper. Keep that helping hand busy! Now for the tricky zig-zag! Cut along one part of the 'Z', stop, turn the paper, cut the next part. You can do it!
4. **Freestyle Cutting:** If you're feeling confident, try cutting out simple shapes you draw, or just cut the paper into fun, small pieces.

## Optional Fun: Make a Collage!

Look at all the cool pieces you cut! Do you want to glue them onto another piece of paper? You can make a colorful picture or just arrange them however you like. Use the glue stick to paste them down.

## Clean Up Time!

Great job cutting! Now it's time to clean up. Let's carefully collect all the paper scraps and put them in the recycle bin or trash. Put the scissors and glue (if used) away where they belong.

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## **Conclusion: Super Scissor Skills!**

Wow, you practiced so well with the scissors today! Cutting takes practice, and you did a fantastic job trying. Keep practicing, and soon you'll be a cutting expert!