

# Cutting — Introduction to Scissors

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Introduction to proper scissor use. The child learns the correct grip and practices cutting straight lines on paper. This is indirect preparation for handwriting and develops bilateral coordination.

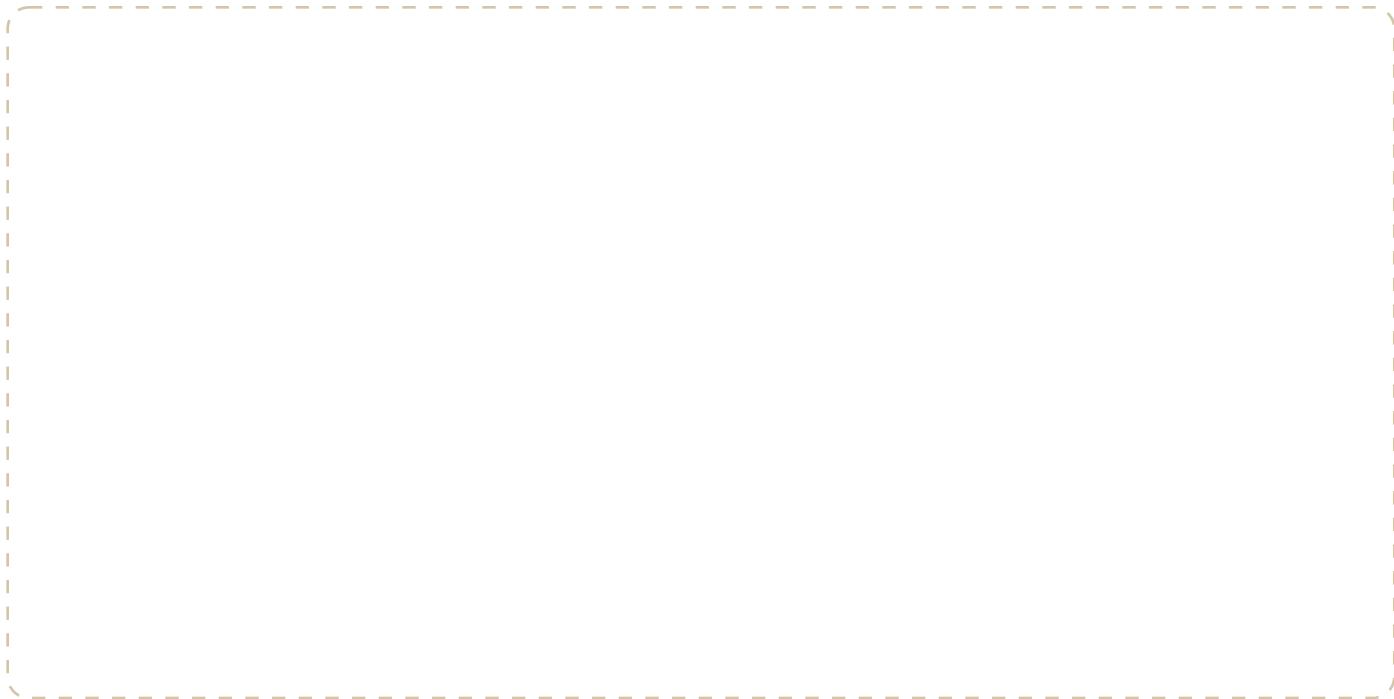
## What You Need:

- Child-safe scissors
- Paper strips (1 inch wide)
- Paper with straight lines drawn
- Small tray
- Bowl for cut pieces

## Steps:

1. Present child-safe scissors and demonstrate the grip: thumb in small hole, fingers in large hole.
2. Show how to open and close the scissors ('the alligator opens and closes its mouth').
3. Demonstrate cutting paper strips: hold paper in one hand, cut with the other.
4. Start with cutting across narrow paper strips (1-inch wide).
5. Progress to cutting along a straight line drawn on paper.
6. Collect cut pieces in a bowl for art projects.

## Work Space:



Montessori Homeschool • Print on US Letter (8.5 x 11") • Activity sheet — print on standard paper