



SCISSOR SKILLS



Tips for neater scissor cutting:

- Cut off extra paper that is around the picture/shape you want to cut out. This can be done roughly, to lessen the amount of paper around your picture.
- Both hands (in scissors and in holding the page) should be thumbs up - 'thumb to top'.
- Bring the holding hand as close to the place where you are cutting as possible – this gives you better control over the cutting. The holding hand needs to keep moving as you cut further along.
- Line up the scissor blade so it is on top of the line you want to cut before you start to close the scissors.
- You don't need to close the scissors fully – just closing it part of the way can make your cutting neater and faster and stop you cutting off bits that you want left on!
- Practise: straight lines (squares, triangles, stars, before circles, wavy lines and more complicated pictures).

People must experience success when learning a new skill. It is important that teaching of the skill starts at a level where they are challenged but successful.