

Wrist Turning Cutting Paper

There are 10 Presentations for Cutting Paper and they are as follows:

1. Straight Lines - far apart from each other horizontally
2. Straight Lines - far apart from each other vertically
3. Cutting Diagonal Lines - far apart from each other
4. Straight Lines - closer together from each other horizontally
5. Straight Lines - close together from each other vertically
6. Cutting Diagonal Lines - closer together from each other
7. Cutting Curves and Corners
8. Cutting Geometric Shapes
9. Cutting Simple Outline Pictures
10. Cutting Multi-Shape Strips

Preparation:

You will need to draw your own cutting pattern papers or purchase them at a store.

Materials:

- 1 Tray
- 1 Scissors - child sized
- 1 Piece of cutting pattern paper

Presentation:

1. Invite the child or group of children.
2. Go over to where the work is kept.
3. Take a tray and put a pair of scissors on it.
4. Take a piece of Step #1 cutting pattern paper and go to a table.
5. Hold the piece of pattern paper in your non-dominant hand.

6. Hold the scissors in your dominant hand by placing your thumb through the top loop and your index finger in the bottom loop.
7. Spread the thumb and index finger apart from each other and open the loops of the scissors.
8. Place the pattern paper between the blades of the scissors so that where the two blades meet the line on the pattern paper touches the blades.
9. Close the scissors by bringing the thumb and finger together.
10. Open and close the scissors as you cut on the line.
11. When you are finished admire your work.
12. Replace the tray and scissors where they belong.
13. Place the cutting in your folder.
14. Invite a child.

Variations and Extensions:

1. Cut spirals
2. Make the paper $\frac{1}{2}$ the original size
3. Use colored paper

Points of Interest:

1. Seeing the scissors open and shut
2. Sound of paper cutting
3. Being safe

Control of Error:

1. Can't get the scissors to open or close
2. Can't cut on the line
3. Drop the scissors

Aims:

Eye hand coordination, concentration, control, ability to cut with a scissors, independence, preparation for writing, etc.

Age:

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and up

Language:

Scissors, sharp, loops, blades, pattern, line, cut, etc.