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## STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IN CUTTING (1) - SCISSORS

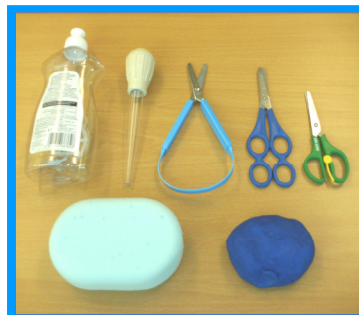
### DESCRIPTION OF STAGE

### ADULT SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Handles scissors ineffectively (e.g. two hands, weak grip).

**Adult** - Provides resources to squeeze, grip, pick up. Models how to use.

**Resources** - Dough, sponges, turkey baster, squeeze bottles, easy grip scissors, training scissors, spring assisted scissors.



Hand muscles strengthen and grip develops.

**Adult** - Models appropriate grip using double-handed trainer scissors. Encourages child to practise gripping and to strengthen hand muscles.

**Resources** - Double-handed trainer scissors/spring-loaded scissors, tongs, washing pegs.



Makes single snips. (Child finds closing scissors easier than opening them).

**Adult** - Needs to help develop movement of thumb, index and middle fingers independently of other fingers.

**Resources** - Finger rhymes, zips, small objects to pick up, thin strips of card and spring-loaded scissors, dough to snip and plastic scissors.



Makes several cuts in succession. (May cut across a small piece of card/paper).

**Adult** - Models making several cuts in succession. Physically supports the child in making this movement. Adult may hold paper.

**Resources** - Spring-balance scissors moving to small regular scissors, card and paper of various sizes.



## STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT IN CUTTING (2) - SCISSORS

## DESCRIPTION OF STAGE

Shows increasing control. Cuts along a line or roughly around a simple shape.

## ADULT SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

**Adult** - Models and assists cutting and turning paper simultaneously. Provides physical activities which encourage co-ordinating independent movement of both arms. Reinforces right-handed child cuts anti-clockwise and vice versa.

**Resources** - Old cards, pages from catalogues and magazines.



Cuts more intricate shapes and transfers cutting skills into different contexts.

**Adult** - Provides resources and opportunities for ongoing development of good cutting skills. Encourages selection of appropriate scissors for task.

**Resources** - A range of different tools and materials for cutting.

