

# DIY CUTTING KIT

## 1 || Tweezers/tongs

Use tweezers and tongs as “warm-ups” before cutting activities.

## 2 || Clothespins/clips

Have kids clip colored clothespins or other clips to matching index cards. Or write letters on clothespins and have them clip them onto paper in the correct sequence to spell their names.

## 3 || Hole punches

These make great hand strengtheners and prepare those little hands for cutting.

## 4 || Long, thin strips of paper

Perfect for kids who are just learning to move their scissors forward on the paper. It gives them quick, easy success as they only need to snip two or three times to make it all the way across the thin strip.

## 5 || Long strips of paper with lines drawn across

Give the task described above a little more structure by drawing lines across the width of the strips. Still only two or three snips, but with the added challenge of staying on the line.

## 6 || Stickers

Stickers are great to use as “targets”. It makes cutting across paper a little more interesting when you’re trying to land on a smiley face. It also helps kids coordinate the visual motor element of cutting when they can see where they’re aiming for.

## 7 || Bulletin board border

As kids cut, they automatically line their scissors up with the corrugated lines and their scissors fit right into the groove, encouraging them to cut straight forward.

## 8 || Tape

Use tape to create lines and mazes for kids to cut.

## 9 || Drinking straws

When you snip a drinking straw, the little pieces fly and bounce all over the room. And there’s really nothing more fun than making a mess, right?

## 10 || Putty or play dough

Cutting putty or play dough is another great way to provide resistance on those scissors for proprioceptive and tactile awareness. And it’s a fun and novel way for kids to get used to the open/close motion of the scissors

## 11 || Paper of different thicknesses

Have regular printer paper, card stock, craft paper, and even sand paper on hand so kids can practice cutting with different levels of resistance. Some kids have an easier time cutting thicker, more structured paper because it stays rigid in their hands.

## 12 || Decorative craft scissors

## 13 || Gummy bears or fruit snacks

Simply tear a fruit snack or gummy bear in half (exposing the sticky interior). Stick it onto the paper and have kids cut from the edge of the paper until they reach the gummy bear! A little treat as a reward!

## 14 || Wide-tipped markers

This is a convenient way to thicken the lines on the page for kids to cut.

## 15 || Thin markers

For kids who are ready for the challenge of cutting on a thinner line.