



PRESCHOOL SCISSOR DEVELOPMENT

BY AGE 2

A child should be able to open and close the scissors enough to snip the paper successfully

You may need to help position the scissors correctly in the child's hand and help them to use proper body mechanics



It is important to remember that every kid is individual and moves at his/her own pace. These are just meant to be guidelines for what to start looking for at various ages. If your kid has not mastered a skill by a certain age, hold your panic. And let's talk some more. Sometimes it just takes a little more exposure to an activity, OT sessions or some adaptations to help your child be successful.



BY AGE 3

Your child should be able to progress the scissors across the paper.

Again, you will want to make sure that he/she is holding the scissors with the thumb up and using proper body posture, elbows down. Consider adaptations.

BY AGE 5

Your child should be able to cut simple shapes, such as squares and triangles, within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the border. He/she should also be able to cut basic pictures with fair accuracy when they have a wide border.

BY AGE 4

You child should be able to cut a straight line within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. And he/she will be able to cut a large circle within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the border.

Keep the lines/borders bold, not thin. You may need to help your kiddo know the best place to put their helper hand.



