

Step 1

Children learn to hold scissors appropriately and to open and close scissors.

Children learn to place their thumb in the top ring of the scissors and their two or three fingers in the bottom ring.

At this early step it is recommended that adults prompt children to produce the 'thumbs up' sign before taking hold of the scissors. If students require muscle strengthening or hand coordination practice play a game of "Open Shut Them!"

Step 2

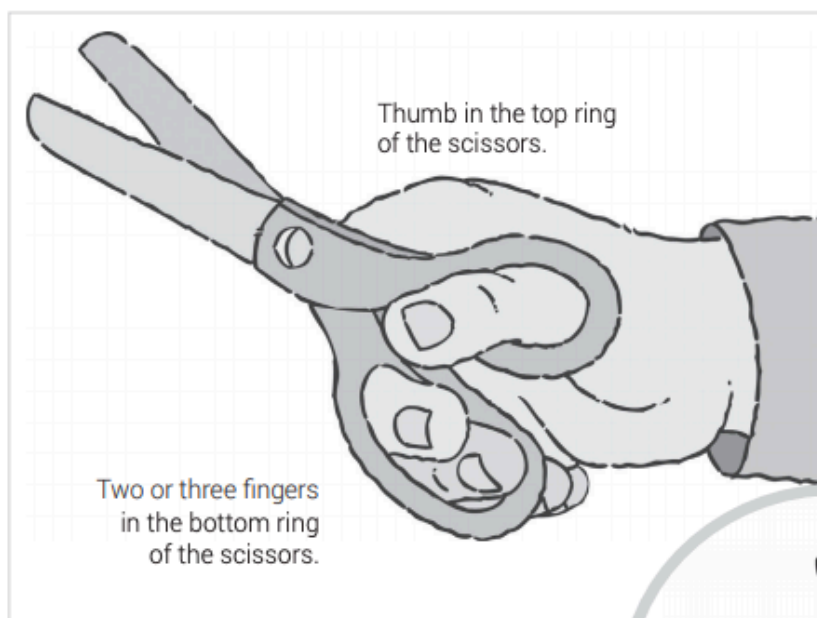
Children learn to hold and snip paper.

Step 3

Children learn to cut in a single direction and to cut along a line.

Step 4

Children learn to cut corners and curves.



'Thumbs Up'
Prompt children to produce the 'thumbs up' sign before taking hold of the scissors.

