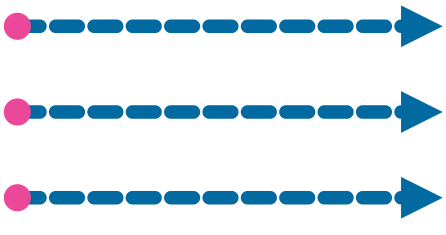
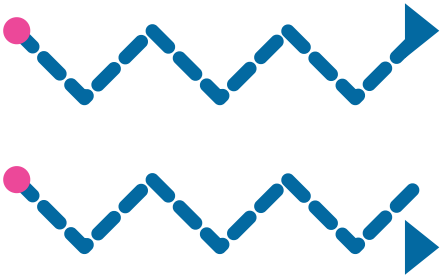
# Cutting Practice

Set 1 · Ages 3-6

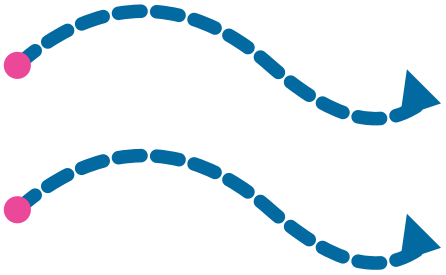
Four panels, graded straight to spiral. **Start at the dot, cut to the arrow.** Child-safe scissors, thumb up, blades flat to the paper — and an adult, close enough to act, stays at the table.



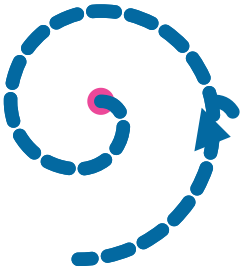
STRAIGHT LINES



ZIGZAG LINES



CURVED LINES



SPIRAL

**Before the first cut — 10 minutes**

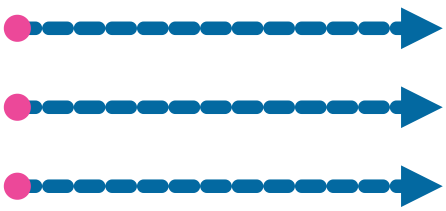
- [ ] Blunt-tip child-safe scissors
- [ ] Thumb in the small hole, blades flat
- [ ] The other hand turns the paper
- [ ] Adult seated alongside, close enough to act

**Adult:** child-safe scissors only, and stay at the table for the whole sitting. Start at the pink dot, cut to the arrow, and run the rows in the order they print.

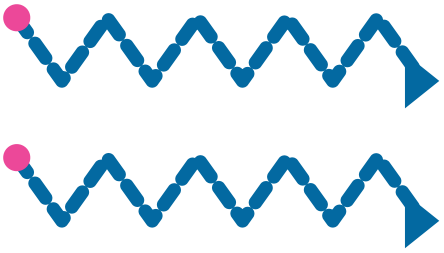
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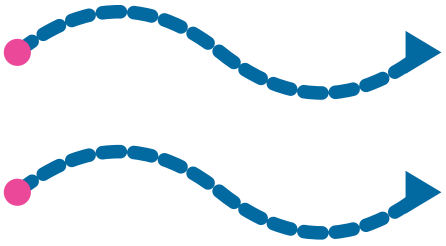
The second four, same three moves. **Curves tighten and the spiral runs the other way** — start every line at the pink dot and finish at the arrow.



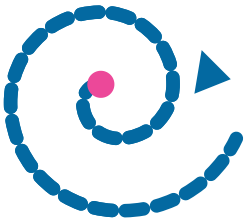
SHORT SNIPS



TIGHT ZIGZAGS



GENTLE WAVES



SPIRAL, OTHER WAY

## Snip, then glue

The cut lines become things: straight strips are fence rails, a zigzag is a monster smile, a curve is a hill, a spiral is a snail shell. Glue the finished shapes onto a paper scene and the cutting has somewhere to go.

Ages 3-4 take the straight and zigzag rows; ages 5-6 take the curves and the spiral. One row a sitting, in the order they print.

**Adult:** the blades close and go down the moment the line is done, and the cut-out scraps go into a bowl before the glue comes out. An adult, close enough to act, stays at the table.