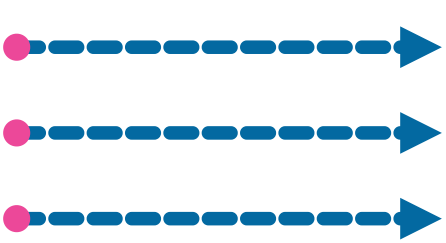
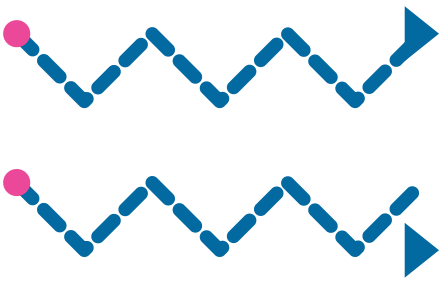
Cutting Practice

Set 1 · Ages 3-6

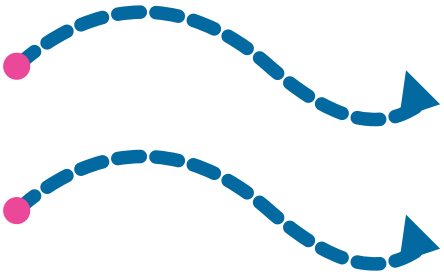
Four panels, graded straight to spiral. **Start at the dot, cut to the arrow.** Child-safe scissors, thumb up, blades flat to the paper — and an adult, close enough to act, stays at the table.



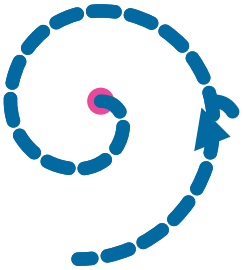
STRAIGHT LINES



ZIGZAG LINES



CURVED LINES



SPIRAL

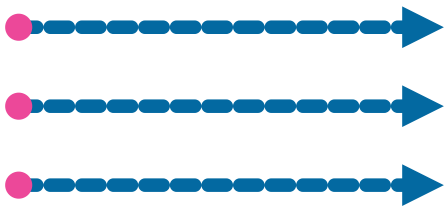
Before the first cut — 10 minutes

- [ ] 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

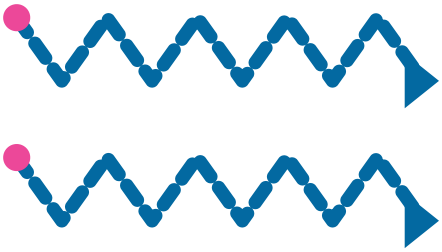
Adult: child-safe scissors only, and stay at the table for the whole sitting. Start at the pink dot, cut to the arrow, and run the rows in the order they print.

Cutting Practice

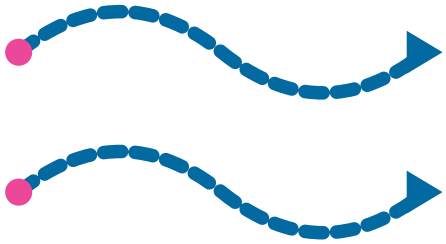
The second four, same three moves. **Curves tighten and the spiral runs the other way** — start every line at the pink dot and finish at the arrow.



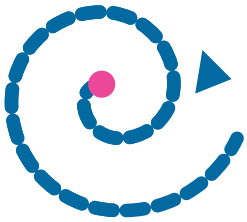
SHORT SNIPS



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.