Snip and cut

Cut along each dashed line, starting at the scissors.

Name _____

Straight line

A good first cut: snip, snip, all the way along.



Longer snips

Open the scissors wide and close them all the way.



Zigzag

Stop at each corner, turn the paper, then cut on.



Steps

Cut, stop, turn the paper, cut again.



For grown-ups

Use child-safe scissors with rounded ends, and stay close. Thumb on top, fingers underneath ("thumbs up"), and the helper hand holds and turns the paper. If a whole page feels too much, cut the strips apart for them first.

Curves and shapes

Curves first, then cut out each shape.

Name _____

Gentle waves

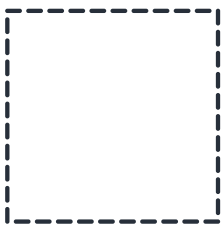
Keep the scissors pointing forward and turn the paper slowly.



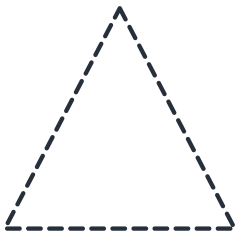
Big hills

Turn the paper with your helper hand as you go round.

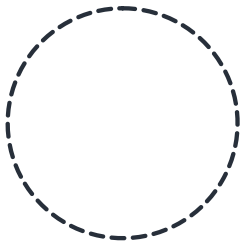




Square: stop and turn at each corner



Triangle: three straight sides



Circle: turn the paper slowly



Snail shell: round and round to the middle

For grown-ups

Curves are much harder than straight lines, so expect wobbles. Thicker paper or card is easier to hold steady. Cut-out shapes make good collage pieces afterwards.