



SCISSOR SKILLS TYPICAL DEVELOPMENT

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This handout provides an overview of some typical scissor skills that develop between the ages of 3 and 6.

3 YEARS

- Opening and closing scissors
- Cuts across paper
- Pronated (thumbs down) approach
- Hand switching is common

4 YEARS

- Cuts lines and simple curves
- Supinated (thumbs up) approach emerging
- Movement from shoulders and elbows

5 YEARS

- Cuts corners and squares
- Increased control
- Movement from wrists and fingers

6 YEARS

- Cuts complex shapes
- Established supinated (thumbs up) approach
- Paper manipulated by non-dominant hand