

Cutting Ideas Compiled by Linda Cammaroto

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The kids I work with have enjoyed using "crazy scissors", those scissors used for scrap booking, with a variety of edge patterns. I carry several different patterns in my bag.

1. 	Pretend the scissors are alligators taking big chomps.
2. 	Tape a Hershey kiss at the end of a long winding road on a large index card. They get to eat it when they reach it.
3. 	Cut play dough and gak.
4. 	Cut ends of licorice to make straws; cut tops off fruit snacks, cut up pieces of string cheese, etc.
5. 	Cut up straws to make beads.
6. 	Cut strips to make chains of paper.
7. 	Cut up magazine pictures to make puzzles.
8. 	Use cutting projects to make finger puppets, paper airplanes, etc.
9. 	Go outside and cut grass or dandelions with scissors, a good spring activity with young children.
10. 	Tape large sheets of paper around the top of a school table and have children sit on the floor and cut up to the top to make fringed sides.
11. 	Cut paper into hula skirts.
12. 	To make scissor cutting fun with my kindergarteners, I draw an eye on each side and we pretend the scissors are sharks, dinosaurs (i.e., favorite animal) that are hungry. We go over the "cool" thumb up position and that the thumb goes in the little hole while the remaining fingers have "a party" in the large hole. I also talk about opening and closing the blades slowly. For some of my more involved students I have made lines (which are broken down into four or five colored blocks). We then work on cutting through the first block with the first scissor snip, the second box with the second scissors snip, etc. The kids think this is great and ARE able to transition well back to solid lines designs to be cut out without difficulty!!