

Scissor String



Notes

This is a simple, motivating activity that will help build your child's fine motor and scissor skills. Good fine motor skills are important for a child before they start writing.

You will need some string or wool, a pair of scissors and an old spice/herb jar.

Take a long length of string or wool and push it inside your empty and clean jar. Put the lid back on, ensuring that you have first threaded one end of the string through the larger opening. Show your child how you can create little bits of string (or worms!) by snipping sections and pulling more string up. You might like to provide a bowl or container to place the small pieces.

Whilst overseeing this activity, there will be numerous opportunities to talk about quantity and length. As much as it might seem appealing to provide scissors that aren't very sharp, this will make the cutting very difficult for your child. A small, sharp pair of scissors will ensure that the task is achievable - but obviously appropriate supervision is required - it is helpful to talk about the risks with your child before you start.

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