




PRESCHOOL SCISSOR ACTIVITY PACK



Learning to use scissors can be extra challenging for lots of kids. But finding success opens so many doors and leads to so much fun too!

The activities in this pack are designed to introduce scissors to your kiddo. Of course, before you ever put scissors in your child's hand, be sure that they're ready to follow the rules for safety. Also, take the time to build a strong motor foundation before you jump right to scissors and paper. Frustration is not our friend here. Small victories will lead to more and more victories until mastery is achieved. Trying too much too soon can backfire.

Here's the typical development of scissors skills. Though, this is just a rough guideline. All children develop at their own pace. The important thing isn't speed but simply steady progress.



Age	Typical Scissor Skills
2 to 2 1/2 years	Holds scissors and snips
3 years	Moves scissors forward while cutting a longer area.
3 1/2 years	Cuts across a paper relatively close to a line.
4 years	Cuts curvy lines relatively close to the line. Cuts large circles.
4 1/2 to 5 years	Cuts squares and other basic shapes.
5 to 6 years	Cuts complex shapes.

FUN SCISSOR READINESS ACTIVITIES

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Tearing and
crumpling paper



02

Playing with
play dough



03

Snipping noodles

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Tearing and
placing washi
tape



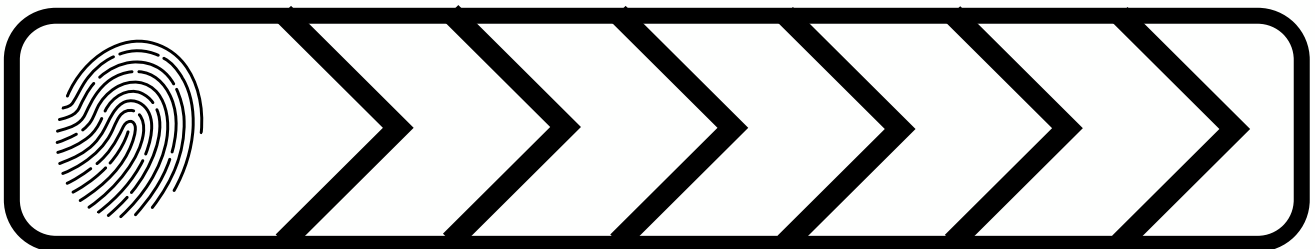
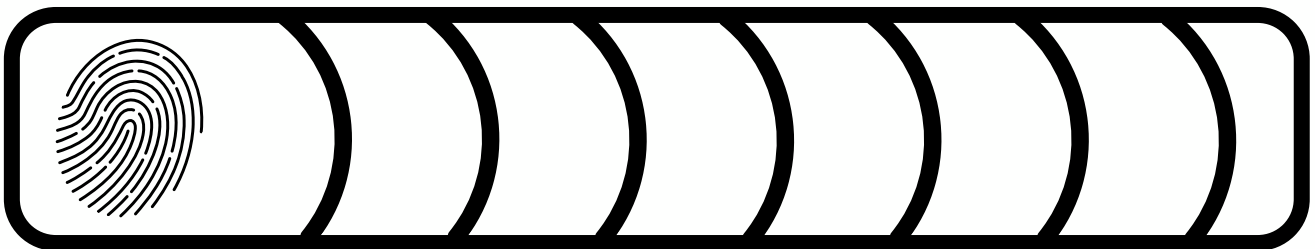
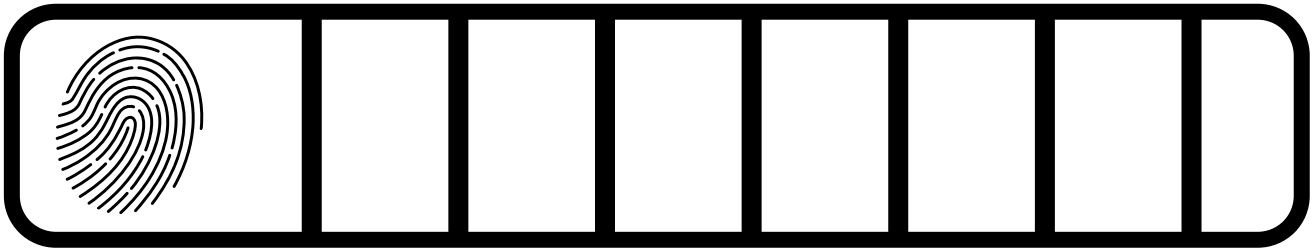
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Lacing activities

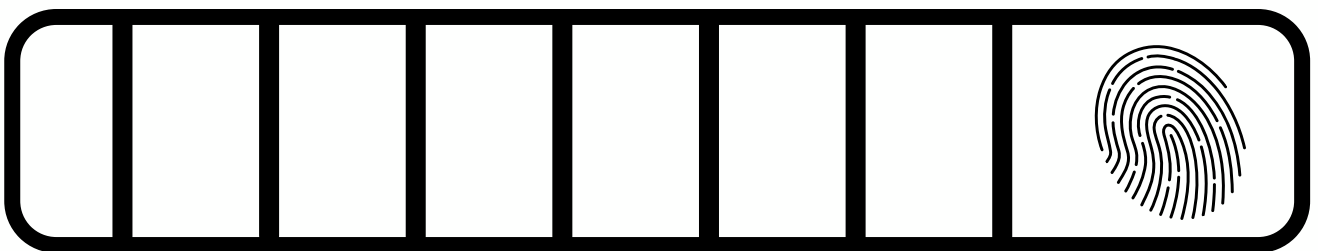
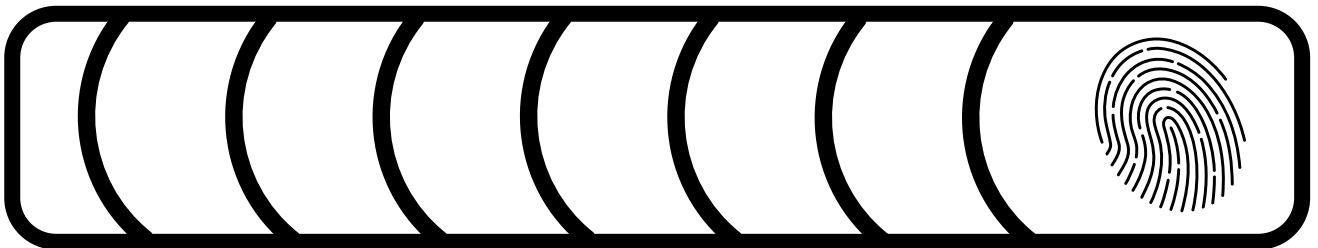
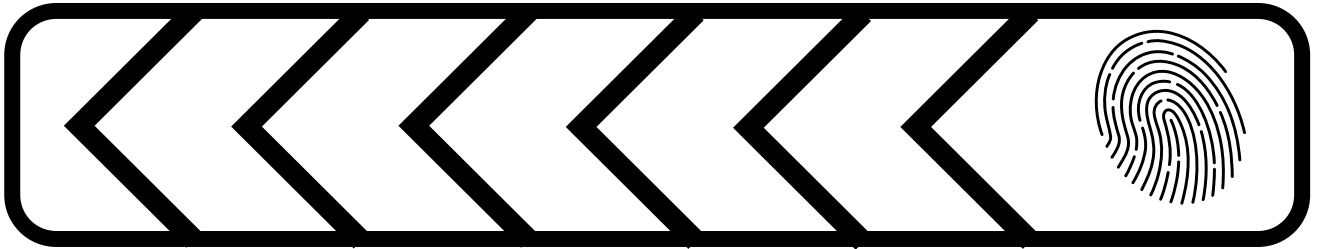
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Dumping and
pouring from
container to
container

SNIP STRIPS FOR RIGHTIES

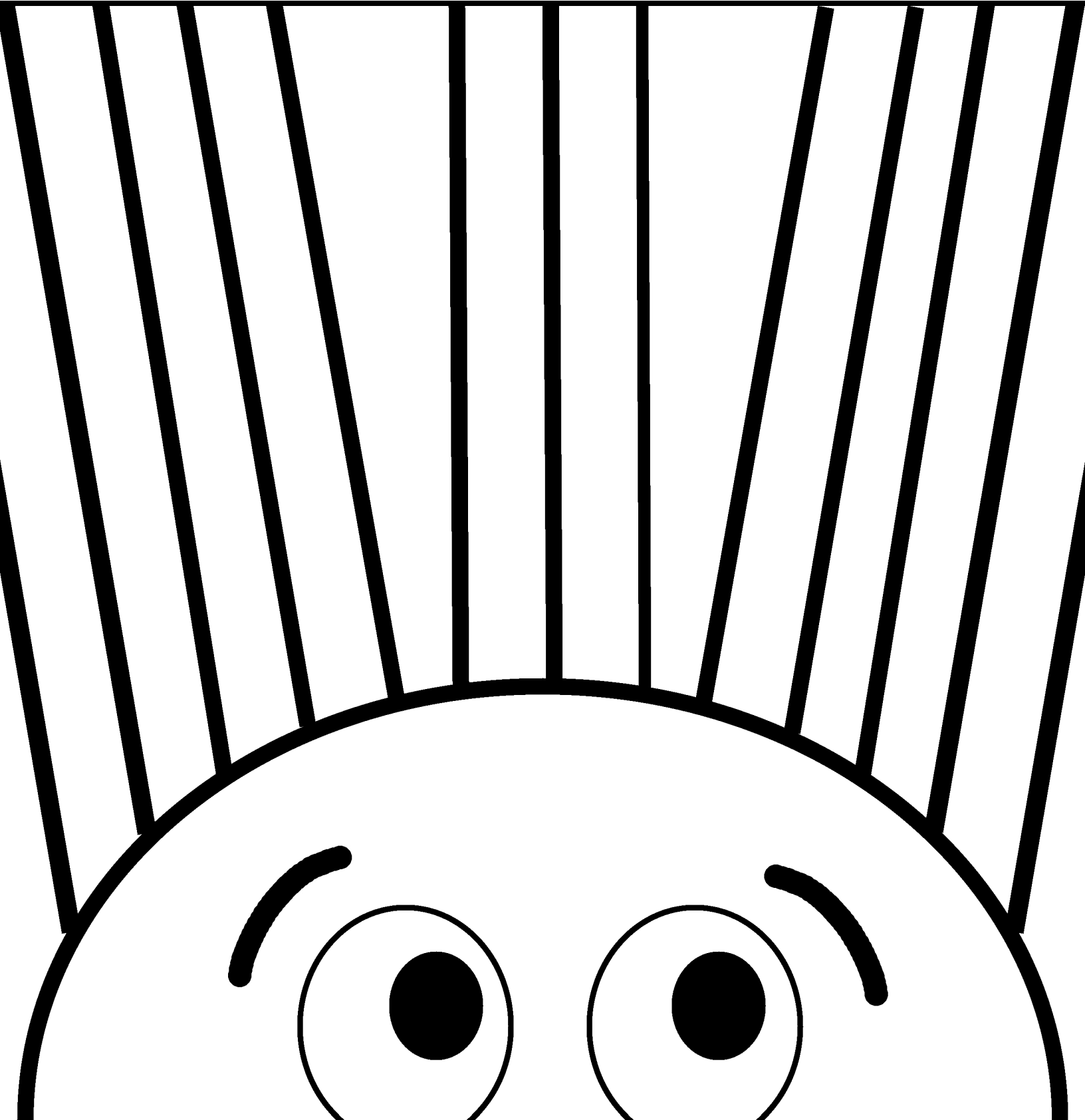


SNIP STRIPS FOR LEFTIES



GIVE A HAIRCUT

Prepare this activity by cutting on the lines. Then have your child give a haircut by snipping the pieces of "hair".



HOW TO USE THIS ACTIVITY

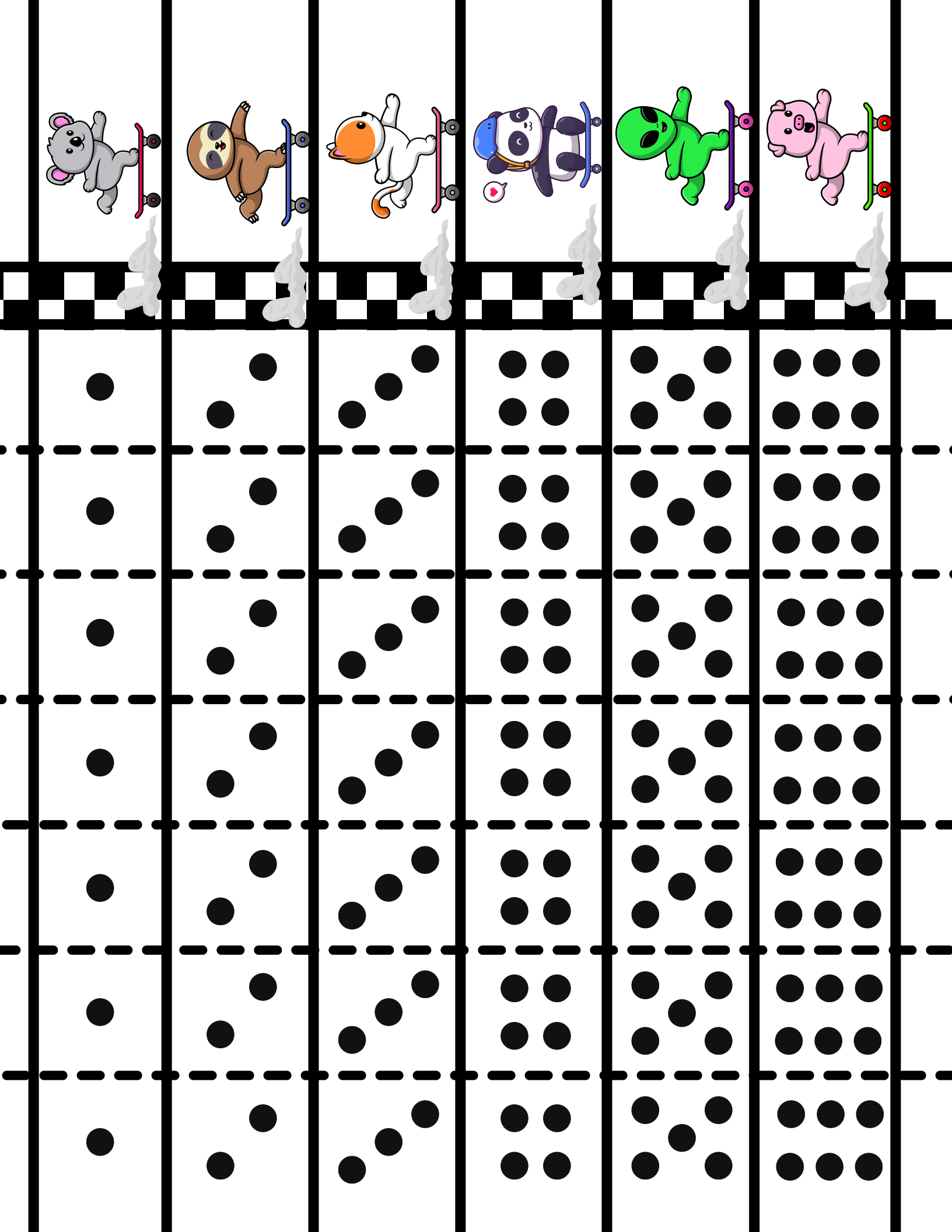
Supplies to gather:

- Dice
- Scissors

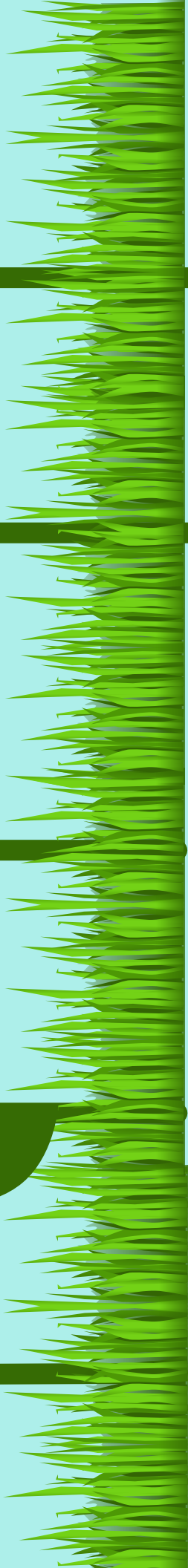
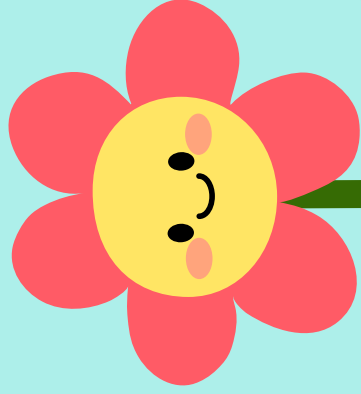
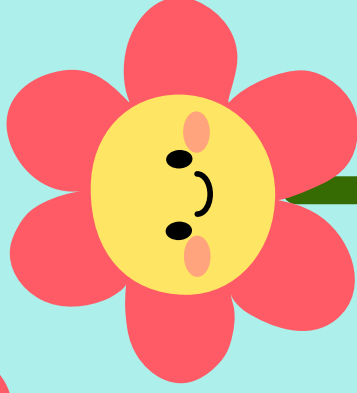
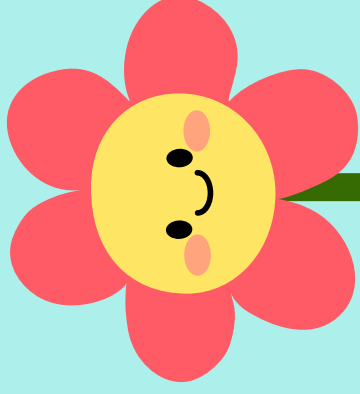
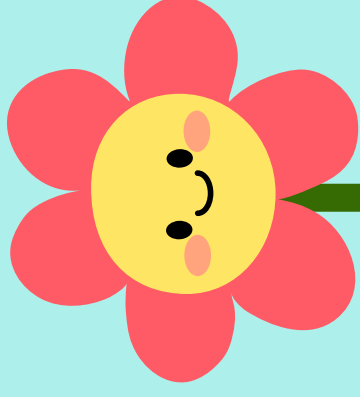
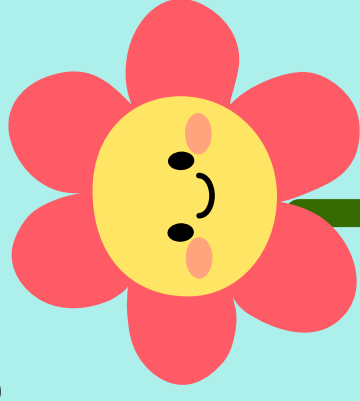
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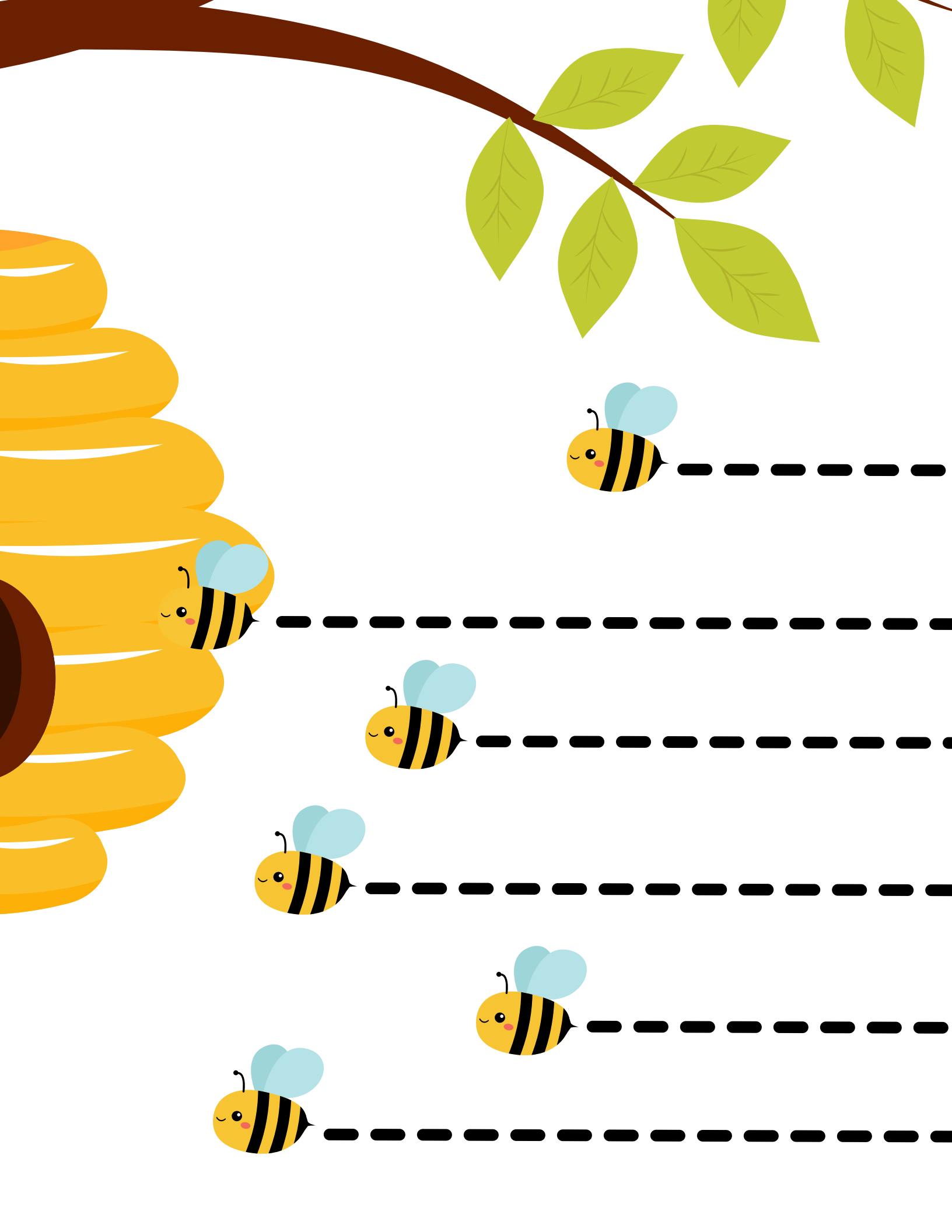
- Print the activity...onto cardstock works best.
- Prep the raceway by cutting on the horizontal solid lines, stopping at the finish line.
- Now it's a race to the finish line.
- Roll the dice. Snip off a section (on the dotted line) of the track for whatever number corresponds to the dice.
- Keep rolling and snipping until you reach the finish line on one of the tracks. That skateboarder is the winner!!!

*If you don't have dice, write numbers 1-6 on small identically sized pieces of paper or 3x5 cards. Place them upside down on the table and mix them up. Choose a number, snip, put the piece of paper back, mix them up and repeat.

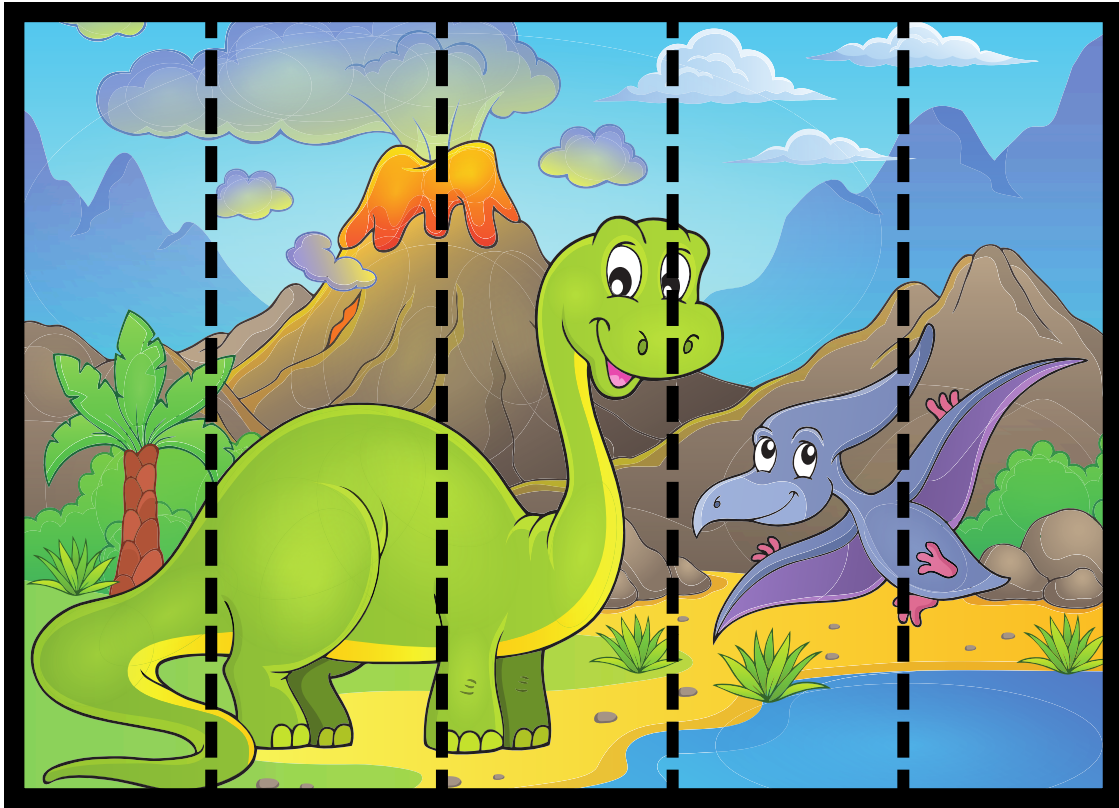


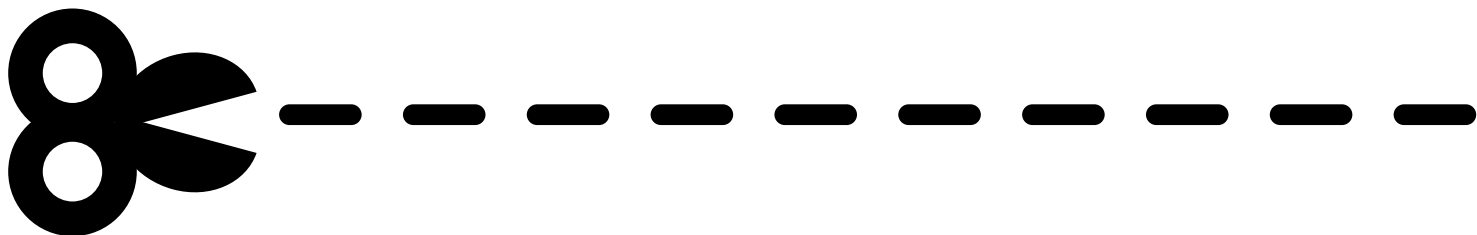
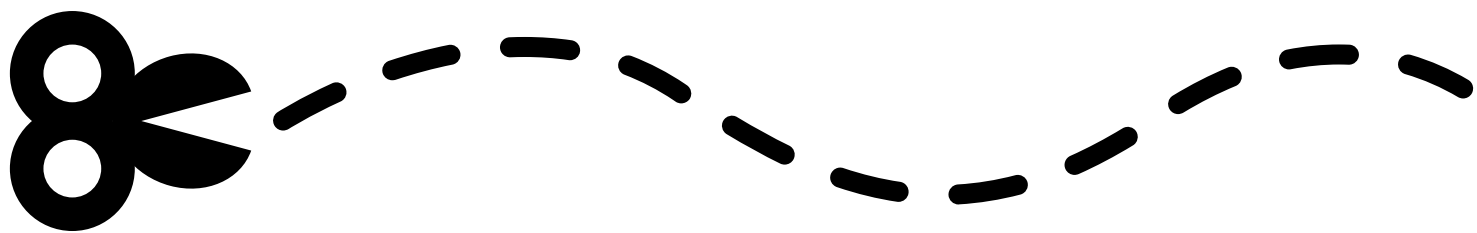
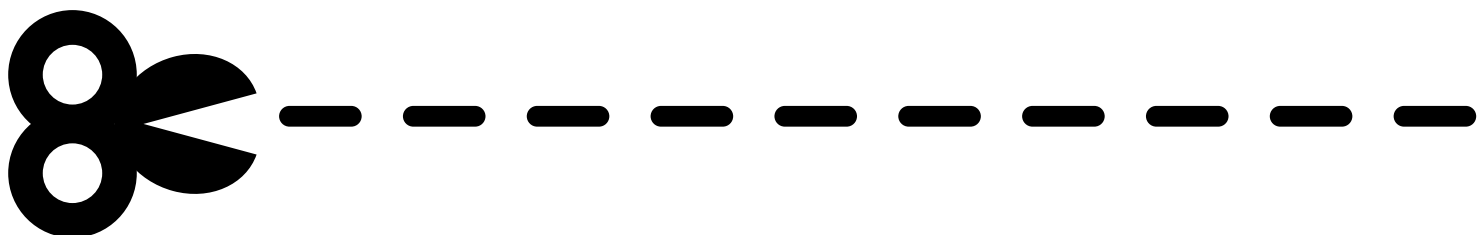
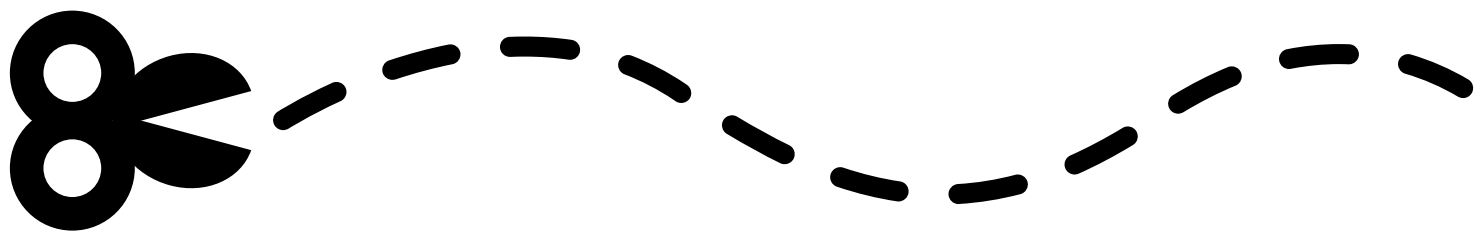
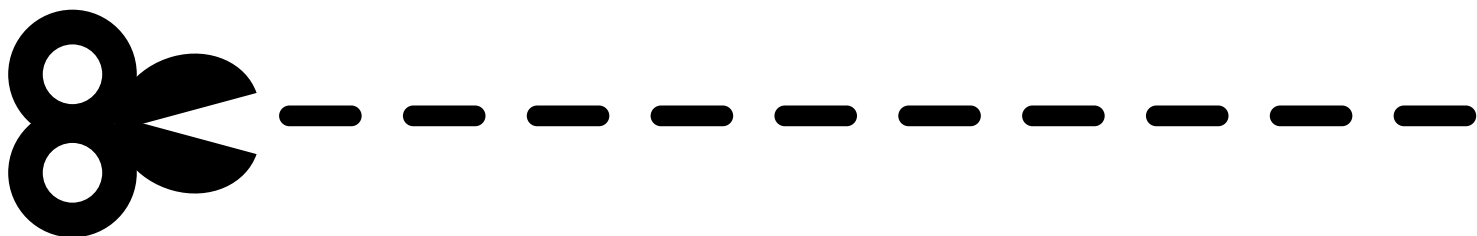
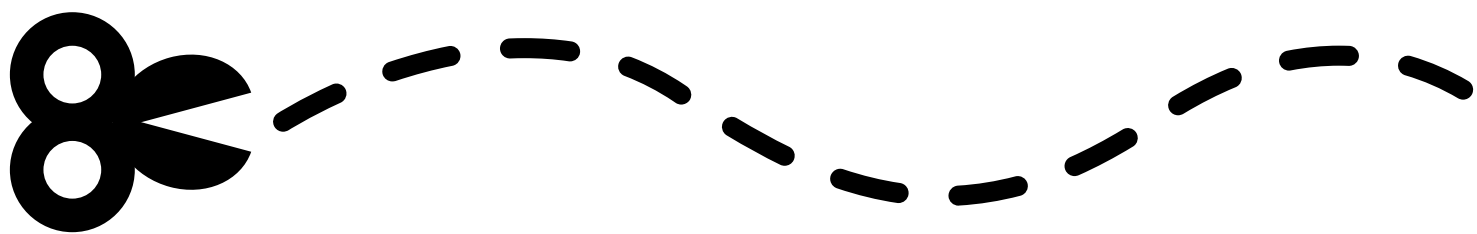
CUT ON THE FLOWER STEMS





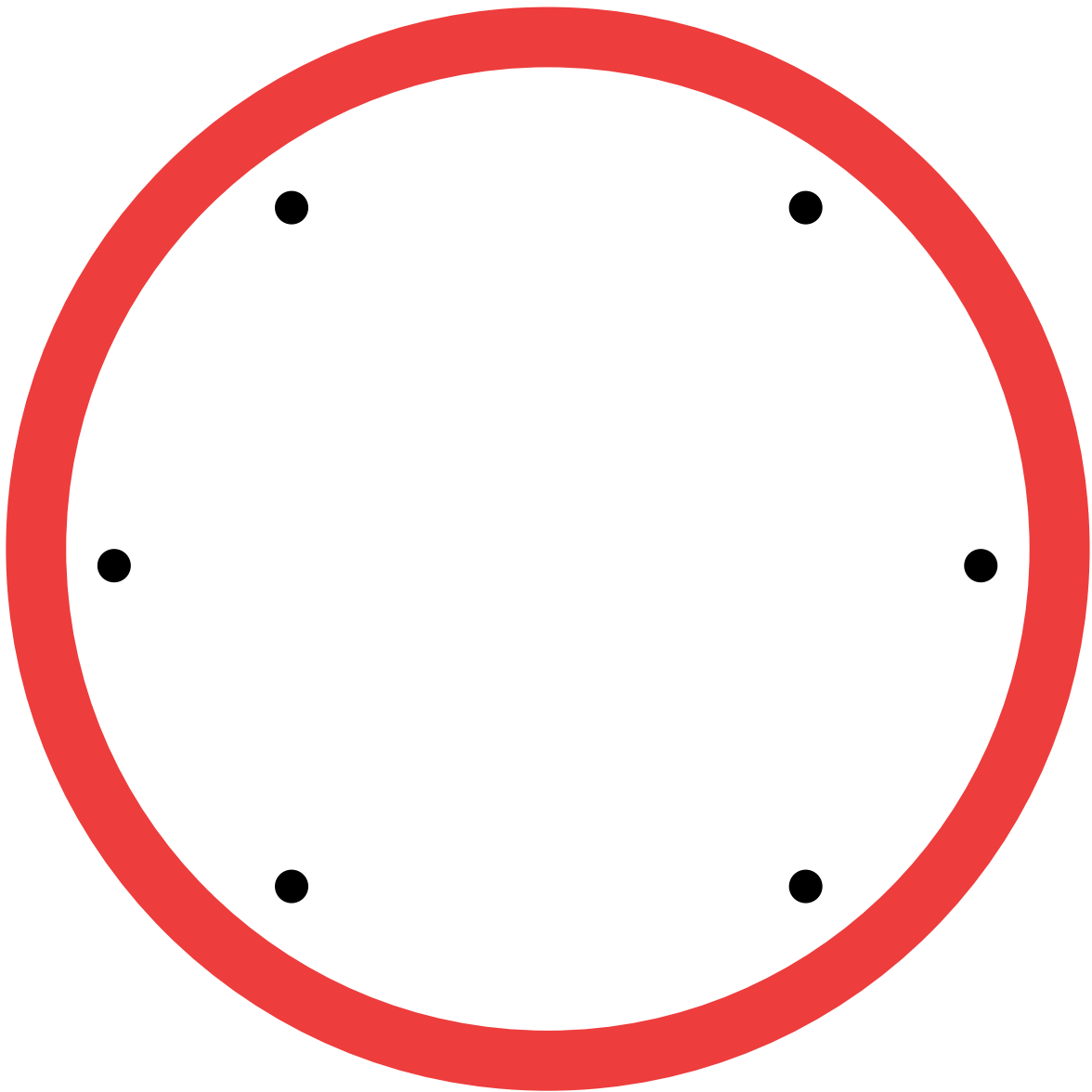






LEARN TO CUT A CIRCLE

Print this circle onto cardstock and trim away some of the excess so that your child can easily shift his/her hand around the outside of the circle while cutting. Start with a thumb on one of the dots. Have your child rotate the circle with the helper (non-dominant) hand, moving the thumb from dot to dot, while keeping the cutting hand stable and cutting through the red border.



HOW TO USE THIS ACTIVITY

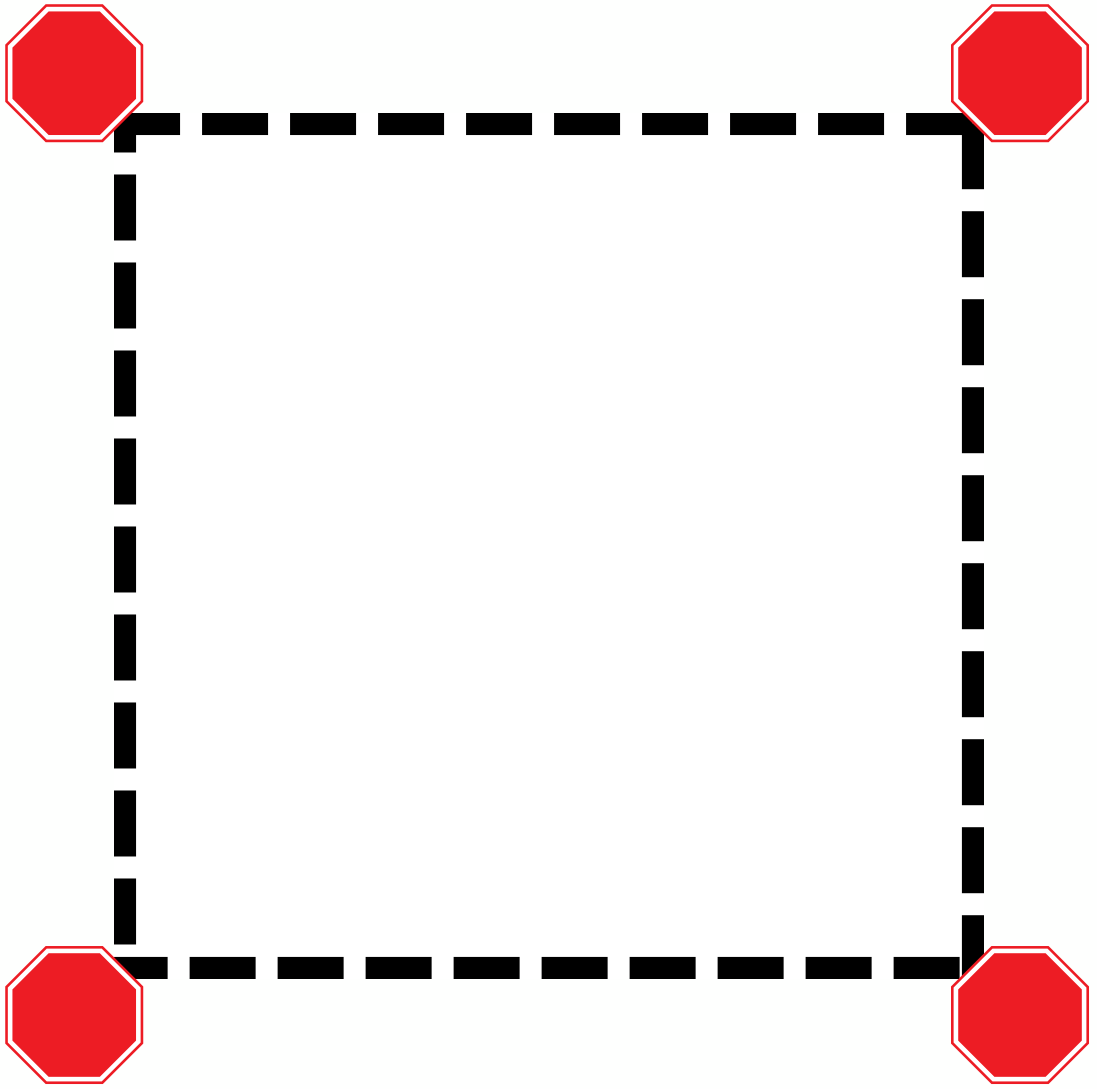
This activity is specifically for kids that are beginning to learn to cut shapes. That means they've already mastered snipping and then cutting on a line and are ready to move on to the next challenge of cutting out simple shapes. I've found that one of the biggest difficulty kids have, along with pacing and body posture, is knowing what to do once you get to a change in direction with the scissors. This simple activity is a great way to practice cutting out basic shapes with built in reminders to slow down at the corners and change direction.

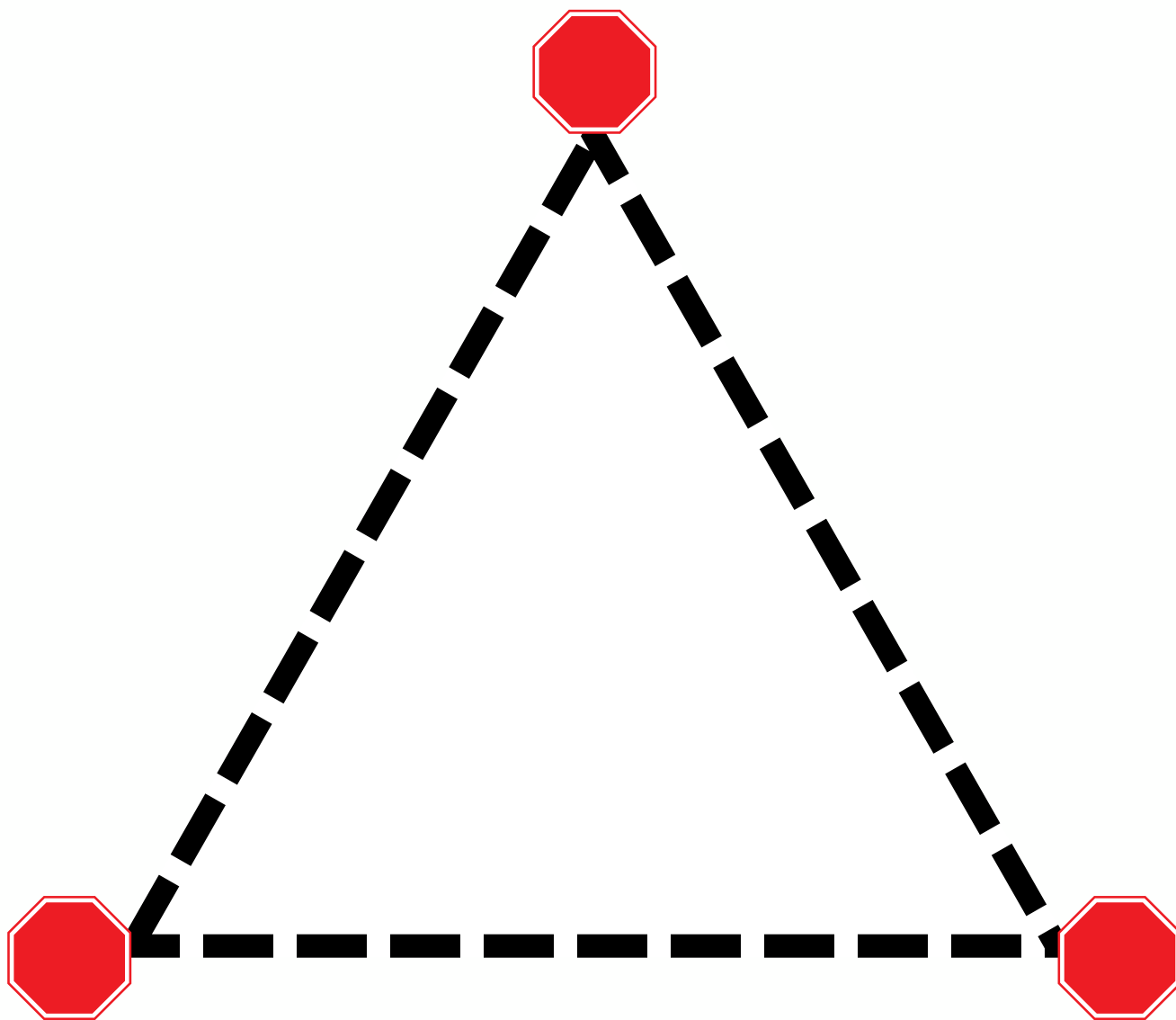
Materials to gather:

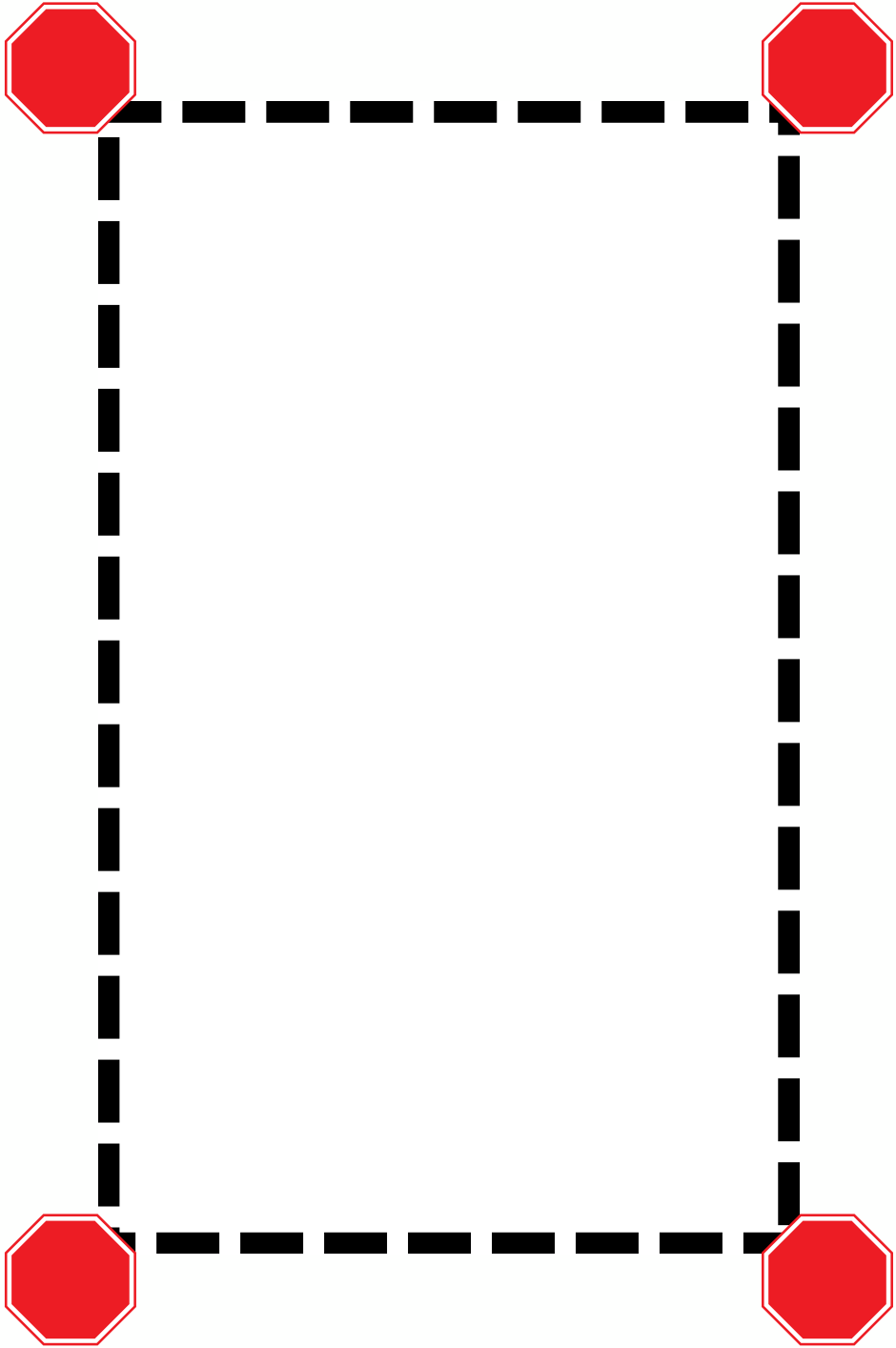
- Kid friendly scissors

What to do:

- Download and print the scissor activity onto cardstock (stiff paper is easier to cut).
- Trim away some of the excess paper so that there is only a couple of inches around the shape.
- Have your child sit up nice and tall in a chair, hold the scissors using a proper grip (thumb up) and elbows down at his/her side.
- Holding the activity directly in front, cut the shape using a slow and steady stroke with the scissors, being sure to stop at each corner to turn the paper.








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