

CUTTING TECHNIQUES

Children often need to be taught correct techniques and strategies for cutting around shapes. Skills required include:

- Lifting the paper off the table when cutting.
- Left Handers- Always **start** cutting from the bottom LEFT hand corner of the shapes and cut in a **clockwise** direction.
- Right Handers- Always **start** cutting from the bottom RIGHT hand corner of the shape and cut in an **anticlockwise** direction.
- Keep both thumbs on top when cutting. Placing a sticker or draw a face on their thumbnail may help them remember.
- Cut off any excess paper as they are cutting around the shape.

Steps to practice cutting

1. Start out cutting out simple shapes with straight sides eg. triangles, squares, rectangles, diamonds.



2. Then move onto shapes with curves eg. circles, ovals, and hearts.



3. Lastly, cut out complex shapes with both curves and straight side eg. animals, cars, people

