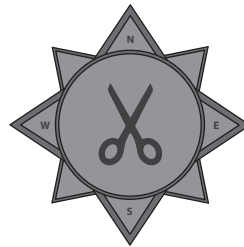


NEATLY CUTTING WITH SCISSORS

You know, one thing I had a ton of trouble with when I was younger was cutting neatly with a pair of scissors. Not just because I'm a Raccoon. I'll have you know we are pretty good with our paws. So I could cut, but everything was so feathered and misshaped. But you, my Trailblazer, are going to get this mastered. I have every faith in you.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

- * Get a piece of lined paper and practice cutting straight along the lines. Try cutting fifteen lines.
- * Find an old coloring book and cut out ten characters or objects. Work on making them as neat as possible.

1. The first thing you need is a good pair of scissors. Now think safety first. You need to be responsible: never run with scissors, never wave them around, keep your fingers away from the cutting edge. Scissors are for cutting paper ONLY! Make sure you always have your parents' permission and watchful eye when you're using them.

2. Now, probably the best way to hold a pair of scissors is to push your thumb through the top loop. Slide your ring finger and any other fingers that will comfortably fit into the bottom loop, but not your index finger. Leaving that outside will help you guide and control the scissors.

3. As you cut the paper, you want to open the scissors fairly wide when you start to cut. That way you can make use of the blade length. For fine detail, make lots of small cuts, repositioning the paper as needed. You're going to do great at this.

