TYPES OF SCISSORS

SMALL-SIZED SCISSORS
These scissors are all small in size. They are not just for small hands. These are great for learners with all types of fine motor issues, and hand weakness.

TRAINING SCISSORS
Training scissors should be used as a stepping stone to graduating to a higher level type of scissors, once they are mastered. If training scissors are not mastered, your learner can use these indefinitely.

SELF-OPENING SCISSORS
While using these scissors, the hands get valuable feedback of this cutting motion. These self-opening scissors fit the price and durability category, but they do not fit the functionality definition. These blunt scissors, while inherently safer than sharp scissors, do not cut well.

LOOP SCISSORS
These are also described as self-opening scissors. Some learners can not isolate their fingers enough to work traditional scissors, or have a sensory aversion to sticking their fingers into the little holes on the handles of the scissors. These spring open once depressed. They do take a fair amount of strength to grip for a prolonged amount of time, so these may not be the best choice for your learners with low tone or decreased strength (unless of course you are looking for a tool to increase strength).

SPRING-LOADED SCISSORS
This pair of self-opening scissors or these soft-grip scissors fit the function, and durability categories. They are more expensive, but cut better than safety scissors. They are larger than the toddler scissors, so be sure that size is not a concern first.

SPRING-ACTION SCISSORS
These self-opening loop type scissors are popular. They require less dexterity than traditional scissors, but they do not cut very well. Because the mouth of the scissors does not open wide, they do not make large cuts.

DOUBLE LOOP TRAINING SCISSORS
People learn by doing. Kinesthetic awareness is learning by moving. These scissors have two handles allowing an adult to guide a learner to cut safely and learn to position the blade of the scissors perpendicularly to the paper. These double loop scissors give your learner the feedback needed to practice and learn the cutting motion.

LEFT-HANDED SCISSORS
There is definitely a difference between left-handed scissors and right-handed scissors. Right-handed scissors have the right blade positioned on top, whereas left-handed scissors have the left blade positioned on top. This prevents unnecessary bending and tearing of the paper. This difference between left and right handed scissors also allows each user to maintain a clear visual view of the cutting line.

TABLE-TOP SCISSORS
For learners with amputations, missing digits, limited grasp, use of just one upper extremity, visual challenges, or other mobility and coordination concerns, these tabletop scissors can be fastened to a table with a clamp or velcro to assist in opening containers. They are not great for intricate cutting, as they are labor intensive and can be frustrating, but more usable for self help skills.

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