

NINI PRINTABLES

Preschool Cutting Skills Practice Pack

Snip • Cut • Turn • Create

Ages 3-5

14 Practice Pages

Grown-Up Guided • Printer-Friendly Practice Pages



Grown-Up Guide

Simple preparation, safer practice, and flexible pacing.



How to Use This Pack

Start with the easiest page your child can do comfortably.

Suggested progression:

Snip → Straight → Curve →
Zigzag → Turn → Shapes →
Create

There is no need to finish every page in one sitting.

Short, successful practice is more important than completing the whole pack.



Make It Easier

- A grown-up may cut out practice strips or cards first.
- Rotate the paper when needed.
- Try one row or one card at a time.
- Slightly firmer paper may be easier to control.
- Stop after a successful attempt.



Safety

Adult supervision required.

Use child-safe scissors appropriate for the child's age, hand size, and ability.

Teach children to cut paper only and keep scissors away from hair, clothing, skin, and other people.

Keep the cutting hand and scissors pointed away from the body. Store scissors safely after use.

Small cut pieces may be a choking hazard for children who mouth objects. Remove scraps promptly.

Stop the activity if the child becomes tired, frustrated, or begins using scissors unsafely.



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First Snips

Make short snips from START to STOP.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP

START



STOP

Short Straight Cuts

Cut straight from START to STOP.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP



GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP



GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP



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GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP



GROWN-UP: CUT OUT STRIP



Straight to the Stop

Cut straight to each picture.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

START

STOP



A horizontal line with an open circle at the left end and a solid black dot at the right end. The word "START" is above the open circle and "STOP" is below the solid dot. To the right of the solid dot is a yellow five-pointed star.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



STOP

START

A horizontal line with a solid black dot at the left end and an open circle at the right end. The word "STOP" is below the solid dot and "START" is above the open circle. To the left of the solid dot is a red apple with a green leaf.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

START

STOP



A horizontal line with an open circle at the left end and a solid black dot at the right end. The word "START" is above the open circle and "STOP" is below the solid dot. To the right of the solid dot is a blue balloon with a red string.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



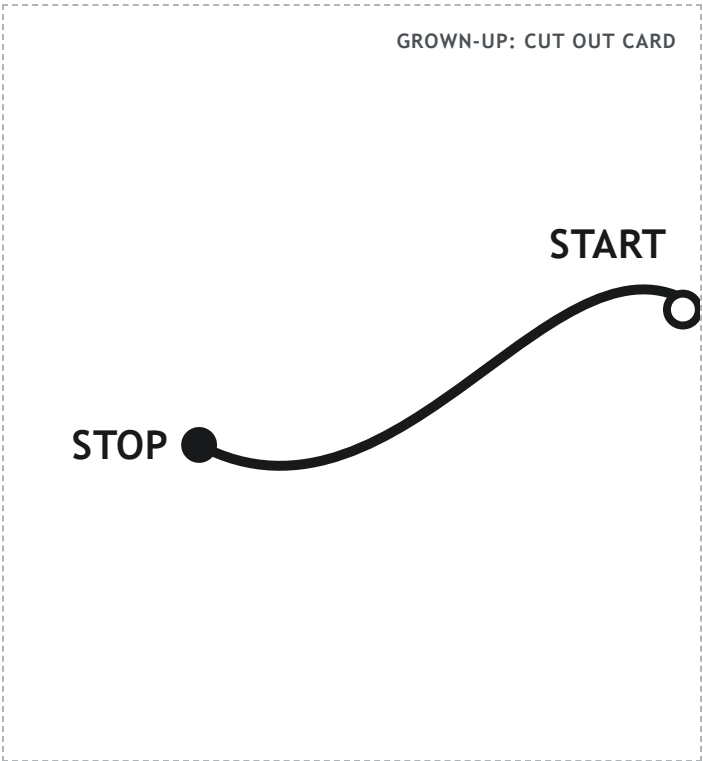
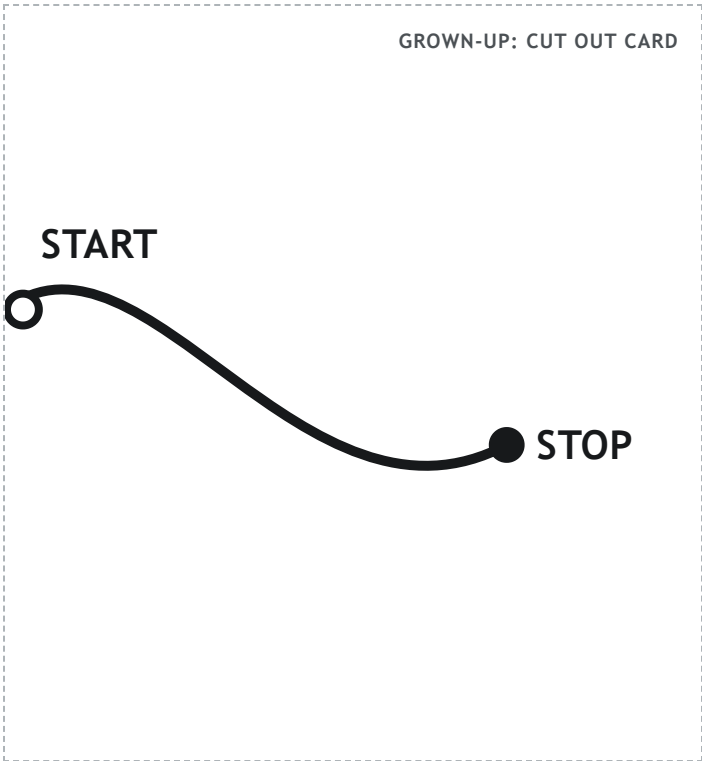
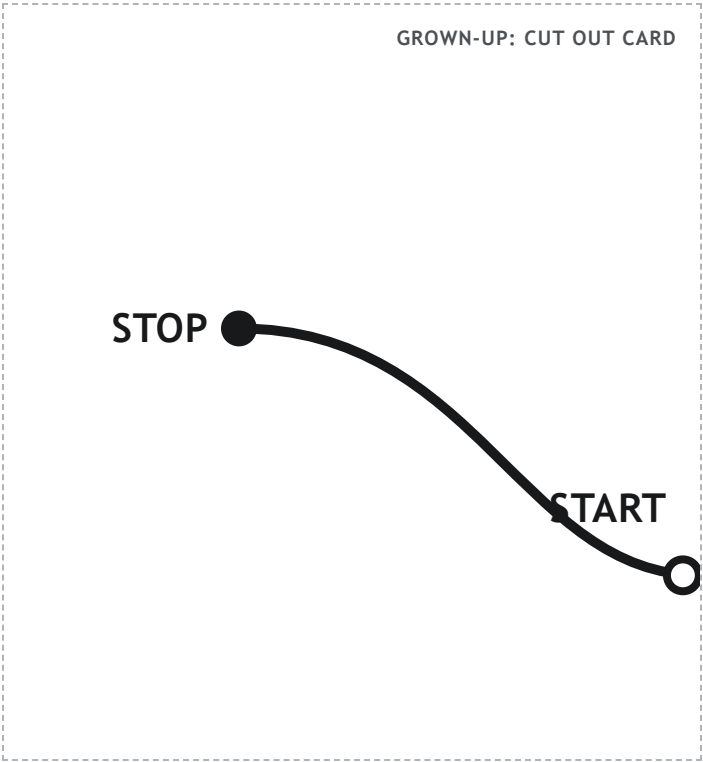
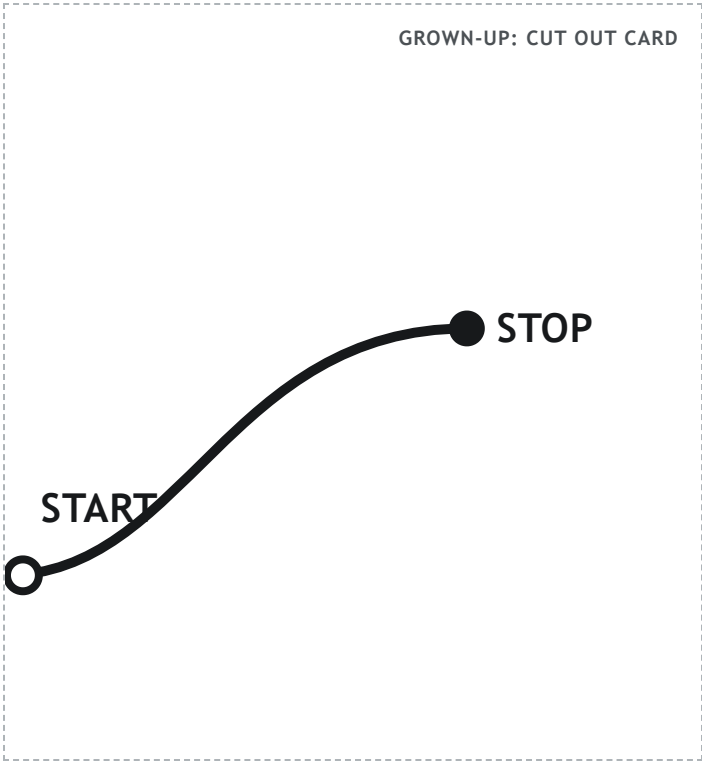
STOP

START

A horizontal line with a solid black dot at the left end and an open circle at the right end. The word "STOP" is below the solid dot and "START" is above the open circle. To the left of the solid dot is a pink flower with a yellow center.

Gentle Curves

Follow each gentle curve.

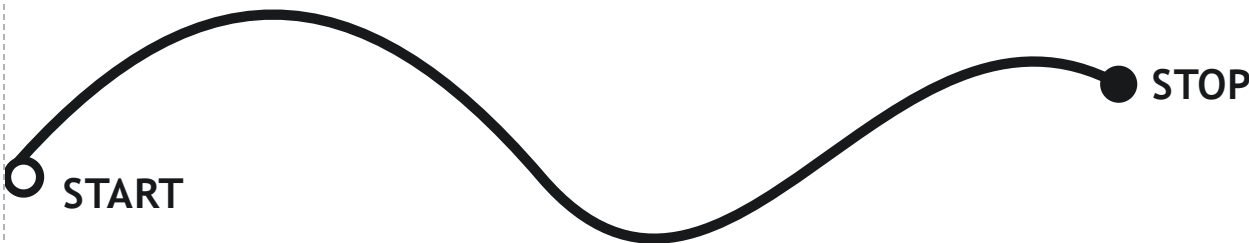


Wavy Paths

Follow the waves from START to STOP.

EASY

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



A single continuous wavy line starting from a small open circle on the left labeled "START" and ending at a solid black circle on the right labeled "STOP". The line has two peaks and one valley.

MEDIUM

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



A single continuous wavy line starting from a solid black circle on the left labeled "STOP" and ending at a small open circle on the right labeled "START". The line has two peaks and two valleys.

CHALLENGE

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



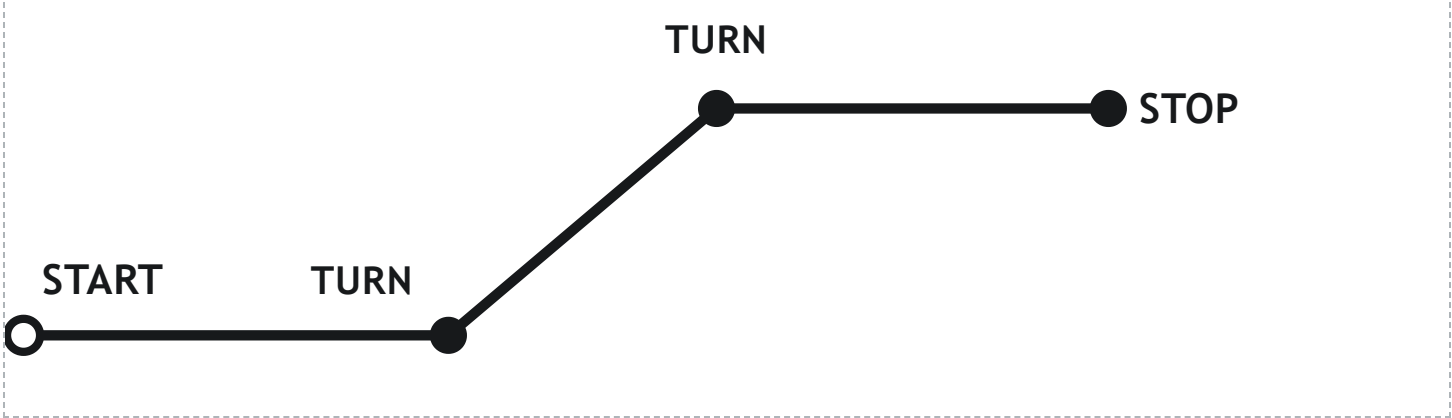
A single continuous wavy line starting from a small open circle on the left labeled "START" and ending at a solid black circle on the right labeled "STOP". The line has three peaks and two valleys.

Zigzag Cuts

Cut to the corner. Turn the paper. Keep cutting.

2 CORNERS

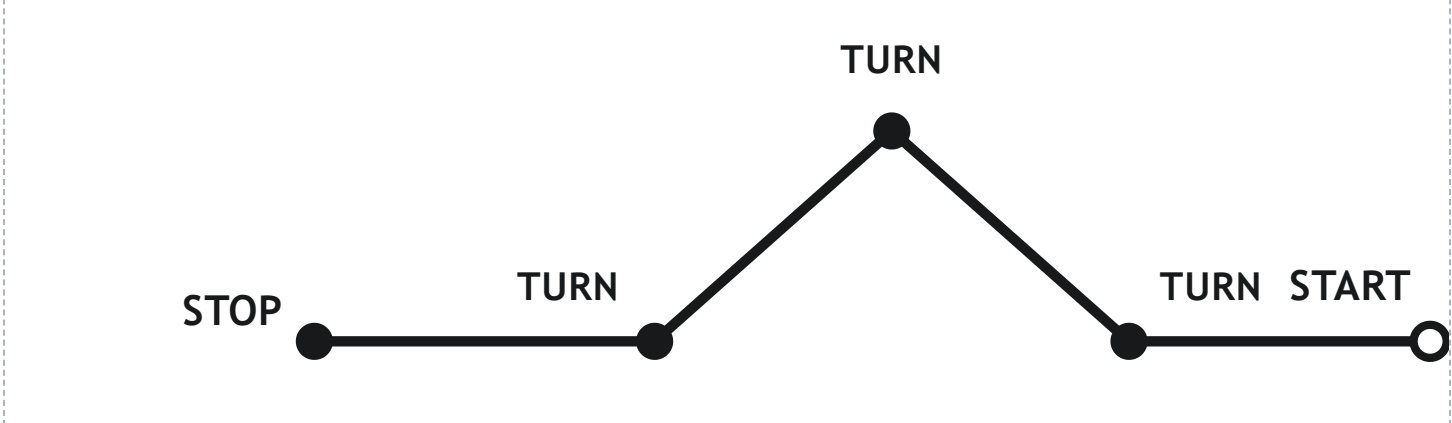
GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



A diagram showing a zigzag cut path for 2 corners. The path starts at a circle labeled 'START', goes right to a solid dot, then diagonally up-right to another solid dot labeled 'TURN', then horizontally right to a third solid dot labeled 'STOP'.

3 CORNERS

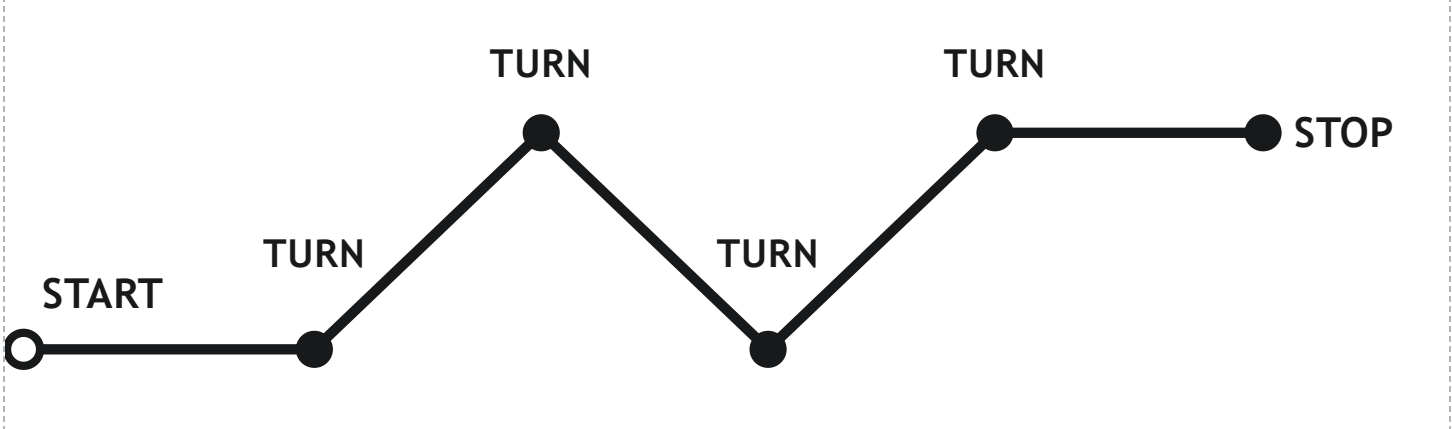
GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



A diagram showing a zigzag cut path for 3 corners. The path starts at a solid dot, goes horizontally right to another solid dot labeled 'STOP', then diagonally up-right to a third solid dot labeled 'TURN', then diagonally down-right to a fourth solid dot, then horizontally right to a fifth solid dot labeled 'TURN START', and finally diagonally up-right to a sixth solid dot.

4 CORNERS

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



A diagram showing a zigzag cut path for 4 corners. The path starts at a circle labeled 'START', goes right to a solid dot labeled 'TURN', then diagonally up-right to a second solid dot labeled 'TURN', then diagonally down-right to a third solid dot labeled 'TURN', then diagonally up-right to a fourth solid dot labeled 'TURN', then horizontally right to a fifth solid dot labeled 'STOP'.

Stop, Turn & Cut

Cut to the dot. Stop. Turn the paper. Keep cutting.

1

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

START

TURN

STOP

2

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

TURN

STOP

START

3

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

START

TURN

TURN

STOP

4

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

STOP

TURN

TURN

TURN

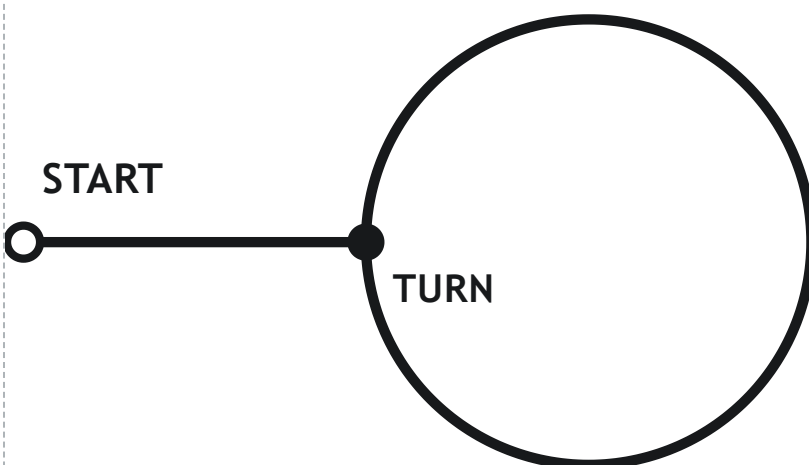
START

Cut a Circle & Oval

Cut in. Turn and follow the whole shape.

LARGE CIRCLE

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



START

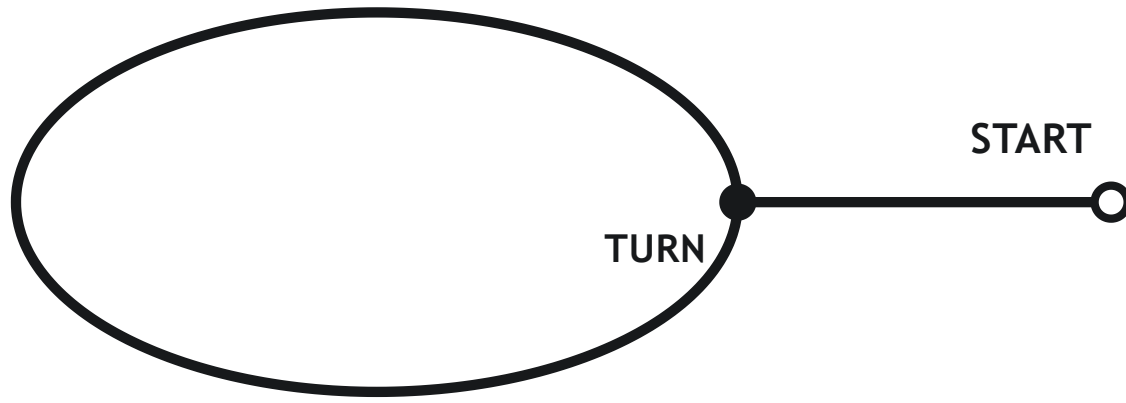
TURN

STARTER TAB

This section contains a large circle cutting guide. A horizontal line starts from the left edge, marked with a small circle and the word "START". This line extends to the left side of a large circle, where it ends at a solid black dot. The word "TURN" is written next to this dot. The entire circle is enclosed within a dashed rectangular border.

LARGE OVAL

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



START

TURN

STARTER TAB

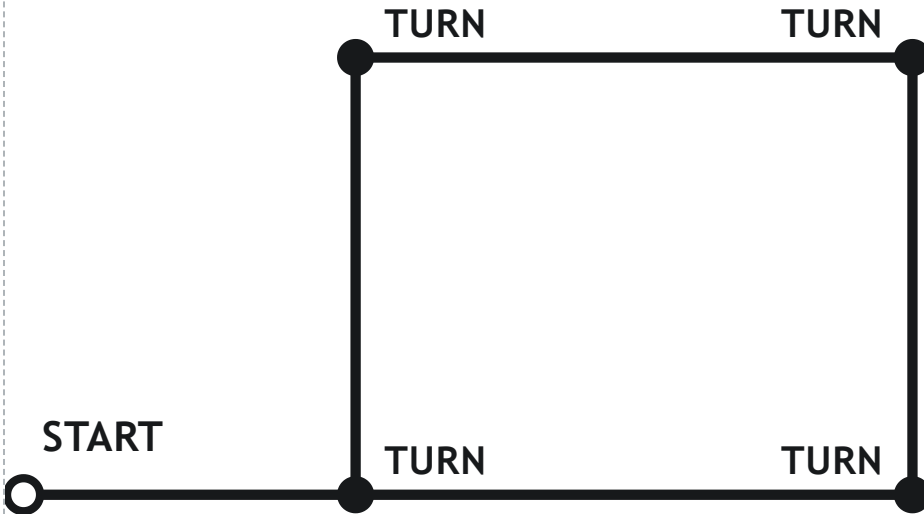
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Cut a Square & Rectangle

Cut in. Turn at each corner. Follow the whole shape.

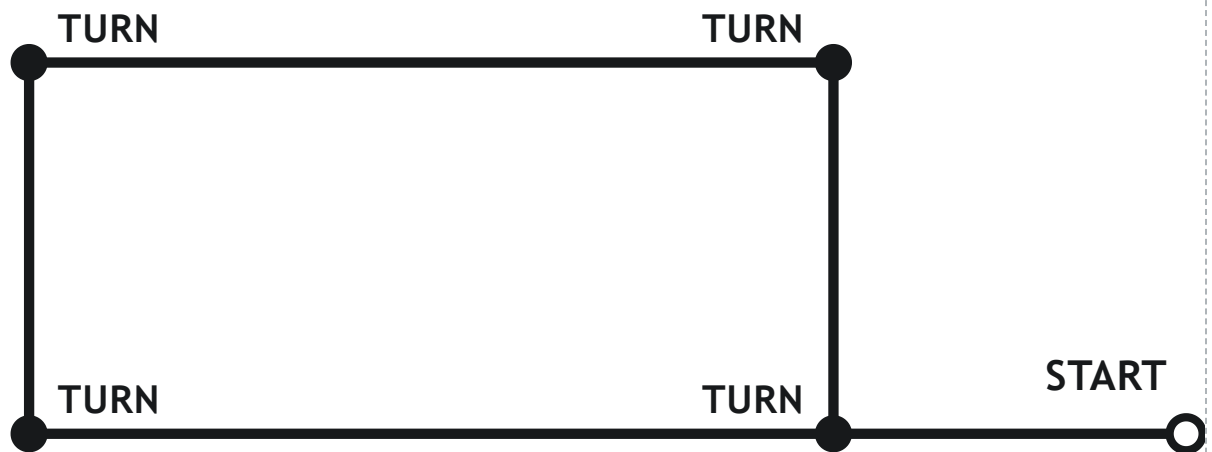
SQUARE

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



RECTANGLE

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD

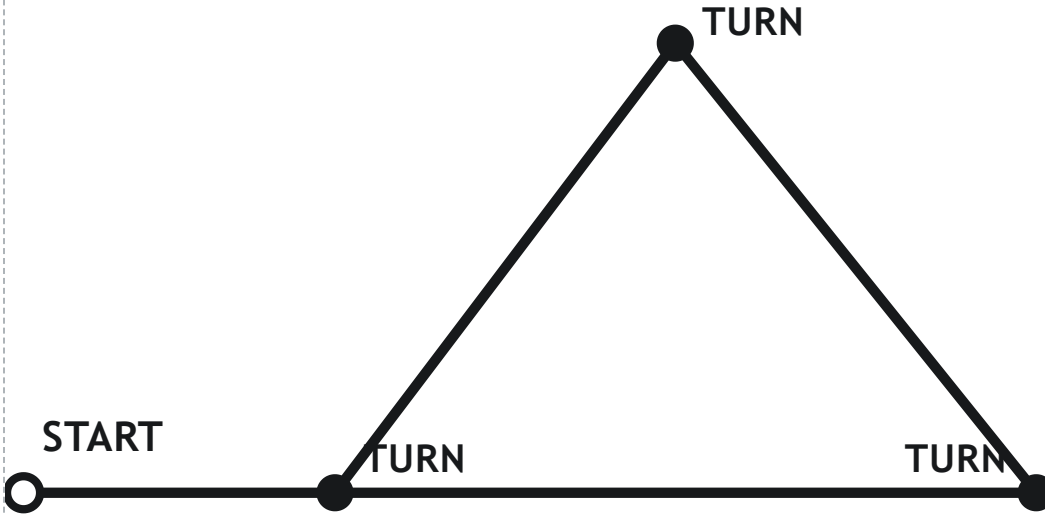


Corners & Curves

Turn at corners. Follow each shape all the way around.

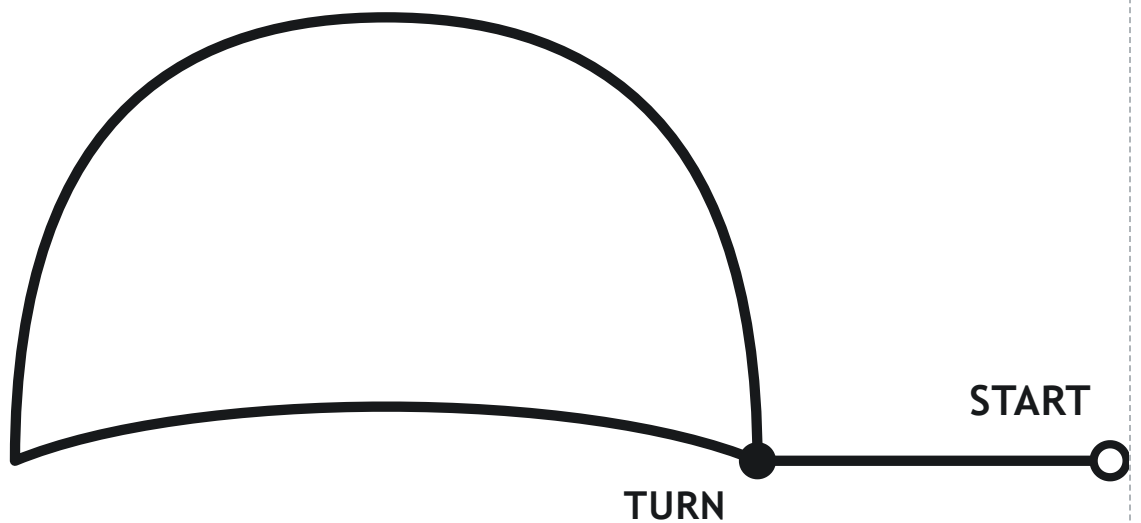
CORNERS

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



CURVES

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



Choose a Path

Try four different cutting paths.

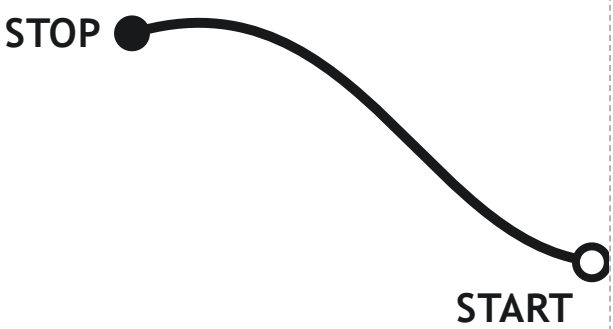
STRAIGHT

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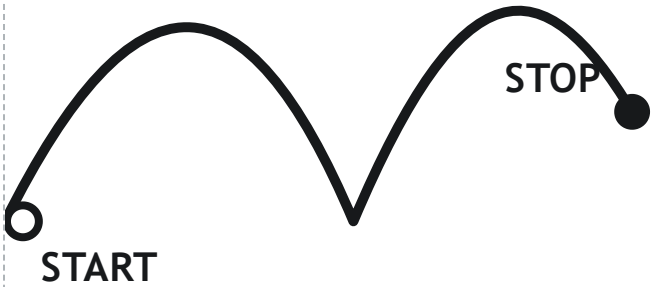
CURVE

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



WAVE

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



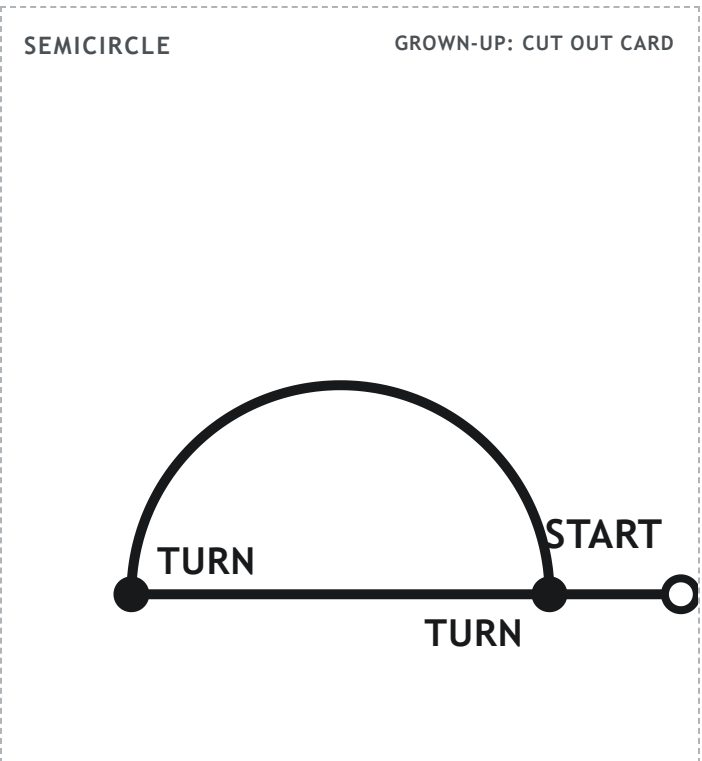
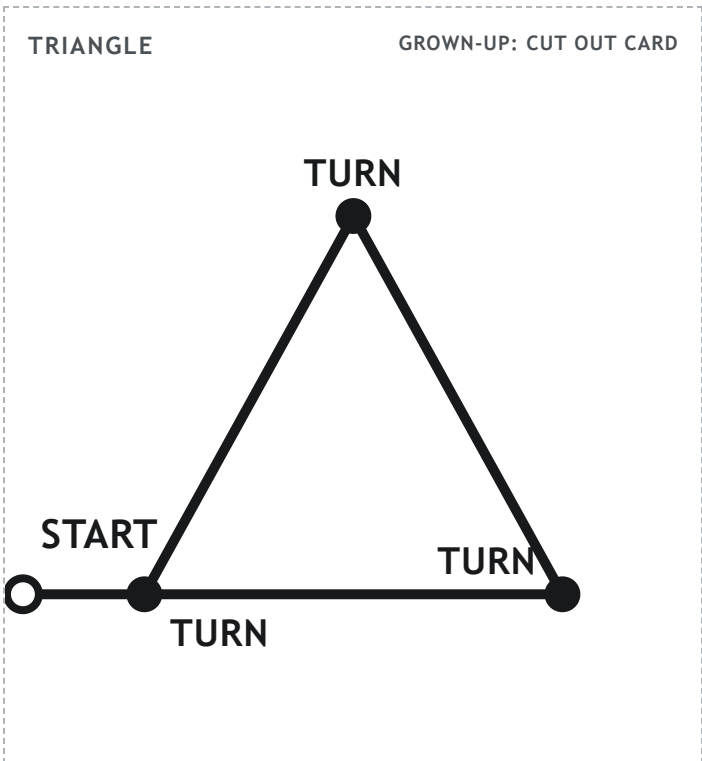
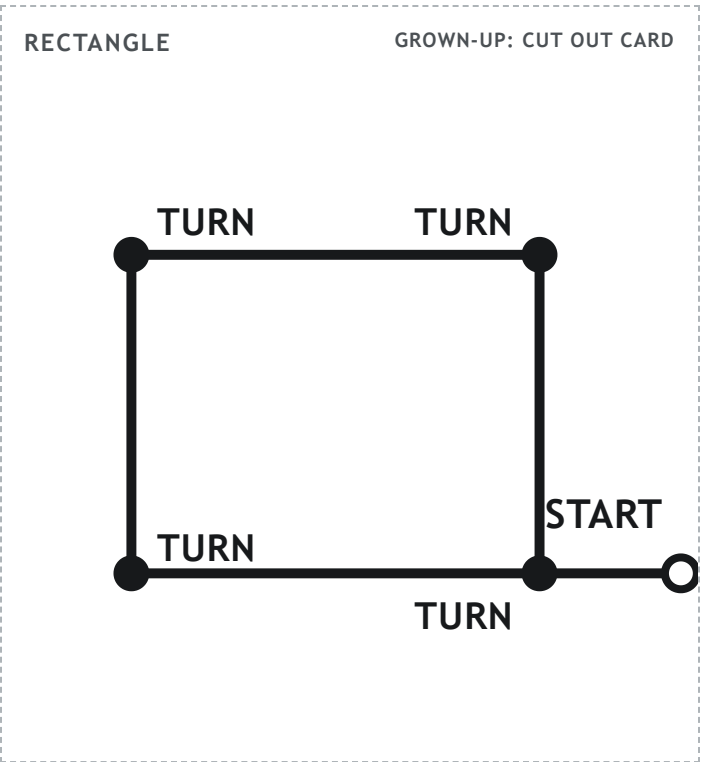
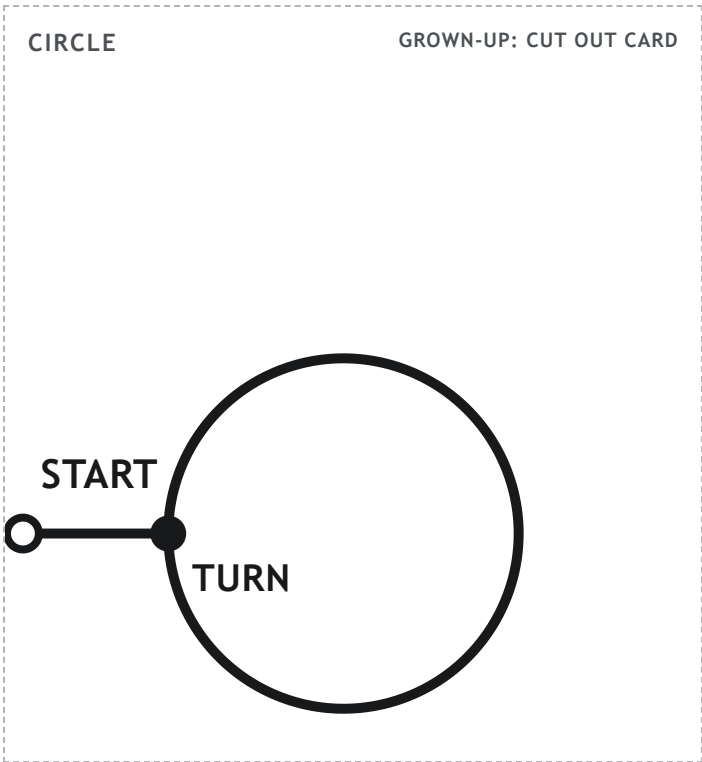
ZIGZAG

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT CARD



Cut the Pieces

Cut out the shapes. Save them for the next page.



Build Something

Arrange your pieces. Glue them down. Make something new!

Ideas: Robot



Rocket



Funny Face



You can make something completely different.

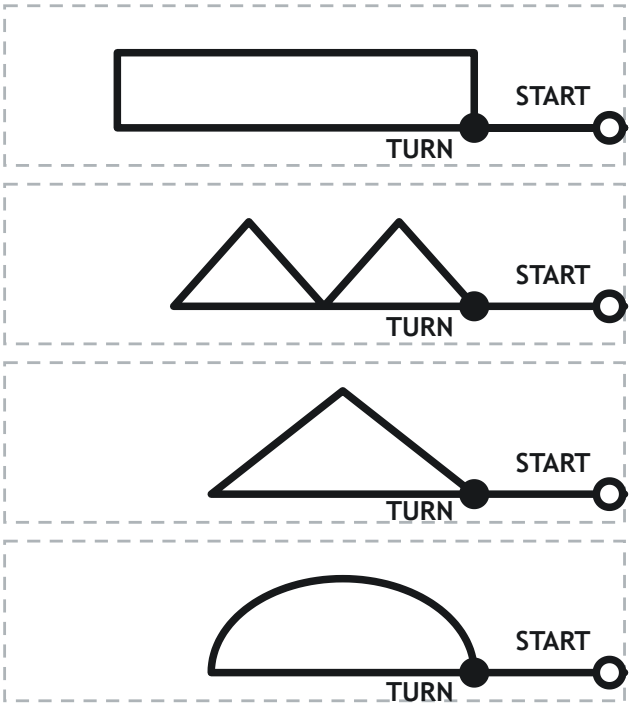
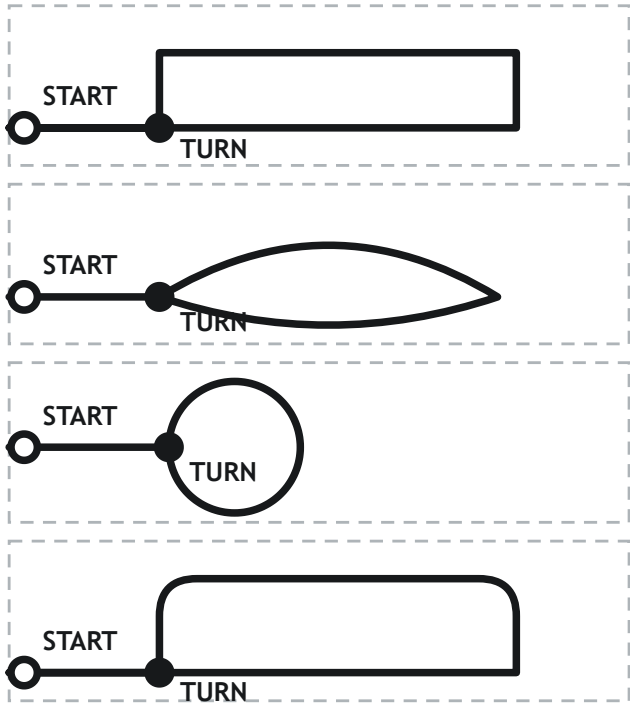
CREATE HERE

Arrange · Glue · Add your own drawing

Cut & Create Your Own

Cut. Arrange. Glue. Create.

GROWN-UP: CUT OUT PIECE CARDS FIRST



Idea sparks:     or invent your own!

CREATE HERE