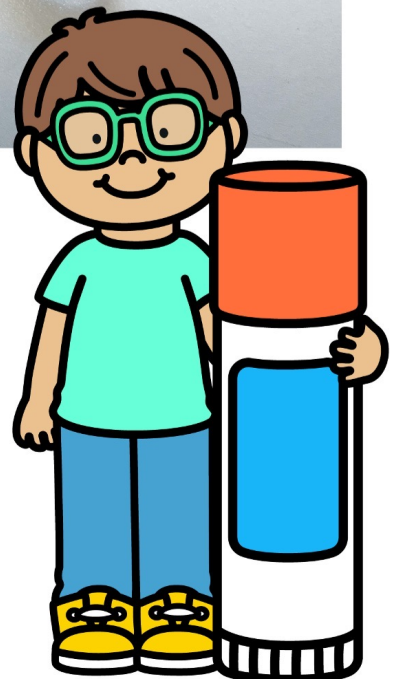


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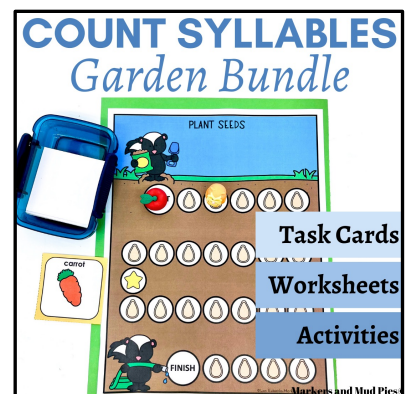
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CUTTING & GLUING PRACTICE: STRAIGHT LINES, CURVES & ZIGZAGS

Why This Activity?

Scissor skills and glue stick control are two of the most important fine motor skills young children need before they're ready to write, and they take a lot of practice to master! This activity breaks that practice into small, manageable steps.

Children start by cutting along three different line types, straight, curved, and zigzag. Straight lines are the easiest starting point, curves add a new challenge, and zigzags require the most control.

Once their pieces are cut, children collect them in a container and use a glue stick to arrange them on a 6" square of white paper, building hand strength and glue control while creating their own collage.

Ways to Use This Activity

- **Fine motor center:** Set out the cutting strips, scissors, glue sticks, and white squares for independent practice during center time.
- **Small group instruction:** Work with a small group so you can guide scissor grip and cutting technique up close.
- **Differentiation:** Start children on the straight-line strip first, then move to curves, and save zigzags for children ready for more of a challenge.
- **Morning work or early finisher task:** A quiet, low-prep option that's easy to reset between children.
- **Open-ended art:** Let children glue randomly to focus purely on the glue stick skill, or encourage them to arrange pieces into a picture, like a sunset or landscape, once they're comfortable with the materials.

What's Included

3 cutting practice sheets (straight lines, curved lines, zigzag lines)



