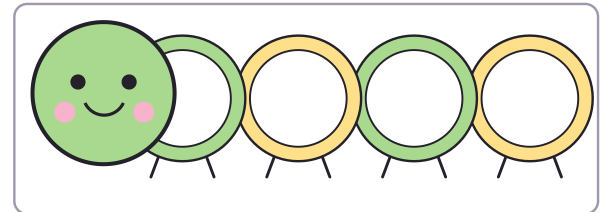


# Scissor-to-Craft

## Paper Chain Creatures

Cut long straight strips, curl each one into a loop and glue it at the printed glue point. A caterpillar, a dragon and a party chain, each with a pattern to follow.



Caterpillar, finished (drawing)

### THE LEVELS IN THIS PACK (OUT OF FIVE)

**S0**

Get ready

**S1**

Snip

**S2**

Cut straight

**S3**

Turn and curve

**S4**

Build

### IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A straight-track warm-up
- Caterpillar strips at true size
- A printed glue point on every strip
- A drawing of the finished caterpillar
- Easier and harder ways
- A low-ink cut sheet

Digital download · Print at 100% on US Letter · Always with a grown-up and child-safe scissors · Practice and play, not a therapy program

# Before you begin

About 20 minutes. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and crayons.

Long straight strips become 3D loops: curl a strip, lay the plain end over the hatched glue point and hold it for a count of ten. Every strip has the same glue point, so every loop comes out the same size.

## SAFETY FIRST

- A grown-up stays with the child for every cutting activity.
- Use child-safe scissors with rounded tips that fit the child's hand, and left-handed scissors for a left-handed child.
- Cut sitting at a table. Walk with scissors closed, holding the blades.
- Glue sticks only. Keep small paper scraps away from children who still put things in their mouths.

## GRIP AND HELPER HAND

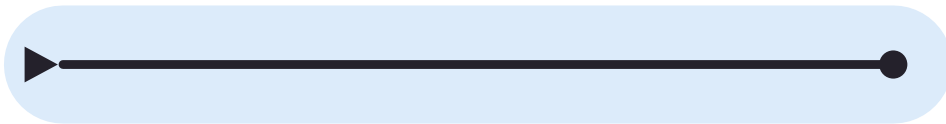
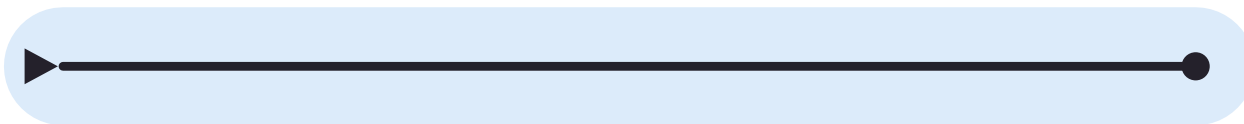
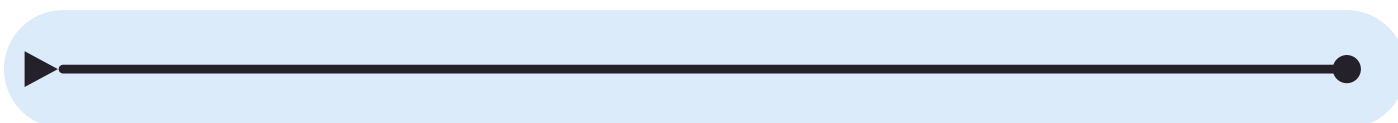
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

### PRINT CHECK

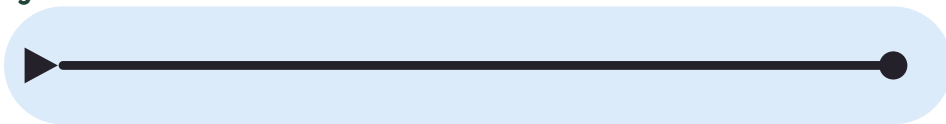
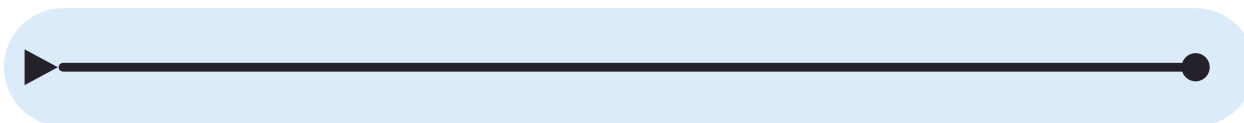
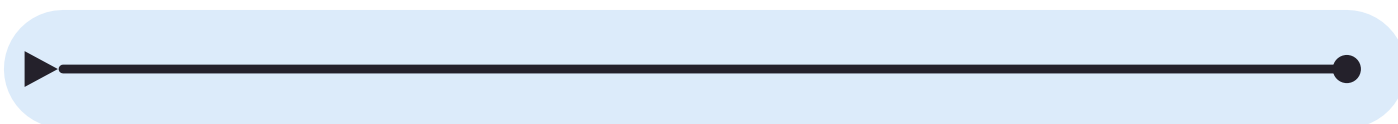
Print at 100% ("Actual size"). The pieces are drawn at real size, so they match the glue base only at 100%.

## Warm-up: Long straight tracks

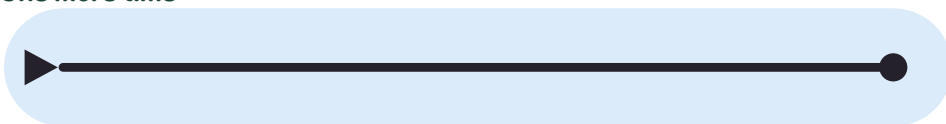
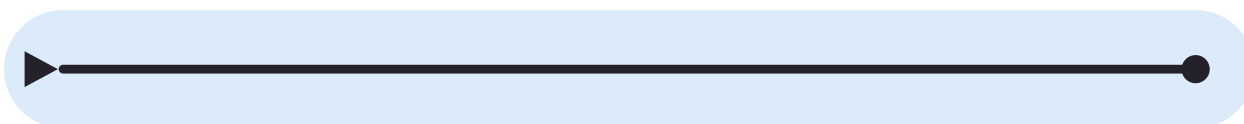
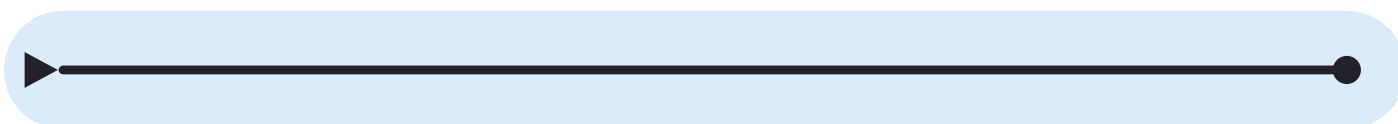
For Caterpillar. Keep going inside the track all the way to the dot.



Again!



One more time



### GROWN-UP: WATCH FOR

- Thumb on top ("thumbs up"), scissors pointing away.
- The helper hand holds the paper, fingers away from the blades, and turns it at corners.
- Left-handed? Use left-handed scissors. Any direction that keeps the line in view is fine.



## Cut it out: Caterpillar

— cut on the line



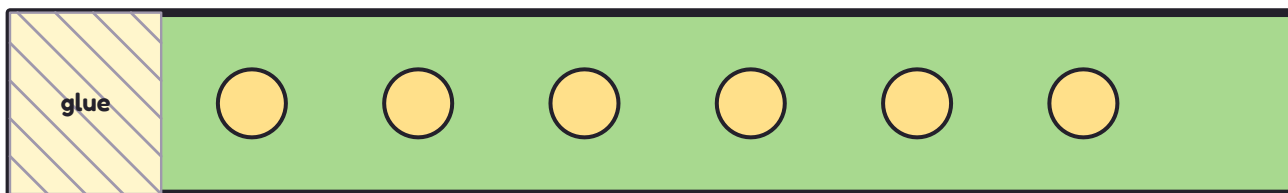
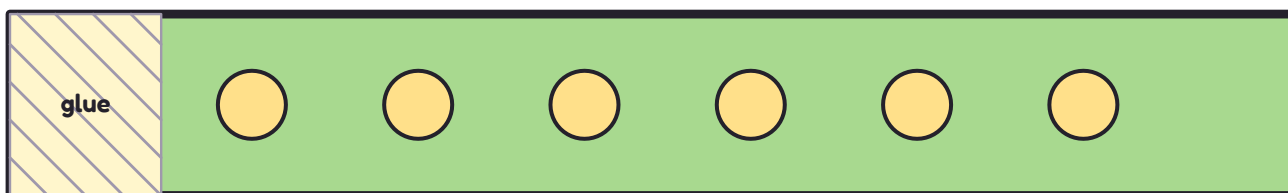
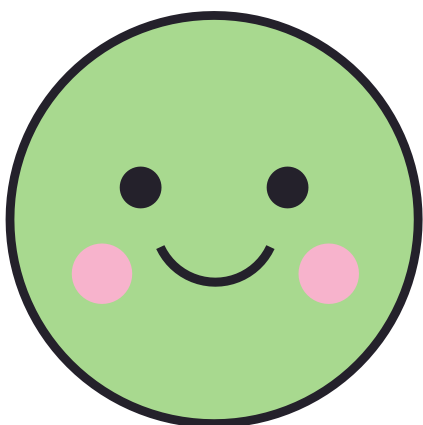
snip, stop at the  
bar

— fold



glue

== grown-up cuts



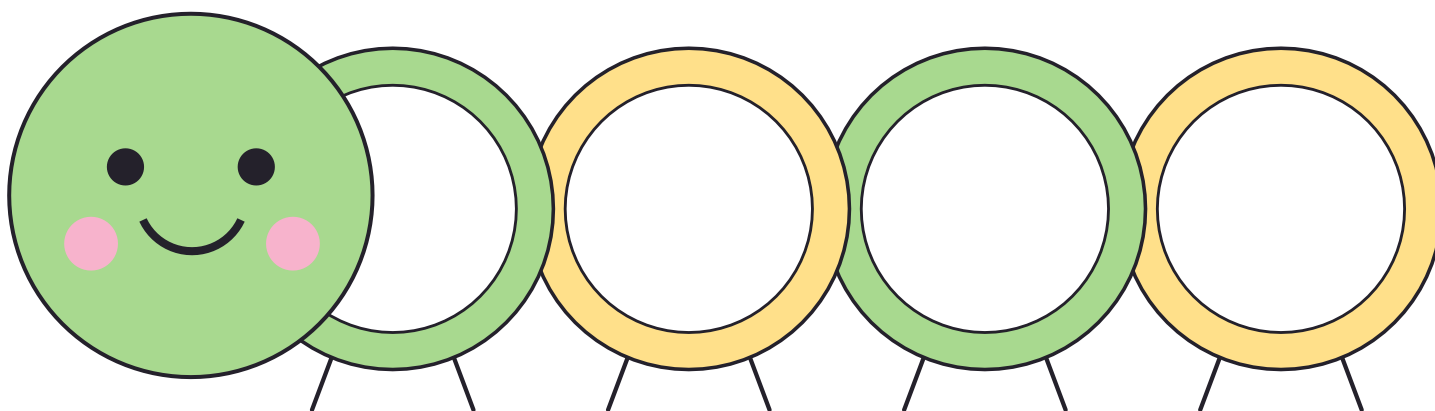
## Make it: Caterpillar

- 1 Cut out the four strips along their long lines, and the round head (the grown-up can cut the head if curves are new).
- 2 Curl a strip into a loop. Lay the plain end over the hatched glue point and hold it while you count to ten.
- 3 Make all four loops. Line them up dotted, plain, dotted, plain (green, yellow, green, yellow), and glue each loop to the next where they touch.
- 4 Glue the head on the front of the first loop.

### GROWN-UP DOES

Glue the first loop together with the child, so they see the plain end go over the glue point.

FINISHED (DRAWING, 89% OF REAL SIZE)



### EASIER

The grown-up cuts the strips; the child curls and glues the loops.

### HARDER

Make a longer caterpillar: draw more strips 17 cm by 2.4 cm on scrap paper and keep the pattern going.

### GROWN-UP CHECK

On the long strips, does the child keep cutting along the line to the very end?

## Cut it out: Caterpillar

— cut on the line



snip, stop at the  
bar

— fold



glue

== grown-up cuts

