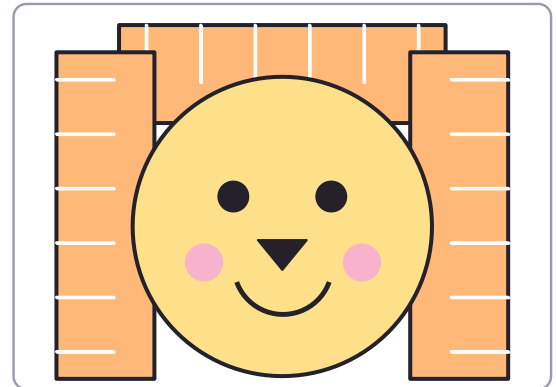
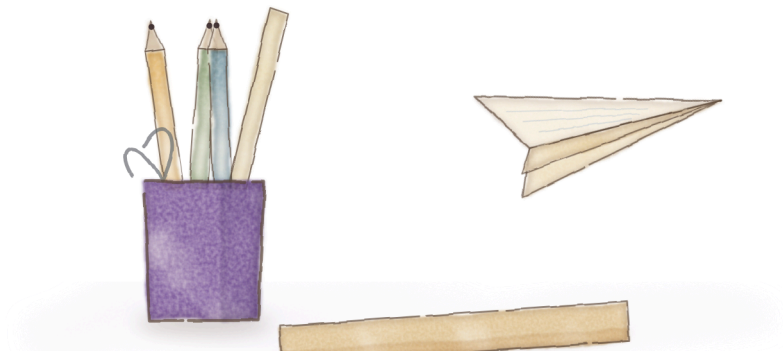


Scissor-to-Craft

Happy Lion Mane: snip, stop, make!

A complete first craft for children learning to snip: a warm-up, the pieces at true size, and a make page. Low-ink pages included.



Happy Lion Mane, finished (drawing)

FIVE LEVELS, FROM FIRST SNIPS TO REAL CRAFTS

S0

Get ready

S1

Snip

S2

Cut straight

S3

Turn and curve

S4

Build

IN THIS FREE CRAFT

- A snipping warm-up with STOP bars
- The lion pieces at true size
- A make page with a glue base
- Steps, an easier and a harder way
- A grown-up page: safety and grip
- Low-ink warm-up and 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 with breaks. You need child-safe scissors, a glue stick and crayons.

Snipping is the first cutting skill: open the scissors, close them once, and stop. This lion turns snips into a mane.

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.

READY TO SNIP?

- ☐ Sits steadily at a table with feet supported.
- ☐ Opens and closes the scissors with the thumb on top.
- ☐ Holds the paper with the other hand (the helper hand), fingers away from the blades.
- ☐ Can tear paper with two hands.

GRIP AND HELPER HAND

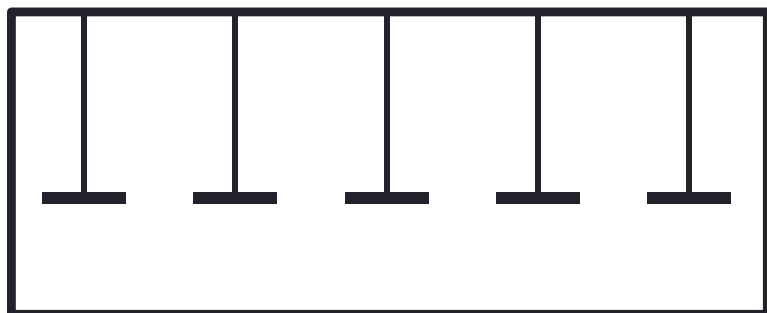
- Thumb in the top loop, pointing up ("thumbs up"). Fingers in the bottom loop.
- The helper hand holds the paper near the edge, thumb on top, fingers below and away from the blades.
- Use left-handed scissors: the blades are reversed so the child can see the line.

NOT READY YET?

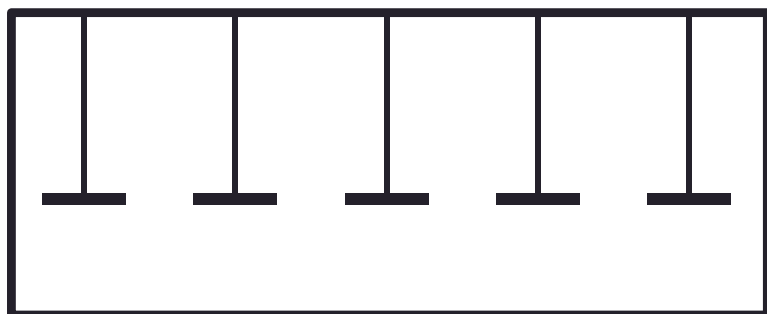
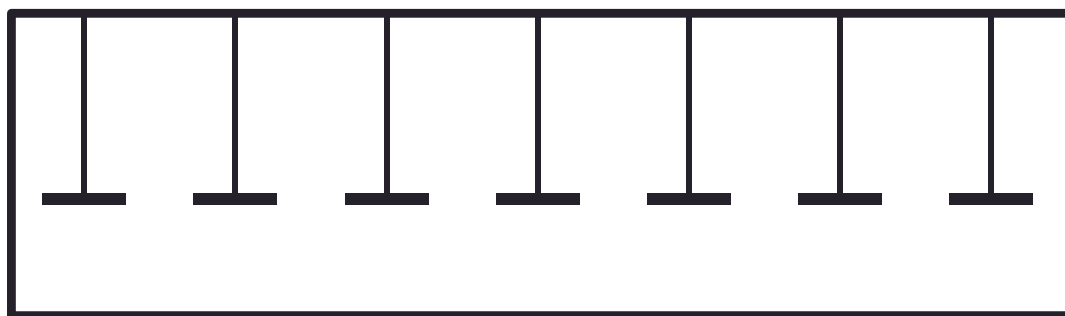
Tear instead: tear the mane strips into a fringe with your fingers, then glue. That is real progress too.

Warm-up: Snip and stop

For Happy Lion Mane. Snip on each line and stop at the bar. Keep the strip in one piece.



STOP at the bar



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: Happy Lion Mane

— cut on the line



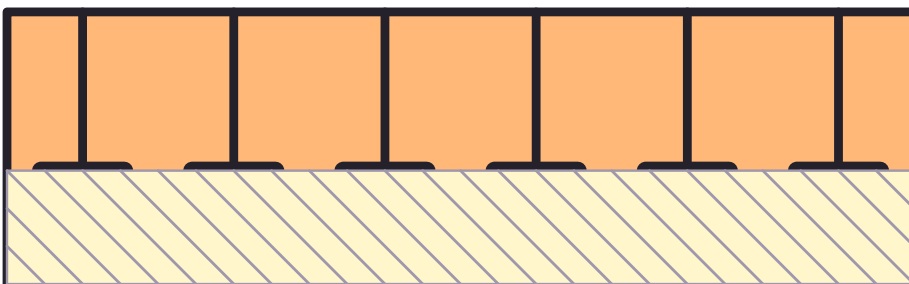
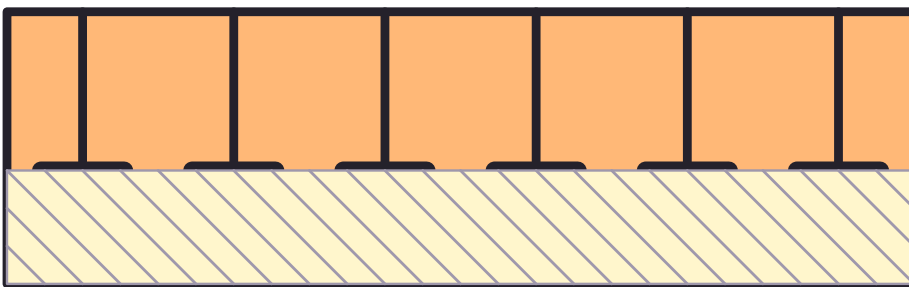
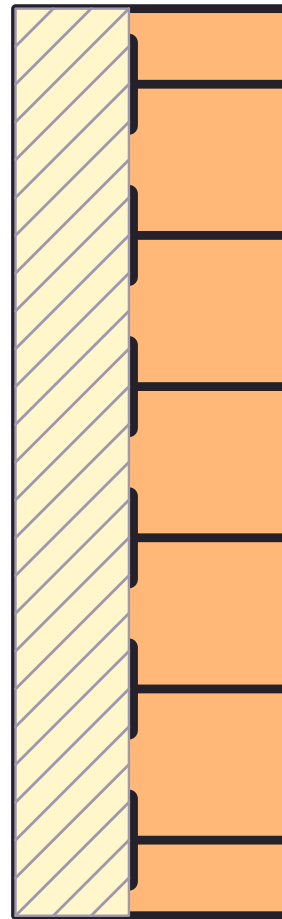
snip, stop at the
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— fold



glue

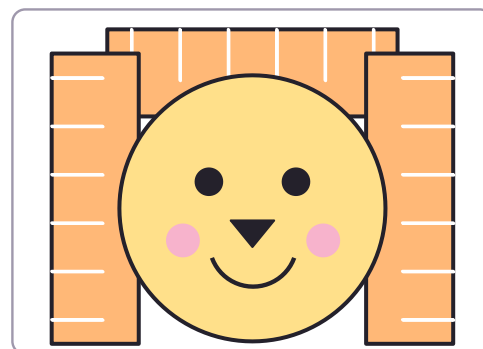
== grown-up cuts



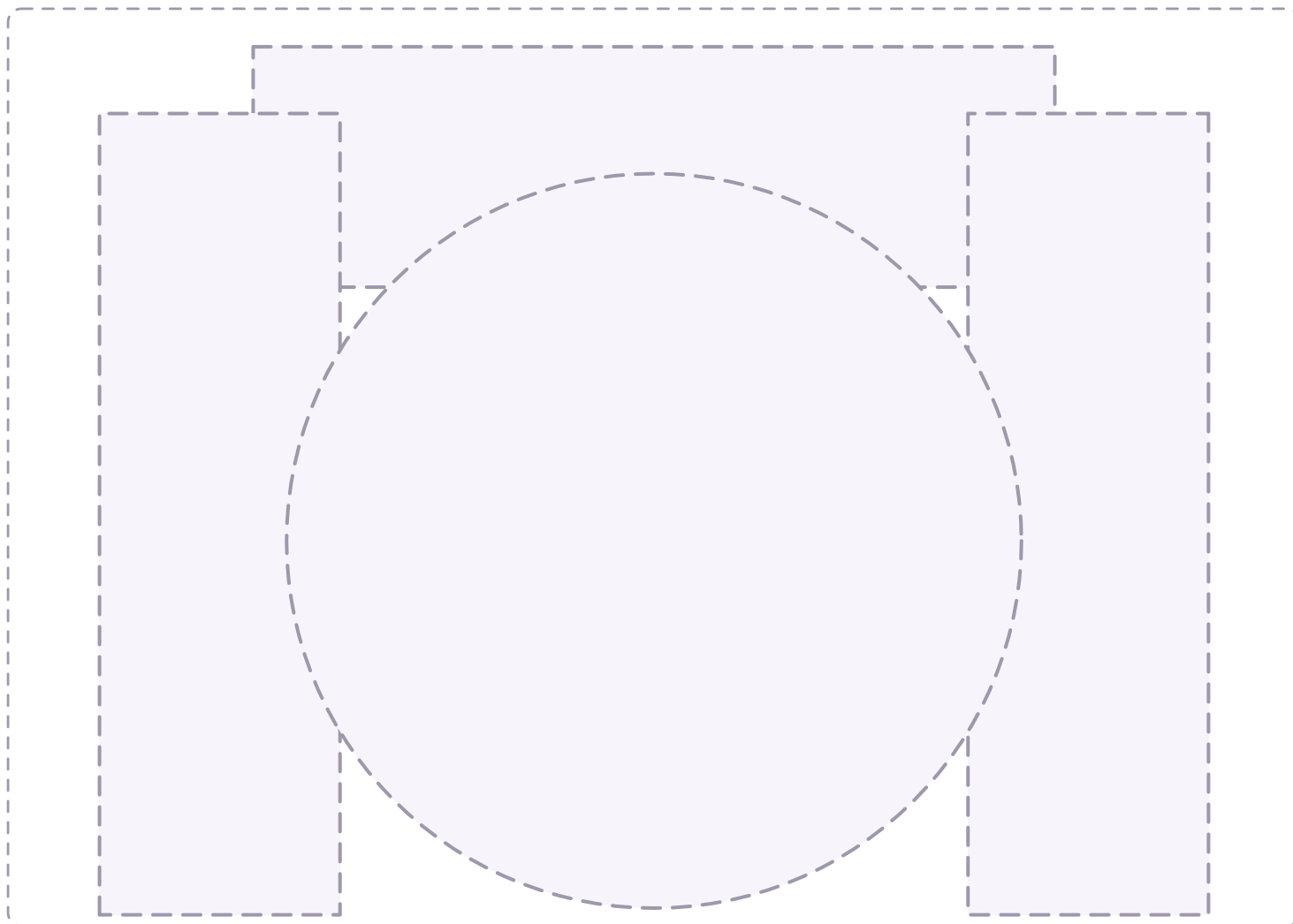
Make it: Happy Lion Mane

- 1 Snip each mane strip on the lines. Stop at the bar.
- 2 Glue one strip on the top outline of the base, fringe pointing up.
- 3 Glue the other two strips on the side outlines, fringe pointing out.
- 4 Glue the face on top, then fluff the mane and color your lion.

FINISHED (DRAWING)



GLUE THE PIECES HERE

**EASIER**

The grown-up holds the strip; the child only opens and closes the scissors.

HARDER

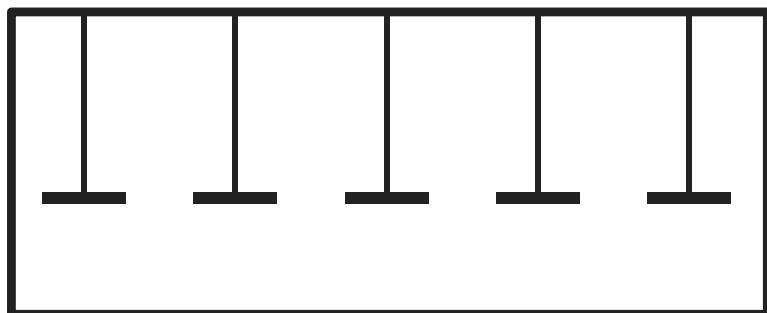
Snip a second cut between each pair of lines for a thicker mane.

GROWN-UP CHECK

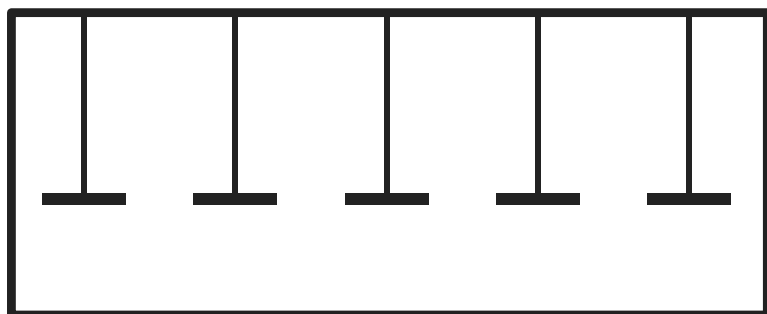
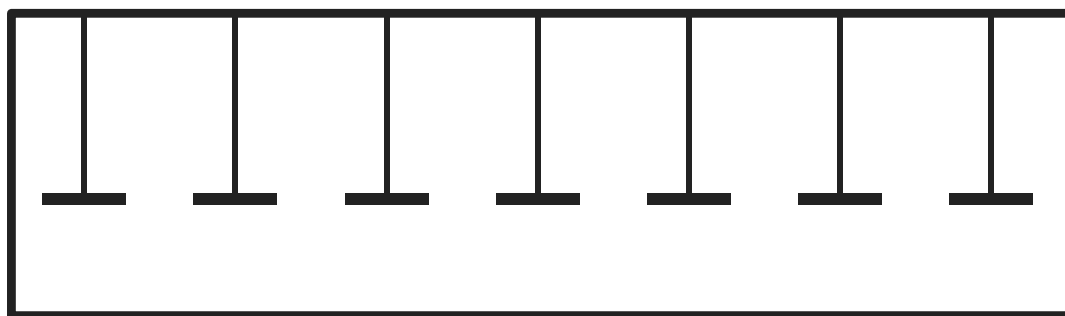
Did the child make at least four snips that stop before the bar?

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