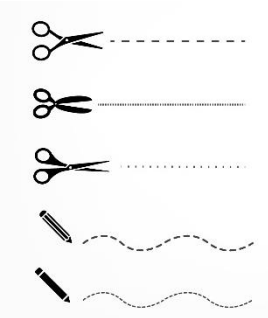


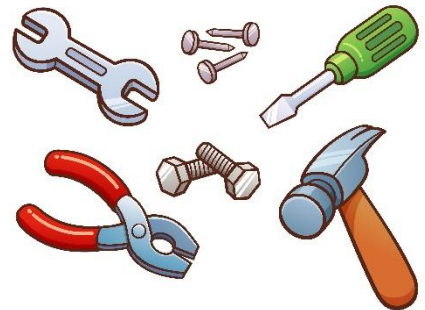
## Uses tools to complete activities, showing hand-eye coordination (scissors, fork, toothbrush, pencil, etc.)



**Activity:** Draw lines on a piece of paper and have your child practice cutting along them.

**Why:** Cutting along a line takes coordination and patience. Praise your child's efforts even if they aren't perfect. Help them keep trying.

**Activity:** Help your child play with tools. Show her how to screw a large nut onto a bolt. Let her try to hammer a short nail into a piece of soft wood after you start it. Help fit a fat screwdriver head into a large screw, turn it, and watch it go into something soft like soft wood or a cardboard box. Tell your child what a great builder she is!



**Why:** Using large, safe tools builds coordination and strengthens hand muscles at the same time. Children enjoy using "adult tools", helping them do so safely can prevent accidents.