

Writing: Why Use Pencil Grips?

Children need to hold a pencil in a way that provides both stability and mobility. Speed, legibility, and endurance of handwriting are influenced by the way a child holds their pencil. Pencil grips help the child maintain a position of stability to allow for efficient mobility and improved handwriting.

Pencil Grips: Our pencil grips are available in three types and are for both left and right handers. The Crossover Grip uses the same great design as the Standard Pencil Grip but added wings to prevent fingers from crossing over each other. The NEW Pinch Grip balances the structure of the Crossover Grip with the freedom of the Standard Grip. The Grips can be used as a three step process starting with the Crossover, then Pinch Grip and finally Standard.



Pencil Toppers are ideal for anyone who chews when writing. Some children (and adults) actually chew when they are thinking or processing.

Writing skills requires fine motor skills and tracking skills. The more you practice the stronger you get! Get your fingers now and pretend you have a spinning top – notice the muscles working down your arm. A fun way to do lots of finger strengthening is through spinning tops. We have a few available, but make a collection for hours of FUN! An added bonus when the child lets the spinning top go, they require tracking skills to watch the spinning top move.

Scissors

This year we have introduced a great range of ergonomically adapted scissors designed to help children with special needs to develop skills to using scissors. Lightweight, easy grips, round ended blades and available in left or right handed.

9 Reasons to Develop Scissor Skills

- ✓ Increase manual dexterity.
- ✓ Improves handwriting.
- ✓ Improves dressing skills.
- ✓ Removes frustration.
- ✓ Increases self-esteem.
- ✓ Increases independence.
- ✓ Allows greater integration with class-mates.
- ✓ Increases opportunity for expressing creativity.
- ✓ Creativity allows for sense of achievement.

All Scissors \$15 plus P&H

<p>Long Loop Self-Opening</p>	<p>Easi-Grip</p>
<p>Long Loop Easi-Grip</p>	<p>Mini Easi-Grip</p> <p>(used for both left and right handers)</p>

Wonderful New Sensory Books

The Motor Skill Flip-Book Program

By Sally McNamara

Developed by a paediatric occupational therapist in response to demand for quick and easy motor skill programmes for children. Five colour-coded areas of motor development incorporating the whole body; including core strength, shoulder stability, gross motor co-ordination, fine motor co-ordination, and pencil control skills. 100 mix and match activities of varying degrees of difficulty. Beneficial for children who experience handwriting difficulties as well as general coordination and motor development issues.

CODE B137 **\$54.95 (plus P & H)**



Building Bridges Through Sensory Integration

By Paul Aquilla, Shirley Sutton and Ellen Yack

Provides innovative strategies and practical advice for dealing with everyday challenges, including managing behaviours, improving muscle tone, developing social skills, selecting diets, and more.

CODE B152 **\$59.95 (plus P & H)**

