



Handwriting help

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Pencil grips are designed to facilitate a functional pencil grasp which will allow the child to color and write with precision, without fatigue. There are several good pencil grips. It is wrong to think that only the three fingers grasp (tripod) is correct. It is important to make sure that the pencil grasp allows the child to move his fingers during writing or drawing tasks.

HOW TO USE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

It is recommended to place the grip on the writing pencil or on the pencil (or pencils) mostly used by the child. It is also important to choose the right grip based on the child's difficulty. Very often, professional guidance from an ergo therapist is useful.

Find below an assortment of grips to help you find and choose your grip and discover our favorites.

Grip name	Photos	Use	Precautions
Start Right (0111)		<p>Although it looks big and rigid, this grip is very efficient!</p> <p>It provides right positioning for the fingers</p> <p>It prevents crossing thumb or other fingers</p> <p>It can easily be removed from a pencil to be put on another (while coloring with wood crayons for example), even by a kindergarten student.</p>	

<p>The Crossover Grip (0275) 2.75\$</p>		<p>It is very comfortable, can prevent fingers tiredness and discomfort during graphic tasks</p> <p>It provides right positioning for the fingers</p> <p>It prevents crossing thumb or other fingers over the pencil</p>	<p>Because of its texture, it could be difficult for a young child to remove and use it on another pencil.</p>
<p>Grotto grip (0348)</p>		<p>It helps with the right positioning of the fingers</p> <p>It prevents crossing thumb or other fingers over the pencil.</p>	<p>Uncomfortable for children with a 4-finger grasp (quadruped)</p>
<p>The Pencil grip Regular (0138-1)</p>		<p>It offers good comfort to little hands holding pencils too tightly</p> <p>It reduces finger pains</p> <p>It helps acquiring a good pencil grasp.</p>	

<p>The Pencil grip Jumbo (0138-2)</p>		<p>Just like the pencil grip but bigger!</p> <p>Interesting for children who are starting to use small diameter pencils.</p> <p>It helps forming and opening the webspace properly (space between thumb and index)</p> <p>It is comfortable and reduces finger tensions.</p>	
<p>Handiwriter</p> <p>Dolphin (0307)</p> <p>Baseball (3356200)</p> <p>Soccer (336100)</p>		<p>It helps placing the pencil at a proper angle and in the webspace (space between thumb and index)</p> <p>It allows a three-finger grasp</p> <p>It helps improving dissociation of the fingers.</p>	<p>The use of the dolphin (that the child must hold with his fingers 4 and 5 to improve dissociation) and of the elastic may be difficult for a young student.</p> <p>It may be useful to remove the dolphin when starting to use the tool and add it when the child will be more familiar.</p>
<p>Bumpy (2953000)</p>		<p>The textured effect helps with awareness of the fingers being on the pencil</p> <p>It answers the needs of students looking for tactile stimulation</p> <p>It is comfortable and reduces fingers fatigue</p> <p>It helps with the right positioning of the fingers</p>	

<p>Writing Claw</p> <p>Small (0747-1)</p> <p>Medium (0747-2)</p> <p>Large (0747-3)</p>		<p>It helps with the right positioning of the fingers</p> <p>It helps acquiring a tripod grasp</p> <p>It is easy to use.</p>	<p>If the student uses a quadruped grasp, this claw is not recommended.</p>
<p>Mini-Grip (0293) Pack of 10</p>		<p>It helps remembering where to place the fingers in a tripod grasp.</p>	<p>To use only with students who are using the tripod grasp.</p> <p>Not to use with a student with a quadruped grasp.</p>
<p>Butter Grip (261300) Pack of 2</p>		<p>It helps opposing the fingers properly for a digital grasp</p> <p>It allows a crayon with a larger diameter.</p>	

<p>Solo (0137) Pack of 5</p>		<p>It helps placing the fingers in a three fingers (tripod) grasp.</p>	<p>To use only with students who are using the tripod grasp.</p> <p>Not to use with a student with a quadruped grasp.</p>
<p>Fish Pencil Grip</p> <p>Right handed (2669111)</p> <p>Left handed (2669121)</p>		<p>It allows young children to learn how to place their fingers on a pencil in a fun way</p> <p>It offers good visual marks</p> <p>It prevents crossing thumb and other fingers</p> <p>It helps opening the webspace properly (space between thumb and index)</p>	
<p>Foam grip (0294) Pack of 10</p>		<p>It offers more comfort</p> <p>It reduces finger pains and tensions</p> <p>It allows a crayon with a larger diameter</p> <p>Depending on the chosen texture, the child will be able to better feel the pencil in his hand</p> <p>It can answer the needs of a child looking for tactile stimulation.</p>	

<p>Extreme squishy gel grip (0285) Pack of 10</p>		<p>It offers more comfort</p> <p>It reduces finger pains and tensions</p> <p>It allows a crayon with a larger diameter.</p> <p>Depending on the chosen texture, the child will be able to better feel the pencil in his hand</p> <p>It can answer the needs of a child looking for tactile stimulation.</p>	
<p>Triangle Grip Pack of 10</p> <p>Small (0117-1)</p> <p>Large (0117-2)</p>		<p>It helps the child using a digital grasp</p> <p>It helps positioning the fingers</p> <p>It allows a crayon with a larger diameter.</p>	
<p>Pinch grip (2719)</p>		<p>It helps the child placing his fingers on the pencil</p> <p>It prevents fingers from slipping</p> <p>It offers comfort and reduces hand and fingers fatigue</p>	

WHO IS IT FOR ?

1. Pencil grips can be used by right-handed and left-handed individuals.
2. It is important to train the child on how to use the pencil grip. It should be placed on the pencil for short periods of time at the beginning and the amount of time increased progressively. It is also important to explain to the child how to place his fingers on the grip.
3. It will be necessary to integrate the pencil grip in easier tasks (while coloring for instance with wood color pencils instead of writing) and to explain to the child it is possible that his coloring is not as good as usual to start with but that it will improve.
4. The use of a pencil grip should improve both the comfort and the finished product (more precise coloring, faster or more fluid handwriting, etc.) and not just the finger positions on the pencil.
5. If difficulties still persist, it might be appropriate to ask an ergo therapist for guidance. An incorrect pencil grasp may have various causes: poor postural control, coordination difficulties, sensory particularities, etc.