Crafty Cut

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Target Audience: The app description doesn't specifically say who it is geared toward, but I would say it is more geared toward older elementary and up students given its focus on geometry and game set up.

Software Type(s): This app is best described as a problem-solving app because you are given a certain shape and required to cut a different shape out of it using one line.

Curriculum & Environments: I would use this app in a math learning center to get students familiar with different geometric shapes.

Cost: Free version with limited number of levels & an all access version for $4.99 a month.

About the Software:

Crafty Cut allows the user to complete levels in which they are given a particular shape (a square, rectangle, triangle, etc) and asked to cut out a different shape from what they are given. This can range from cutting out a specific type of triangle to cutting out a trapezoid. This app also explains the features of each shape that the user is asked to cut out, making it a great way to learn about the characteristics of different geometric shapes. If you're worried about being lost, don't be. The app provides an extensive tutorial before you start to actually use it that will make using it a breeze.

Impressions and Classroom Usage:

We really enjoyed using this app because of how easy it is to use after following the tutorial and because of how it challenges us to think. Some levels were surprisingly challenging and required the both of us to solve. We were impressed with how well the app explains the different aspects of it and with the way that it describes the shapes it is wanting you to create. This app would be great for having students practice geometric shapes and for students to learn characteristics of those shapes, though it would be a bit difficult for younger students.