

The Orange-handled Scissors™

History and Evolution



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**THE ICONIC ORANGE-HANDLED
FISKARS SCISSORS HAVE
MADE EVERYDAY LIFE EASIER
FOR 50 YEARS**



1800's



A history of creativity

It's only fitting that an iconic tool that's inspired so many should have a creative origin story of its own. In the beginning, there was metal. For centuries, people used heavy and uncomfortable scissors created entirely out of metal.



1960's



Igniting change

No invention occurs in a vacuum. The upheaval of traditional design, paired with the plastics boom and advancements in manufacturing, all came together in a perfect storm to combine with Fiskars' spirit of innovation to change the face of scissors forever.



The man, the movement

Fiskars' industrial designer Olof Bäckström favored clean designs and modular forms, sparking a modern Scandinavian design movement that paved the way for the pared-down, organic aesthetic you see in all Fiskars products today.

1967



The world's first plastic-handled scissors

The world's first plastic-handled scissors are produced, revolutionizing and democratizing scissors use with improved ergonomics and an affordable price. Now this everyday tool was available to everyone.



Iconic orange color

The characteristic orange color came about in a happy coincidence. The first scissors samples were produced in the same plastics factory that manufactured Fiskars juicers and the orange color was left in the machine. In the final vote, orange beat back by 9 votes to 7.



1970's



Establishing an icon

In the early '70s, Fiskars' unique orange scissors made their way into the hands of home seamstresses all over the world. Their unbeatable lightness, ergonomics and performance made them a fast favorite, with many declaring them off limits to the rest of the family.



2000



The world is orange

The Original Orange-handled Scissors are the most popular scissors in the world, selling over 1 billion pairs worldwide. In addition to the classic Orange-handled Scissors, Fiskars has created specialty scissors for all aspects of life including kitchen use and sewing.



2004



A work of art

In 2004, the timeless aesthetic of our iconic, Orange-handled Scissors earned them a spot in the Museum of Modern Art's permanent collection in New York. This distinction, along with many others, led to Orange-handled Scissors being granted its very own trademark.

2017



Fiskars Original Orange-handled Scissors 50th Anniversary

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Orange-handled Scissors. Fiskars is commemorating 50 years of a design icon and the role the scissors play in helping people achieve their creative vision. Fiskars has compiled unique stories and works by renowned artists and designers showcased online and in an exhibition at the Helsinki Design Museum.

