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Smart scissors: the innovation that cuts it

For those affected by arthritis, a durable tool that can adjust to give you Hulk-like power on demand is very clever indeed



Cut anything: smart scissors are designed to be versatile, replacing the need for multiple tools Photo: (c) Steven Errico

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“ They look like an instrument of Inquisition torture but in fact are such a joy for somebody who has arthritis, which hurts even when I push out pills or open an envelope. The bliss of these scissors is they not only cut through credit cards, chicken bones, tough boxes, any kind of packaging, but you can also crack nuts and crush garlic. Most wonderful of all, they can open bottles. They have completely changed my life because they stop my hands hurting far better than any painkiller. So I'm hugely grateful to them.

What is it?

When a normal pair of scissors just won't do, smart scissors (such as AnySharp Smart Sizzors or Singer Smart Scissors) come to the rescue. They have been designed with durable blades and an adjustable tension so you can match the power to the problem, and the grip is easy on the wrist and fingers. Some are even battery-operated for extra power. Essentially, they turn anyone into the Hulk...

How is it changing lives?

In the UK, around 10 million people are affected by arthritis, a condition that causes pain and swelling in the joints. Many people associate arthritis with older people – but while the majority of sufferers are over 50, it can affect anyone; around 15,000 children and young people have arthritis in the UK. For people of all ages, arthritis symptoms can make daily tasks quite difficult and painful – and any tool that can make them a bit easier carries a significant impact. With smart scissors, the tension can be adjusted to slice through a chicken, crack a nut or cut flowers with ease.

For people like Jilly Cooper, whose hands need a little extra love and care, an innovation as simple as this means the world.

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