

## Basic Procedure

- Make sure you have all your tools accessible and ready on an easy to reach surface. Also see that your subject has clean hair, so as not to gum up the clippers. Seat and cover your cut-ee and yourself so no cut hair will reach any clothing. (you may want to play a favorite movie during the cut)
- Choose your style wisely. take time to plan it out. Run your fingers through their hair and study it. Note difficult places or tendencies the hair and head may have. Visualize the end result before starting.
- Run a thin strip of oil across your cutting blades and turn the cutters on to let it sink in for a smooth cut. AND/OR If you are prepping the head for scissors (See tips for cutting with scissors), wet the hair thoroughly so your fingers and comb can manipulate the hair easily.
- Cut. Remember you can always cut more hair off, but you can't put it back on. When in doubt, leave more hair than you think you need to. Spend time looking at the head in different angles as you cut. Evaluate frequently, especially the first few times you practice on someone. **Basic bangs:** Wet and comb hair straight down in front, following the natural lay of the hair. Check hairline (You may have to compensate for a crooked hair line on your subject). Cut straight across, using the comb to steady and measure how much you want to take off. Comb through a second time and cut any hairs you missed. Then, cut straight up, matching the direction of the hair you pulled down to take a little of the hair out. This gets rid of the Cleopatra look, and makes the bangs look a little more natural.
- Trim the edges of the neck and ears, and sideburns. Remove the guards and use the naked clippers. Be cautious. The clippers may be hot at this point, and if you press too hard on the neck skin you may leave little abrasions. Gently does it. Round neck is usually used on young children, square neck for a more professional look. You may just choose according to which style looks more attractive on the person.

1. Square 2. Round 3. Fade



- When you think you are done, give the cut a close and far evaluation from all angles. Use your comb to move the hair in different directions to check consistency of length. Make the little corrections. Let your subject decide if they like it, or if they want it shorter, etc. Then style.
- Walla! Now clean it all up, or bring in the next victim. (You may want to send your finished person off to the shower)