

**HAIRCUTTING**  
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**PRINCIPLES OF HAIRCUTTING**

- Reference points
- Area of the head
- Lines and angles
- Elevation
- Cutting line
- Guidelines
- Overdirection
- Sectioning
- Combing

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**REFERENCE POINTS**

**APEX**

**PARIETAL RIDGE**  
(where comb leaves head)

**OCCIPITAL BONE**  
(where comb leaves head)

**FOUR CORNERS**

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**AREAS OF THE HEAD**

**TOP** **CROWN**

**SIDE** **NAPE**

**FRONT** **BACK**

**Fringe (bangs area)**

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**LINES AND ANGLES**

**Lines are relative to the head**

**Vertical** (straight out of the head)  
layering  
removing weight

**Diagonal**  
stacking  
blending

**Horizontal**  
Building weight

**Curved line**

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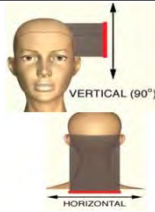
**ELEVATION**

- The angle or degree at which a subsection of hair is held or elevated from the head
- Below 90 degrees builds weight
- $\geq 90$  degrees removes weight or layers the hair

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### CUTTING LINE

- The angle where the fingers are held when cutting, and the actual line that is being cut.
- It is also called the finger angle, finger position, cutting position, cutting angle, and shears angle.



### GUIDELINES: stationary or traveling

- Section of hair that determines length the hair will be cut
- Located at either the perimeter or the interior of the cut
- Usually the first section cut

### OVERDIRECTION

- Overdirection occurs when hair is combed away from its natural falling position.

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### CLIENT CONSULTATION

- Face shape: front view, 3 zones
- Profile: side view
- Elements
- Principle of hair design
- Hair and scalp analysis
- 10-client consultation method

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## Tools Body Positions Safety

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### Tools

- Shears
- Razors
- Texturizing (thinning) shears
- Clippers and edgers
- Combs

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### Posture and Body Position

- Ergonomic - position the client: *control the chair*
- Center your weight
- Work, stay in front of the section

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### Posture, Body Position and Safety

- Ergonomic - position the client: *control the chair*
- Center your weight
- Work, stay in front of the section
- Palm the shears and razor while combing/parting
- DO NOT cut past the second knuckle (shears)
- CAUTION: take extra care cutting around the ears and bang
- Always use razor guard
- **CURLY hair: shrinks more when it dries**

**cut ½ in = cut 2 inches**

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### Basic haircuts

- **Blunt:** one-length
- **Graduated layered:** 45°
- **Uniform layered:** 90° all length are the same
- **Long layered:** 180°, shorter length at the top, increasingly length toward the perimeter



### Cutting Techniques

- Slide cutting
- Shears-over-comb
- Clipper-over-comb
- Texturizing
  - Notching
  - Free hand notching
  - Slithering
  - Slicing
  - Carving
- Palm to palm *ergonomic*
- Cutting over fingers *uniform or increasing layered*
- Cutting under or below fingers *the layers are close to each other heavily graduated*

### GENERAL HAIRCUTTING TIPS

- Take consistent and clean partings.
- Extra caution with crown, neckline, bang and around ears.
- Use consistent tension.
- Pay attention to head position.
- Maintain even moisture.
- Always work with the guideline.
- Always cross-check each section
- Stand in front to check side length.
- Use mirror to identify and correct unevenness.
- Remember curly hair shrinkage; it will shrink anywhere from ½ to 2 inches.
- Maintain correct body and hand posture.

### SANITATION AND DISINFECTION

- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Drape client properly.
- Maintain shears, razor properly.
- Sanitize combs, brushes, shears, clips, and other implements after each haircut.
- Replace blade in razor prior to each client.
- Discard blades in puncture-proof container
- Sanitize workstation after each haircutting service.
- Sweep up cut hair and dispose of properly before proceeding with hairstyling service.

### SUMMARY

- A good haircut serves as the foundation for numerous other services.
- Understand the anatomy of the head, elevations, angles, and degrees.
- The five characteristics of hair (density, texture, wave pattern, hairlines, and growth pattern) play an important role in your ability to create a quality haircut.
- Practice proper sanitation and disinfection procedures.