



Professional Haircutting 101

The complete beginner's guide to tools, techniques, and the art of the perfect cut.

Essential Tools

- ✦ Shears - 5.5" to 7" depending on hand size and cutting style
- ✦ Thinning shears - for blending and removing bulk
- ✦ Clippers with adjustable guards - sizes #0 through #8
- ✦ Wide-tooth comb for sectioning; fine-tooth for precision
- ✦ Sectioning clips to hold hair cleanly out of the way
- ✦ Spray bottle for maintaining damp hair during the cut

Preparation

- ✦ Consult the client - understand lifestyle, face shape, and hair type
- ✦ Cleanse and towel-dry hair so it is damp, not dripping
- ✦ Section hair into four quadrants using a center and ear-to-ear parting
- ✦ Keep sections neat and uniform for balanced results
- ✦ Always start with a plan - decide your guide line before cutting

Practice Makes Precision

Every master stylist started with the basics. Master your tools, respect the hair, and let each cut sharpen your eye. Consistency, patience, and clean technique are the true marks of a professional.