

# Advanced Clipper Cutting Vocabulary (Key)

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Define the haircutting terms.

1. **Classic barbering comb:** Finer-spaced teeth used for detailing, shear over-comb and clipper over-comb techniques
2. **Clipper over-comb:** Hair technique similar to shears over-comb, except the clippers move sideways across the comb rather than bottom to top
3. **Clippers:** Electrical device that cuts the hair using two moving blades held in place by a metal plate with teeth
4. **Correct body positioning:** Rolling your shoulders back and standing directly (parallel) in front of the section on which you are working
5. **Cross-check:** Taking a panel of hair opposite of the original cutting angle and checking for consistency
6. **Guard attachments:** When attached to clippers, these allow you to cut the hair evenly to the exact length
7. **Haircutting shears:** Used mainly for removing length and detailing the haircut
8. **Horseshoe parting:** A part that starts about two inches below the apex of the head, beginning and ending at the front hairline
9. **Moving guideline:** Guideline that moves as the haircutting progresses, used often when creating layers or graduation
10. **Taper:** An even blended haircut from very short at the hairline to longer lengths as you move up the head. "To Taper" is to narrow progressively at one end
11. **Thinning shears:** These tools are great for removing excess bulk and for blending one area with another
12. **Trimmers:** A smaller sized clipper, usually cordless, used to clean necklines and around ears
13. **Wide tooth comb:** Tool used when cutting thicker and longer lengths, where detailing is not required