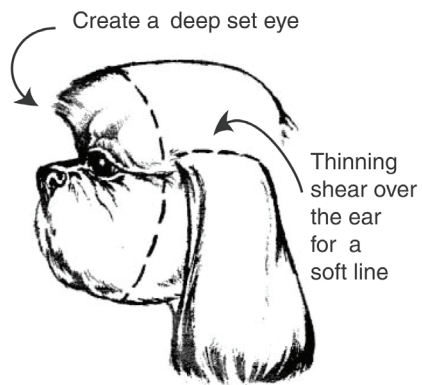
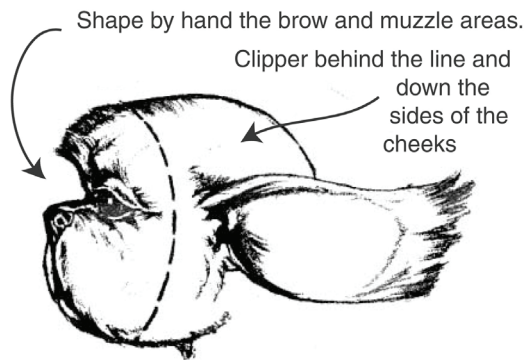
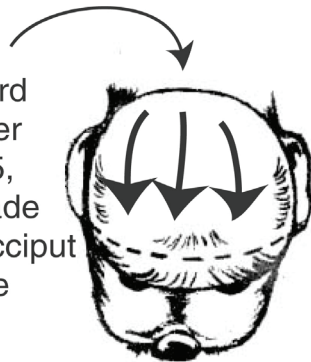


Creating the Round Head Style

Basic Pet Grooming Suggestions & Tips



With a guard comb longer than a #1.5, Pull the blade from the occiput towards the brow.



When working with a #2 guard or shorter length, work from the center of the skull out. Follow the natural lay of the coat pattern.

This is one of the most popular head styles for many pet dogs, purebred or mixed breeds. Learning to create the perfect round head consistently, every time, is a basic foundation skill of all professional pet stylists.

With some coat types, it is best to shape the head totally by hand with shears, like in the case of the Westie or the Bichon coat types.

However, with drop coated hair types, using clippers to trim the coat, coupled with some basic pattern lines, allows you to create the perfect head style, every time. By utilizing this method, you guarantee you will create a consistent look every time the client comes into your salon. This consistency is what brings clients back time and again.

The common denominator that makes up a 'drop coat' is the hair texture is fine and straight. If you comb the coat up or fluff it out, it has a natural tendency to drop back towards the ground. Typical breeds with this coat type are: Shih Tzus, Lhasas, Maltese or any pet of similar coat type.

All round heads should have the nose and eyes placed in the center of the circle. On some drop coated breeds, elongating the muzzle is a stylish alternative.



Creating the Round Head Style for a Drop Coat



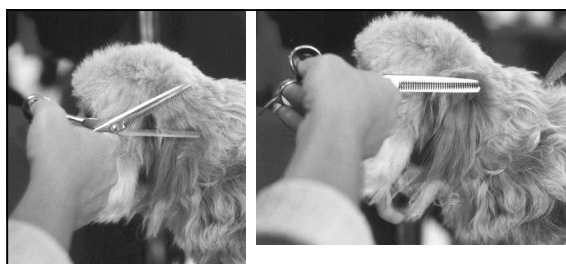
#1

Start by finding the transition line that you will use to outline and frame the eyes. Gently place your fingers just behind the eye socket ridge right behind the eyes. The areas in front of your hands will be left to shape by hand. The areas behind your hands will be removed with clippers.



#3

Go down the sides of the face in front of the ears and into the jowl area.



#5

Trim over the ears with thinning shears to create a separation over the ear but not a sharp line.



#7

The finished look of a round head style trim.



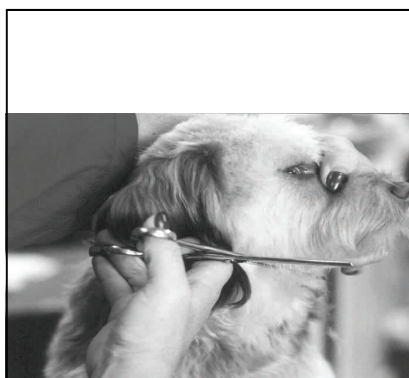
#2

Start by trimming the top of the head in the correct direction for the type of blade you are using. If you are working with a #2 guard or shorter, work from the center of the skull, out. If you are using a longer blade, pull the from the occiput or back skull forward. Feather off at the transition line so the area blends invisibly.



#4

Use either straight or curved shears in reverse to frame the eyes. The stop area has already been cleared out so you have a clear view of the eyes. By creating a beveled line, you create a deep set eye which gives the dog an intelligent and kind look. The hair right above the top of the lid will be very short and as it bevels away from the eye, a ridge is being created. Double and triple check this line so that it is smooth and even. This is the most important feature of the entire haircut on the dog, framing the eyes. Pay close attention to fur that gets trapped in the stop area. DO NOT cross cut any coat going into the cheek/jowl area as this will destroy the beautiful soft frame of the eyes.



#6

Trim the jaw line level with the jaw bone. Depending on the density of the coat, you can use regular shears or thinning shears but always go back and soften the line with thinning shears for a more natural look. Once the jaw line is set, tilt the head back and neaten the area under the jaw so when the pet holds it's head level, you do not have a double chin effect. The section you will trim on the under jaw follows the natural 'V' shape of the jawbone itself.

