

Pig Hair Clipping Guide



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Why Clip Pigs?

- People clip pigs to:
 - Make them look fresher
 - Make them appear cleaner and remove stains
 - Show muscle definition.



When Clipping Pigs

- When clipping pigs remember to be:
 - Patient
 - Stay calm

It may take a few times
(days) in order to
accomplish the task.



When To Clip

- Depending on your method of clipping:
 - You can clip right before the show.
 - Clip 15-30 days before the show and let the hair grow out.
- Keep in mind a pig might get bug or fly bites after clipping them.

Methods to Hold the Pig Still

- Clip while feeding the pig.
- Clip the pig when it is resting.
- Snare the pig.



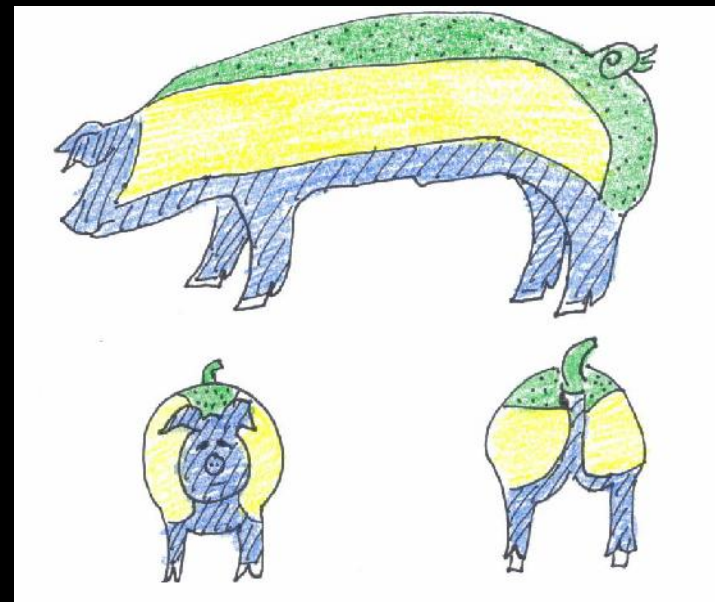
Equipment Used

- A Pair of Clippers
- Sharp Blades
- Clipper Guards
- Extension Cord
- Brush
- Scissors



Pattern Clipping

- **Blue** is with NO Guard.
- **Yellow** is with a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Guard.
- **Green** is with a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch Guard.
- **Goal: Blend the hair so it appears normal.**



Wash Your Pig

- Clipping works best when the pig is clean.
- They shouldn't have manure or mud stuck to the hair.
- Try not to clip the hair damp.



Clipping Ears

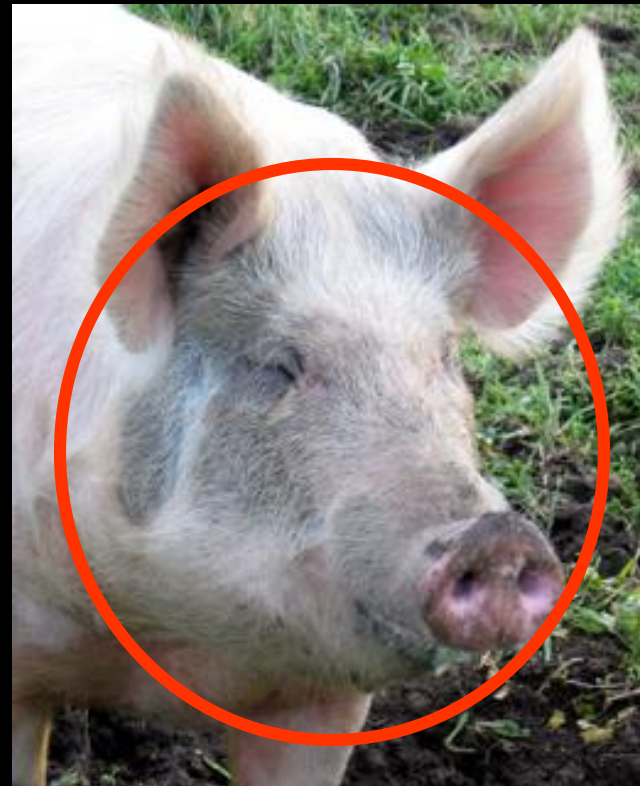
- With NO Guard:
 - Remove all excess hair inside the ear.
 - Trim around the ears and clean out the ear notches.
 - Remove hair on the backside of the ear.
 - Remove the ear hair back to the pigs neck.



Clipping the Head

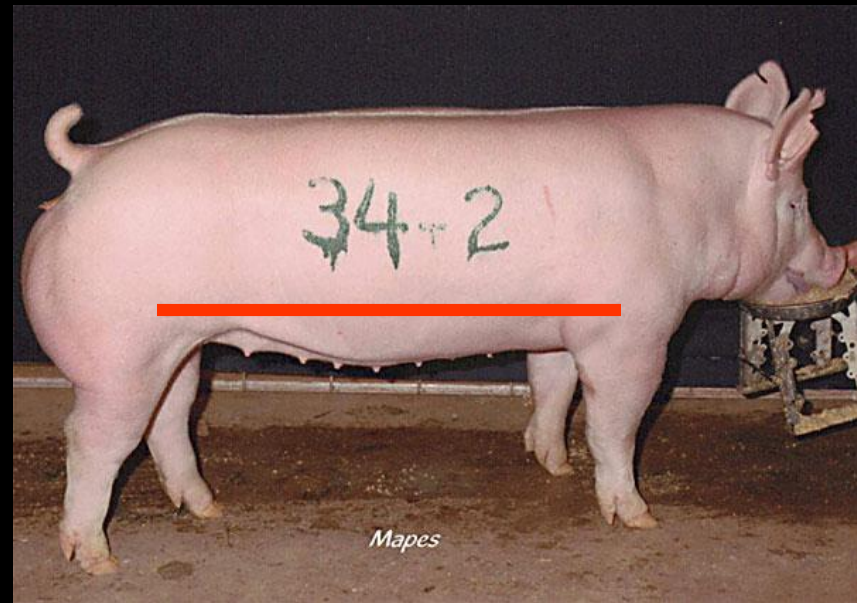
- Using NO Guard Trim:

- Hair on the cheeks.
- Hair under the Jowl.
- Hair on the forehead.
- Hair up to the level between the ears.
- Hair around the Lips.
- Hair around the nose.



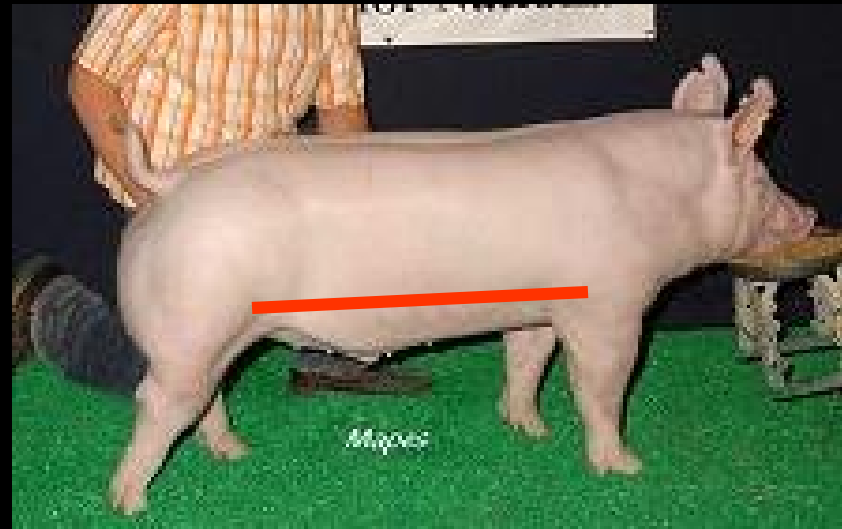
Clipping the Underline

- Using NO Guard:
 - Removing hair from the underline will show the gilts teat quality and spacing better.



Clipping the Sheath

- Using NO Guard:
 - Trimming the excess sheath hair on a barrow will make him look trimmer in the belly.
 - Trim the underline hair as well.



Clipping the Legs

- Using NO Guard
 - Remove excess hair on the back of the front and rear legs.
 - You can remove the hair from the front side of the legs if it is stained.



Clipping the Legs

- Remove the leg hair up to the stifle and elbow pocket.



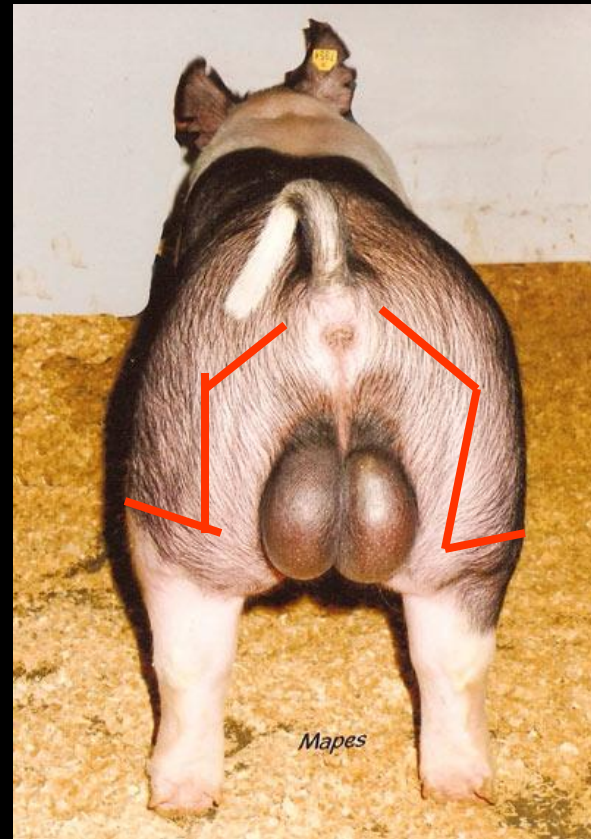
Blocking Out The Legs

- Blocking the legs leaves the hair on the legs.
- This appears the pig has more bone.
- Usually blocking trims a small amount of hair off the back of the legs.



Clipping the Rump

- With NO Guard
 - Trim the base of the ham and connect it to the leg lines you created.
 - Trim the line right up to the anus and tail.
 - Follow the Ham Muscle Lines.
 - Do this on Both Sides!



Clipping the Rump

- Using a ½ inch guard
 - Trim the Hair on the Side on the Ham.
 - Do this on Both Sides!



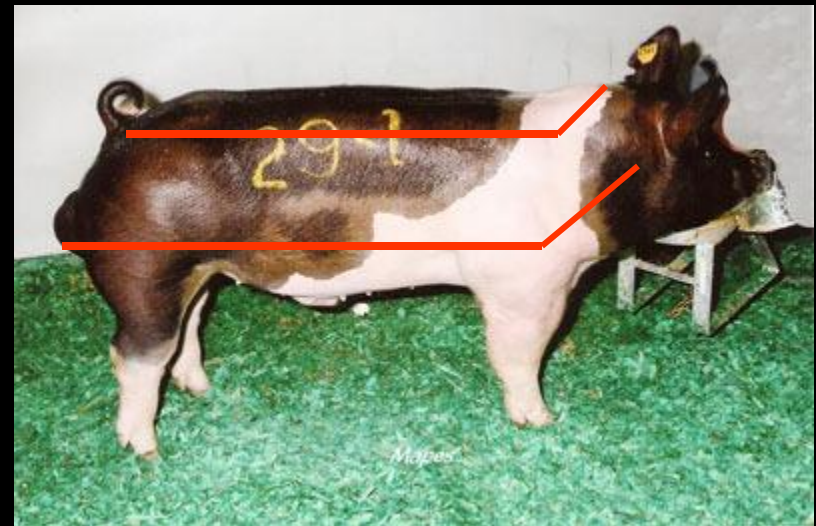
Trimming the Tail

- Using Scissors:
 - Trim excess hairs on the tail.
 - Keep some hairs at the end of the tail.
 - Remove the stained hair.
 - Trim off hairs sticking up or against the rest of the hairs.



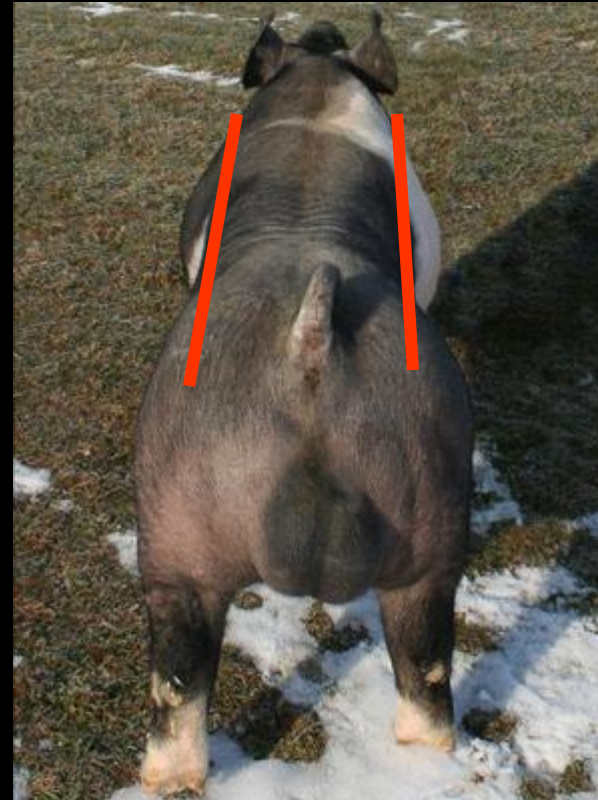
Clipping the Belly and Sides

- Using a ½ inch Guard
 - Trim the hair on the sides.
 - Trim the belly hair connecting it to the underline line you created.
 - Trim the neck hair and connect it to the forehead and jowl lines.



Clipping The Top

- Using a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch Guard:
 - Trim the hair on the top of the pig.
 - You can trim closer on the groove top and tail head dimple.



When Finished Clipping

- You may want to brush off the excess hair.
- Wash and oil the pigs skin.
- Spray with fly spray.
- Keep the pig clean till the show.

Know the Rules

- DO NOT SHAVE THE PIG BALD!
- The packer needs some hair on the pig so it can be removed during harvest / processing.
- Follow Your Shows Clipping Rules.

Do Not Over Stress Your Pig

- Take Breaks
- Do Not Over Stress Your Pig.
- It Could Die with the Stress Gene!



Common Mistakes

- Not Clipping the Face
- Not Clipping the Ear
- Not finishing the whole clipping project.
- Shaving the Pig Bald.

Hair on the Face →



Pig Hair Products



- Pig hair is used to make:
 - paint brushes
 - cosmetic brushes.



Successful Clipping Takes Practice,
Patients and Time.
