

SKAGH16 (SQA Unit Code - F7AG 04)

Creatively cut hair using a combination of techniques



Overview

This unit is about the use of advanced cutting skills to create a personalised and individual restyled look for women in a way that enhances their personal image.

The main outcomes of this unit are:

1. maintain effective and safe methods of working when cutting
2. creatively restyle women's hair
3. provide aftercare service

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 **maintain effective and safe methods of working when cutting by**
- P1.1. ensuring your client's clothing is effectively protected throughout the service
 - P1.2. ensuring your client's skin is kept free of excess hair cuttings throughout the service
 - P1.3. positioning your client to meet the needs of the service without causing them discomfort
 - P1.4. ensuring your own posture and position whilst working minimises fatigue and the risk of injury
 - P1.5. keeping your work area clean and tidy throughout the service
 - P1.6. remove waste immediately at the end of the cutting service
 - P1.7. using working methods that
 - minimise the risk of damage to tools and equipment
 - minimise the risk of cross-infection
 - make effective use of your working time
 - ensure the use of clean resources
 - minimise the risk of harm or injury to yourself and others
 - P1.8. ensuring your personal standards of health and hygiene minimise the risk of cross-infection, infestation and offence to your clients and colleagues
 - P1.9. using tools that are safe and fit for purpose
 - P1.10. identifying accurately factors that may influence the service prior to cutting
 - P1.11. ensuring that used sharps are disposed of to meet legal and salon requirements
 - P1.12. completing the cutting service within a commercially viable time
- P2 **creatively restyling women's hair by**
- P2.1. exploring the variety of looks with your client using relevant visual aids
 - P2.2. recommending a look that is suitable for your client
 - P2.3. basing your recommendations on an accurate evaluation of your client's hair and its potential to achieve the look
 - P2.4. suitably preparing your client's hair prior to cutting
 - P2.5. confirming with your client the look agreed at consultation before commencing the cut
 - P2.6. establishing and following suitable cutting guideline(s), when required, to achieve the desired look
 - P2.7. personalising your cutting techniques and effects to take account of factors that will influence the desired look
 - P2.8. combining and adapting your cutting techniques and effects in

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- an innovative way to achieve the desired look
- P2.9. changing your own position and that of your client to help you ensure the accuracy of the cut
- P2.10. establishing accurate distribution of weight, balance and shape by crosschecking the cut
- P2.11. creating outline shapes that are accurate, defined and achieve the look required by your client
- P2.12. removing any unwanted hair outside the desired outline shape
- P2.13. consulting with your client during the cutting service to confirm the desired look
- P2.14. taking suitable remedial action to resolve any problems arising during the cutting service
- P2.15. making a final visual check to ensure the finished cut is accurate
- P2.16. using **creative** finishing techniques that complement the cut
- P2.17. ensuring the finished restyled look complements your client's features and enhances their personal image and that of the salon
- P2.18. confirming your client's satisfaction with the finished look
- P3 **provide aftercare advice by**
 - P3.1. giving **advice** and recommendations accurately and constructively
 - P3.2. giving your client suitable **advice** on the maintenance of their look

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Salon and legal requirements

- K1 your salon's requirements for client preparation
- K2 your salon's expected service times for cutting hair to shape
- K3 your salon's and legal requirements for disposal of sharps and waste materials
- K4 your responsibilities under the current Electricity at Work Regulations
- K5 your salon's image and expected standards of service

You need to know and understand:

How to work safely, effectively and hygienically when cutting hair

- K6 the range of protective clothing and materials that should be available for clients
- K7 why it is important to protect clients from hair cuttings
- K8 how the position of your client and yourself can affect the desired outcome and reduce fatigue and the risk of injury
- K9 the safety considerations which must be taken into account when cutting hair
- K10 why it is important to avoid cross-infection and infestation
- K11 why it is important to keep your work area clean and tidy
- K12 methods of cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilisation used in salons
- K13 methods of working safely and hygienically and which minimise the risk of cross-infection and cross-infestation
- K14 the correct use and maintenance of cutting tools
- K15 why it is important to position your cutting tools for ease of use
- K16 the importance of personal hygiene

You need to know and understand:

Communication

- K17 the importance of consulting with clients throughout the cutting process
- K18 how to clearly present information, advice and recommendations and to assist your client to come to an informed decision

You need to know and understand:

Hair

- K19 the factors that must be taken into consideration prior to and during cutting (eg hair density, hair growth patterns, etc.)
- K20 the factors which should be considered when cutting wet and dry hair
- K21 the average rate of hair growth
- K22 the potential risk of ingrowing hair resulting from the continual close cutting of curly hair

You need to know and understand:

Products

- K23 why hair products should be removed from the hair prior to cutting
- K24 the types of products available for finishing women's hair

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You need to know and understand:

Cutting techniques and looks

- K25 the range of women's classic and current fashion hair shapes and how to create them
- K26 sources of creative information and inspiration (eg historical, cultural and fashion)
- K27 how the factors in the range can affect the way the hair is cut
- K28 how and why to use all the cutting techniques in the range on women's hair
- K29 which tools can be used on either wet or dry hair or both
- K30 the reasons for establishing and following guidelines
- K31 how to create and follow guidelines
- K32 how to personalise and adapt cutting techniques
- K33 the effects that can be created by combining and adapting different cutting techniques
- K34 the importance of crosschecking the cut
- K35 how to crosscheck and balance the cut
- K36 the importance of considering weight distribution and working with the natural growth patterns of the hair
- K37 the importance of applying the correct degree of tension to the hair when cutting
- K38 the importance of keeping the hair damp throughout the wet cutting process

You need to know and understand:

Problem solving

- K39 the types of problems that can commonly arise when cutting women's hair and ways in which they can be remedied, if possible

You need to know and understand:

Aftercare advice for clients

- K40 the recommended time interval between cuts
- K41 how to use tools and equipment to maintain the look
- K42 products for home use that will benefit the client

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Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

1. **Tools and equipment** are
 - 1.1. scissors
 - 1.2. clippers
 - 1.3. razors

2. **Factors** are
 - 2.1. head, face and body shape
 - 2.2. hair growth patterns
 - 2.3. hair density
 - 2.4. hair length
 - 2.5. hair texture
 - 2.6. hair elasticity
 - 2.7. client requirements
 - 2.8. client lifestyle

3. **Hair** is
 - 3.1. wet
 - 3.2. dry
 - 3.3. curly
 - 3.4. straight

4. **Cutting techniques and effects** are
 - 4.1. graduating
 - 4.2. layering
 - 4.3. tapering
 - 4.4. club cutting
 - 4.5. scissors over comb
 - 4.6. clipper over comb
 - 4.7. thinning
 - 4.8. freehand
 - 4.9. texturising
 - 4.10. disconnecting

5. **Creative finishing techniques** apply to
 - 5.1. styling
 - 5.2. product application

6. **Advice** covers
 - 6.1. suitable products and their use
 - 6.2. how to maintain the look
 - 6.3. the time interval between cuts

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