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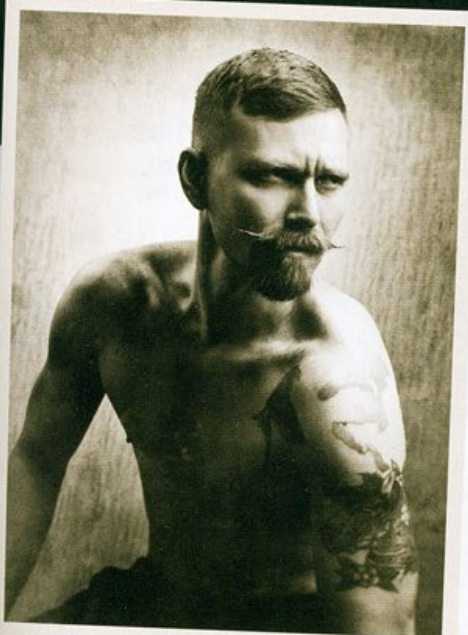
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Products and styles for
the male set

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BARBER CLASSIC

David Boyd for Sam Villa shares how to achieve this vintage-inspired cut for the *Fisticuffs* collection.

Begin by creating a foundation with an adjustable clipper in the open position. Establish clipper length on the sides and up the low parietal and low crown in the back. Use a shear-over-comb technique to blend up into and up/over the round of the head. Slight weight and length are maintained just above the round of the head to create a masculine and slightly square shape. Avoid rounding off the cut in the transition between sides and top.

The top is cut by overdirecting the fringe area back one inch from the front hairline, and cut to finger length through the mohawk section. Use shear-over-comb to finish and blend in the crown area and address the whorl. To finish, use the clipper in the closed position to create a slight graduation around the perimeter, moving up one inch on the sides and three inches in the nape area of the back. Using a fine trimmer, establish sharp, clean lines around the ears and neckline while squaring off the shape in the back.

➔ To view the entire collection, visit beautylaunchpad.com/fisticuffs.

CLIP 'N TRIM

We've rounded up some of the best clippers and trimmers for creating dashing 'dos.



1 Man of Steel Clipper is equipped with adjustable blades made of manganese steel, which allows for prolonged lifespan and defense against rust or corrosion.

Farouk DURA CHI Professional Clipper
farouk.com

2 Cut the Cord With an adjustable blade lever—which lets you taper the cut—as well as a lithium-ion battery, the full-size clipper operates cordlessly for extra convenience.

Wahl Cordless Designer
wahlpro.com

3 Let's Motor The innovative detachable-blade clipper is driven by a powerful rotary motor, priming it for heavy-duty use while keeping it cool and quiet.

Andis Excel Ultra, andis.com

4 High Tech Tool An ultra-thin cutting system with detachable blades, a locking on/off switch and a rechargeable NiMH battery are among the features of this cord-optional trimmer.

TIGIPro Professional Cord/Cordless Trimmer
tigiprofessional.com

5 Comb On, Man Designed for compatibility with most major clipper brands, the ABS plastic clipper comb is built for strength and flexibility.

Spilo Speed-O-Guide
spilo.com

6 What's the Buzz A heavy-duty DC motor and lightweight zinc alloy technology join forces in this three-speed clipping machine.

Oster Primo Clipper
osterstyle.com

7 Multitasker Switch easily from clipper to trimmer; the multipurpose tool comes with quick-change blades for either function, plus three guides.

Cricket CAT Clipper 2 Trimmer
cricketco.com

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

Andis International Manager of Education and Style Aileen Nunez shares key advice on clipper/trimmer maintenance.

- First and most importantly, **never drop your clippers or trimmers!** In most cases you'll be looking at a costly repair.
- On **fixed and adjustable blade** clippers and trimmers, make sure to clean hair buildup with a small brush. On **detachable blade tools**, be sure to remove the blade and clean underneath.
- Use a **disinfectant spray** to prevent transmission of bacteria.
- To maximize performance, **oil blades after each use**. Drip one drop of clipper oil on each corner of the cutting teeth and at the inside rear corner of the moving blade. Blot excess with a clean rag. Always use clipper-specific oil—not other lubricants, which can be flammable.
- **Blade wash products** can be used to nix buildup and dirt. Pour a small amount in the jar lid. With the tool turned off and pointed down, dip the blade (teeth only) into the jar lid. Remove. Hold the tool horizontal and run for 30 seconds. This will allow buildup to run out of the blade.

➔ For Nunez's tips on motor types, visit beautylaunchpad.com/clipper-motors.

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