

## Tail and rosette trimming tips

Use thinning scissors on the underside of the tail, and around the rosettes on the point of buttock and neck sides. Always hold the blades of the scissors directly against, or with the coat growth – if you cross the coat growth direction, you will leave cut marks. Cut a couple of times, comb out and assess, cut a couple of times, comb out and assess, gradually you can shape the underside. Topside of smooths should need no trimming, topside of roughs requires stripping with stone or knife.



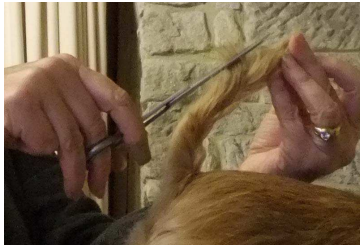
Stripping stone  
Gloves minus the thumb  
Thumb stall  
Thinning scissors  
(one sided and fine by choice)



Correct grip for scissors, with third finger using finger rest



Grip for trimming stone is the same as you hold a knife



Correct directional use of the thinners, go either with or against the grain – not across.

Trimming 'across' the growth can leave deep scissor marks



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NOT ACROSS  
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LIKE THIS

The top side on smooths should not need trimming, on roughs it is stripped the same as the body coat, and blended into the thinned rear side, so the colour variation is only gradual. All cut hair, smooth or rough loses colour, so blending is the key.



For the rosettes, keeping the blades in the direction of the coat growth is harder, you need to work on being supple enough to twist hand and scissors entirely around and get at the coat from any angle necessary to be trimming directly in line with, or against the grain of the coat growth – not across it.