

Basic Straight Haircut

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SO! – You've spent hours and hours if not days and days re-rooting your doll.... What WILL you do with her newly lovely hair now? The possibilities are nearly endless... but most of them start with a basic haircut!



First... boil it straight so you're not dealing with the whole 'Cousin It' look.

Grab a water bottle, a pair of sharp scissors, a tail comb and a clippy of some sort. A clamp to hold the doll upright while you work on her hair is a really **really** helpful thing!

Pull most of her hair up, leaving only a thin straight section of the bottom most hair hanging down, clip the rest out of your way:



Wet the hair, comb it **straight** down, sandwich the hair with your index and middle fingers. Holding the fingers perpendicular to the floor (that's the important bit) and giving it some-but-not-lots of tension, run them down to where you want the length of the hair. You'll be cutting **ABOVE** your fingers, not below.

The tricky bit (and it's not all THAT tricky) is to keep the dolls head straight while you're doing this – don't let her 'look up' or turn her head.

Cut that section of hair (again, **ABOVE** your fingers) Remember... it's a LOT easier to cut it again if it's too long than it is to fix it if you've cut it too short!



(Yes, you can futz with it after the initial cut to make sure it's straight across and the length you want... this IS the time to do that!)



The rest of this... is easy!

Unclip the hair, partition out another **thin** section, comb it straight.

Run your fingers down it and **JUST** as the previously cut section slips out of your fingers, cut this one!

The idea is that each section you cut is – oh – say – 1 or 2mm longer than the previously cut piece – this lets the hair hang straight without looking bulky and odd at the ends, and (in people) lets it curl under slightly – with dolls and synthetic hair that doesn't work so well **grin** – but it's still a good look!

(Yes, that's a truly horrible picture – I'm so sorry, I tried?)



ANYway... that's it! - Keep going in thin sections all the way up!



Taaaa Daaaaa! Now you can curl, or braid, or crimp, or otherwise style to your hearts content! ☺