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## **Dear Fellow Shavers,**

*One of the most interesting parts of running a personal care products company is speaking with customers and learning about their standard primping routine, especially when it comes to shaving. The advice I receive often varies—and even contradicts at times. But one thing is clear: there is no shortage of it. It seems that when it comes to shaving, everyone has at least one great tip or ‘lesson-learned’ to share.*

*So about a year ago, we set out to compile a world-class list (for shavers, by shavers) of how, when, where or with what to shave. We reached out online and the response was overwhelming. We received hundreds of responses from men and women and after months of reviewing and editing, we’ve narrowed it down to this free report: 125 Tips for a Better Shave.*

*As you’ll see, standard tenets of shaving came through (“try to shave in or after the shower”), while others contradicted (“Shave against the grain for a closer shave”; “Never shave against the grain”). Still others, while odd, seemed to just make good, common sense (“never in a moving car.”)*

*For some it’s a chore. For others, it’s an enjoyable morning routine. Wherever you fall on that spectrum, you’re sure to find at least one practical gem in this report. After all, here at Pacific Shaving Company, we’re all about practical. We don’t believe that anyone really needs high-tech shaving systems. We promote practical products, simple packaging and quality ingredients that get the job done—and even make the process enjoyable.*

**Enjoy!**

**Stan Ades**  
**Founder & President**  
**Pacific Shaving Company**



# Shaving Preparation

## **1 Lexi** **I shave my husband** **Texas**

Soften the beard by applying a hot, moist towel for a few minutes prior to shaving. Then shave as usual. To minimize clogged pores (a major reason for razor bumps), use a product that contains at least 2-3% benzoyol peroxide on your face and neck three times weekly while showering.

## **2 Chris Fisher** **I shave my face** **San Ramon, CA**

Too many men's line suggest washing your face before you shave. Instead, do a good facial cleansing at night before you go to bed. In the morning simply saturate the facial area with warm water (in the shower or with a warm wet towel). The natural oils from your skin will help lubricate your face along with your shave prep of choice to deliver a smooth and irritation free shave. Less is more.

## **3 Scott Collins** **I shave my face** **Washington, DC**

Use a facial scrub before shaving. It softens the whiskers and, along with the shaving oil, provides an even closer, more comfortable shave.

## **4 Hersh Chaudhry** **I shave my face** **Ridgefield CT**

Use a cold towel and then a hot towel. It makes the hair stand straight.

## **5 Jerry Rosen** **I shave my face** **Swampscott, MA**

Using a hot cloth I wet my face and leave it on for a while...then I put 7-9 drops of oil in the palms of my hands and rub it into the face...then sometimes I use a shaving cream or sometimes I just shave with the oil--and what a clean shave I get.

**6 Steven Cohen**  
**I shave my face**  
**New York, NY**

Wash face, use lots of warm water, prepare face, rinse razor frequently, use a double or triple blade to avoid irritation.

**7 Chuck Grabina**  
**I shave my face**  
**Jackson, NJ**

Wash your face first. Let completely dry before applying oil. Wait 20 seconds then shave.

**8 Robert Atherton**  
**Brazoria, TX**

When using hard soaps for shaving, dribble a little hot water on top of soap, let water set for a few minutes. When you're ready to use your brush on the soap the top will be softened and will help your brush pick up the soap easier.

**9 Donald E Baustian**  
**I shave my face**  
**Camden, AR**

When using shaving oil, be sure to pat some warm water on top of the oil. If it tends to dry out, add a bit more water. It makes the shave a whole lot smoother, and the razor does a much better job!

**10 Ryan Call**  
**I shave my face and head**  
**Sandy, UT**

Always give your stubble enough time to absorb the warm water you apply to the area before putting blade to skin, allowing the hair to waterlog, swell, and weaken.

**11 Anonymous**  
**I shave my face**  
**Texas**

Always pre-soak the beard by washing with mild soap to soften the bristles.

**12 IRV**  
**I shave my face/head**  
**Maryland**

Always use a good face scrub prior to applying shaving oil to obtain an effortless and smooth shave. This first step preps the skin on your face and head for the smoothest and closest shave possible. Finish with a good moisturizer/sunscreen and you're good to go.

**13 John**  
**I shave my beard**  
**Frederick, MD**

Always wash your face well before shaving. It softens the skin and you get a smoother shave.

**James Woodworth**  
**I shave my face**  
**US Army**  
**APO AE**

First I apply a little shaving oil along with water before I apply the shaving cream and yes indeed I am not suffering from razor burns.

**15 Robert Goodman**  
**I shave my face**  
**San Diego, CA**

I always start with a few splashes of very warm water, it helps to soften the bristles. I also use as little cream as possible, it seems to work better that way. Finish up with a cool splash or water to cleanse the pores.

**16 Thomas Johansson**  
**I shave my face**  
**Stockholm, Sweden**

I first use warm water to soften the skin, then I wait half a minute until I apply the shaving oil, and finally I wait a while before I start to shave. This gives a terrific result.



**Shaving  
Preparation**

## **17** **Alfonso Contreras** **I shave my face** **Las Vegas, NV**

I get into the jacuzzi or steaming room and then after that I go shave. Oh men, it's fantastic. I apply a small amount of oil on my face and then shave. I don't feel the razor at all. Your girlfriend or your wife will love it.

## **18** **Daniel Prazer** **I shave my face** **Chicago, IL**

I soak the badger hair brush while I shower, then, when I get out, rub a layer of shave oil over my face. Then I lather up the brush with quality shave cream, then it's a matter of choosing my Dovo Shavette® straight razor (when the beard is nice and bushy, it makes a great first pass), my Merkur® double edge (most days) or my Schick Injector® circa 1930 (quick shaves). The key is plenty of moisture and a sharp blade. The shave oil gives a nice slick under the lather that keeps me from getting nicks and keeps the wife nuzzling me as much as possible.

## **19** **Brad Manis** **I shave my face** **Kingsport, TN**

I start off by getting in the shower. Then after rinsing and cleaning my face with an exfoliating soap I use shave oil. After shaving with the oil, always in the direction my hair grows, I then reapply the oil and shave against the way my hair grows. I've found since oil there is no need for an aftershave.

## **20** **Eric** **I shave my face** **Los Angeles, CA**

I use an electric razor for a first pass, before shaving with a razor. With very stretchy skin, I find the electric razor helps shaving the chin.

## **21** **John** **I shave my face and body** **Buffalo, NY**

I use shaving oil under my shaving cream followed by an organic aftershave soother with ginseng to be nick-free. My skin feels and looks great.

## **22** **David Cortez** **I shave my face** **San Antonio, TX**

Make certain to get the face wet before applying shaving oil. It helps to disperse the oil and promote lubricity. I also like to wet the razor before the first stroke so the blades won't absorb moisture from my face.

## **23** **Richard Komar** **I shave my face** **Plano, TX**

Massage a few drops of shave oil into your beard before each shaving pass, then lather on your favorite shave cream or soap. The shave oil provides that "invisible" layer of protection against razor burn just in case your lather gets a bit thin or dries up on your beard prematurely.

## **24** **jlmwrite** **I shave my face**

No matter what your choice of shaving tool—straight, double-edge, or multiblade cartridge—one simple step can make all the difference in your shave. It's easy: after washing your face, apply a shave oil, soap or shave cream. Then soak a washcloth or hand towel in the hottest water you can get from the tap. Lightly wring out the cloth and drape it over your face. After about two minutes of steaming your face, re-apply your oil, soap or cream then shave. Your whiskers will be much, much softer and your shave will be noticeably better.



# Shaving Preparation

# Technique

## **25** **Jacqueline Mansi** **I shave my my Husband** **Pennsylvania**

Always shave during or after a hot shower, allowing natural oils to flow, shave with the grain on the first pass, accross the grain on second pass, and across opposite direction on third pass.Finish with a cold towel and alcohol-free after shave balm!

## **26** **Chuck** **I shave my face** **Fort Myers, FL**

Always shave immediately after showering and washing the face so the beard is wet and soft. Also, never shave against the grain so as to avoid ingrown whiskers.

## **27** **Ben** **I shave my face and privates** **Portland, OR**

Always shave in the shower...no questions.

## **28** **K. Klesk** **I shave my face** **Loveland, OH**

Lather/oil up your face, and shave with a sharp blade. I cautiously shave against the grain under my chin and on my neck.

## **29** **Mike Carter** **I shave my face** **San Diego, CA**

Apply shaving cream or oil to pre-moistened area to be shaved, always use a sharp, clean blade.

## **30** **Victor M. Rodriguez** **I shave my face** **San Juan**

Begin shave by washing face with a quality facial cleanser, collecting mildly hot water in the bathroom sink. Proceed by thoroughly rinsing face and neck with the same soapy water used for the wash. With face completely wet, apply shaving cream and shave preferably with quality razors (disposable razors stink). I tend to keep a bottle of witch hazel in the refrigerator to use every once in a while, as a mild after shave and astringent.

## **31** Michael Huang I shave my face Berkeley, CA

Don't try using shave cream in the shower since it'll wash right off. It was the longest attempted shave I've ever had.

## **32** Michael Thomas Layel I shave my Face Charlotte, NC

Shave in the shower. After getting a nice steam going, gently rub some Epsom Salt on your face and then apply shaving oil. Leave the Epsom Salt on; it's barely noticeable and will not disrupt the shave.

## **33** Nathan Z I shave my face Indianapolis, IN

What grandpa used is best. The old, yellow Bics, straight razor or double-blade safety razors. The weightier the razor, the better the glide; therefore, the better the shave. Try not to go over an area more than three times and don't touch the newly shaved skin with your fingers or hands if possible. Rinse with cold water and wait five minutes to apply a quality witch hazel solution and let dry. Then apply a quality aloe vera gel and enjoy the best shave ever.

## **34** Eric Root I shave my face East Calais, VT

For the closest shave, and smoothest face possible, shave against the grain, you won't be able to see or feel any stubbles.

## **35** Andrew Trent I shave my face Austin, TX

Go slow! And shave in the direction that the hair grows, never against the grain. For me—thick beard that grows moderately fast—shaving every other day seems to work best. Shaving daily irritates my skin due to the first day's growth being tough but not quite long enough for the razor to cut well. Instead, I wind up scraping my face mercilessly even with a good oil and a slow and steady hand.

## **36** Andrew I shave my face Garden City, NY

Shower to open up the pores (or perform thorough facial cleansing). Then apply a quality preshave oil, while this is working into your face make sure that you have the water turned to warm/hot. After about a minute or so, apply a quality shaving cream with a badger hair brush, working it in with slow and medium to firm circular movements. Let this rest on your face for thirty seconds. The time allocated to let the oil and shaving cream set are quite important. Shave with the grain along your face and neck. Afterwards repeat the same process on the face, skip the neck the second time around. On the second shave of the face, shave horizontally across the grain, not against it. Be careful and pay close attention. This will provide for a close shave. The neck is much more sensitive and prone to razor bumps so that is why I recommend forgoing the second time around on the neck. Afterwards apply a quality aftershave (avoid those that contain alcohol, as these will burn the face).

## **37** James H McAfee I shave my face Fort Worth, TX

I always shave in the shower with shaving oil. Not only does it save time, but my skin has less ingrown hair and irritation.

## **38** Michael Hollock I shave my face Lansing, KS

I have a very coarse beard. To make things easier, I shave with the grain first. Then I reapply shaving cream/oil and shave against the grain to get a close shave.



# Technique

## **39** William Ham I shave my face Merrimack, NH

I have a very sensitive face—very prone to razor burn. This regimen helps me: Start with a damp face—not dripping wet. Take time to massage the shave oil in (very important.) Always start by shaving in the direction your beard is growing in. For an extra close shave, after shaving your whole face, shave your face in the opposite direction—only one stroke for each part. Finish with one stroke in the growth direction. Massaging in a little more oil after shaving is a nice finish.

## **40** Nelson Rosen I shave my face Great Neck, NY

I shave, and then shower immediately after. I do take the time to soap up with hot water, prior to the shave to allow the hair to soften up, and this is very helpful, but I'm sure many people have said that one already. But by doing this at the sink, and not in the shower, I have the shower after the shave to give my face a chance to relax in the steam and hot water to recover, from any nicks or razor burn I may have sustained. When I come out of the shower, everything is essentially back to normal. No need for post-shave conditioners at that point, and never the need for a styptic pencil. This was much better than shaving being the last thing I did before dressing, coming out with tissue-paper bits here and there.

## **41** Tom I shave my face Hoodspport, WA

I'm retired and only shave every other day. Great reduction in irritation and I get a better shave.

## **42** Anonymous I shave my face

Make sure to rinse the razor under hot water every 4-5 blade strokes.

## **43** Mark Herro I shave my face College Station, TX

Reduce the beard in passes rather than trying to shave it all off at once.

## **44** E. Porter I shave my face Daytona Beach, FL

Shave both with, and against, the growth of beard for best results. Takes a little longer, but lasts far longer during the day. Also, do not store razor out in the open in a bathroom; any moisture will significantly reduce blade life.

## **45** Jeff Hagan I shave my face San Francisco, CA

Shave in the shower. No brainer.

The trick is to wash your hair first and thoroughly wet your face in the process. Apply shaving oil to your now wet and softer beard, but DON'T shave yet. Wash the rest of yourself, giving the oil a chance to soften your beard and saturate your skin. If the oil has absorbed to the point where it doesn't feel like a slick surface for your razor, add a little more, then shave just before getting out of the shower. If you can stand it, turn the water to cold and stick your face in it—it will cool any razor burn and tighten your pores again.

## **46** Char I shave my face East Brunswick, NJ

Shave slowly.

## **47** Brett I shave my face San Diego, CA

Shave the same way each time. I start from left to right. It helps prevent missed spots.



Technique

## **48** **Brian DeVido** **I shave my face** **Saint Petersburg, FL**

Stay in one pattern when shaving your neck (don't go down, then up—only up or down). This will reduce razor burn.

## **49** **Corey** **I shave my face** **Portland, OR**

The best shave starts with moist heat to soften the hairs. The best is a clean terry towel soaked in hot water, wrung out, and applied to the face for one minute. Alternatively, start your shave in the shower by massaging hot water onto your face just before you step out, then start your shave immediately. I prefer shaving oils as a base, and it really makes a difference in lasting comfort throughout the day. I rub a few drops deep into the skin in circles opposite the direction of hair growth to make the hairs stand up. Then I apply a good quality shaving soap with a badger tail brush and hot water. I use a Mach3® blade and use it no more than five shaves. I first shave down in short strokes, rinsing the blade in hot water each time. When I have finished I feel for stubble, then reapply the shaving foam. I then shave upwards only over the areas where stubble remains. Finally, I rinse thoroughly with warm and then cold water to cleanse and close the pores. The finishing touch is toner and moisturizer. That's my best shave!

## **50** **Sean McAtee** **I shave my face** **East Aurora, NY**

Two bits of advice have proven to make my shaving life much easier. I learned to shave with a double-edge razor and was told by several chaps to use a light touch and allow the weight of the razor to do all of the work. Another bit of wonderful advice was to shave my neck using a south to north motion. This technique has greatly reduced the number of nicks I get when shaving my neck. It has also virtually eliminated ingrown hairs on my neck.

## **51** **Randy Taylor** **I shave my face** **Salt Lake City, UT**

When using a double-edge razor, keep your wrist locked, especially when shaving the neck. Allowing the wrist to bend will result in poor blade angle and cause either a poor shave, irritation or both. Using the wrist for follow through in sports is great, but not in shaving.



**Technique**

# Post-Shave Relief

## **52** Juergen Manke I shave my beard

After shaving, use a little bit of sparkling mineral water to refresh your face and help close the pores of your skin.

## **53** Jim Duff I shave my face St. Louis, MO

After shaving, take an extra step: spray a "toner" on your skin post-shave to help eliminate any traces of razor burn or sting. The combination of shaving with oil, and then following up with a toner sprayed all over your skin will virtually eliminate any and all razor burn, and leave your face feeling terrific. There are plenty of good toners out there that work well. Seriously, your skin will look and feel great.

## **54** Sherene I shave my legs California

Cold water after shaving!

## **55** JW I shave my face San Francisco, CA

Exfoliate regularly and moisturize right after. Also and for best results, use shaving oil. No kidding - easiest and best shave ever.

## **56** John Moore I shave my face Seattle, WA

A mix of green and peppermint teas in a spritz bottle makes a refreshing aftershave treatment.

## **57** Kevin I shave my face and body Rochester, NY

After shaving, lotion with a "acne" lotion. The acid in the lotion kills and prevents bacteria while hydrating. This should help prevent in grown hairs.

## **58** Anonymous I shave my face

Use an oil-free moisturizer instead of aftershave if you have acne prone skin.

## **59** Laura Jones I shave my bikini area

Use gel after shaving to soothe the area and prevent bumps.

## **60** Derrick Trent I shave my head and face Ohio

When you finish shaving, run cold water over the area you shaved. This has helped me tremendously with irritation.

## **61** Andrew Holt I shave my face Arlington, MA

Witch hazel makes the best aftershave—cleans the soap/cream/oil residue and clears out the pores.



**Post Shave  
Relief**

## Tricky Spots

### **62** **Jim Kinzer** **I shave my face**

Avoid nicking your adam's apple by pulling the skin to one side and then to the other. That way you won't have to shave over or around your Adam's apple—you'll shave that skin on the flatter surface of your neck

### **63** **Anonymous** **I shave my sideburns**

I keep my sideburns long and pointed, and with any attempt to shape them comes the frustration of trying to get them even with one another. One thing I've found helpful when shaving is to touch one hand to the mirror, blocking the top of my face from sight. Just watching the bottom of the nose and turning my head from one side to the other helps me better judge that the sideburns are at the same height. I don't know why, but eye-contact seems to make judging the sideburns evenness much harder. Happy shaving!

### **64** **Geoffrey Brown** **I shave my face** **Washington, DC**

If you are in a hurry, use shaving oil and a razor to shave your cheeks and neck while using an electric razor to shave your upper lip and other areas that sometimes are prone to nicks.

### **65** **John** **I shave my genitals** **New Jersey**

Use about ten drops of shaving oil on your genitals, shave in a downward motion.

# Head Shaving

## **66** Don Topaz I shave my face and head Billerica, MA

After shaving your head, use an alcohol-free balm (such as Biotherm) to keep the skin healthy.

## **67** Tyler Smith I shave my head Sunnyvale, CA

Every person is different when it comes to shaving their head and face. What might be a razor that works well on your face might not be the same razor that works well on your head and vice versa. The reason for this is the flexibility of the blades and how they might flex on your face versus your head. Many people have a much softer face, so stiffer blades can often work well on when shaving the face, but once they move to the head, they either get cut often or they aren't able to get as close of a shave. To find the best razor for both your head and face, try several razors before settling on one. This may cost more in the short run, but in the long run you'll be much happier.

## **68** Don Crafts I shave my head Oswego, IL

Use a standard razor. Use your free hand to feel for stubble as you go. No need for a mirror.

## **69** Chris Nauman I shave my head and face Dodge Center, MN

When shaving your head for the first time, go slow and with the grain. Do this for at least a week every other day. After a week you can try going against the grain, if it feels right stick with it - if not, try shaving daily and work your way up. It's normal for your head to feel numb in areas that had hair previously so don't be alarmed. A little patience now will pay off in the end, learn good habits and enjoy your smooth dome for yeas to come.

## **70** Anonymous I shave my head

When I really want a close head shave I skip a day of head shaving. Then with the extra growth the shave is smooth and quick.

# Razors

**71** **jessica**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Newport, AR**

Change out razors often and take your time shaving

**72** **Jeff Stockton**  
**I shave my face**  
**New York, NY**

Don't try to overuse a dull razor. It will butcher your face!

**73** **Anonymous**  
**I shave my face**

Don't use a brand new razor before an important event. It's best to use one that has been broken in first.

**74** **Brad**  
**I shave my face**  
**Burbank, CA**

Forget the 5-blade/comfort strip/\$2 per blade modern shave system and go back to the 1950's: Use an old-fashioned double-edge safety razor with inexpensive platinum-coated blades. Couple that with a badger-hair shave brush and a well respected shave soap. Start of course by coating your face with your favorite shave oil, whip up a good lather with your brush, and keep that face wet while you shave. After you learn the technique, you will have the most comfortable shave you have ever achieved.

**75** **Harvey Rogers**  
**I shave my face**  
**Eugene, OR**

If you've got thick, difficult facial hair, try the Merkur® slant razor. Cuts like butta.

## **76** **Matt Vitkevich** **I shave my face** **Hillsboro, OR**

Keep the razor clean. I mean, really clean it out under the tap after use, then dry it with a towel. This will extend the life of even disposables razors for quite a long time. Don't believe the hype that you need a new razor every week or two. I have heavy growth and can keep a razor for several months with no problem. Drying it is very important. Oxidation is what dulls the edges of the blade.

## **77** **Donald Blumenfeld-Jones** **I shave my face** **Tempe, AZ**

Let the razor do the work. Razors, these days, are well-engineered so that if you just use light pressure and let the razor do the work, you will have less cuts and nicks. Also, the blade will last longer (I can, with care, get 7 shaves out of one blade). I use expensive blades but I don't think it makes a difference.

## **78** **Andrea Mackay** **I shave my legs and bikini** **South Korea**

Make sure to replace your razor blade regularly. Once I get out of the bath or shower, I apply baby lotion on the shaved areas. Since doing this, I've never had any problems with razor burns.

## **79** **Scott** **Milton, FL**

My advice to anyone who shaves is to buy a double edge safety razor. These can be ordered online brand new, or you can find them on ebay or antique shops used. There is nothing wrong with them being used. With these razors you use double-edge blades which are so much cheaper to buy than cartridge blades and you will get a much better and closer shave with no irritation or ingrown hairs. Another piece of advice is to buy a badger hair shaving brush and a cream or soap made to be lathered with by a brush. The brush will prepare your beard for a close non-irritating shave. The shaving creams in the tubs made for using a brush are much higher quality and provide a slicker lather than the shaving goo from cans. These are very important steps in getting great, not just decent, shaves.

## **80** **Debbie Gutierrez** **I shave my legs** **Canutillo, TX**

Use a three blade razor, try to use conditioner or oil. It prevents skin irritation best.

## **81** **Chadd Bennett** **I shave my face**

I discovered the secret to the ultra-close shave—it was a classic Safety Razor®. I was surprised that fashion-forward Italian men and women used old-style shaving. In coming back to the U.S., I started acquiring older razors to collect and use. I save hundreds of dollars per year on blades, reduce my eco-footprint, and get a darn good shave!



**Razors**

## For The Ladies

### **82** Linda I shave my pits & legs Phoenix, AZ

Always know where your razor is and where it is going. Pay attention when you are switching from one under-arm to the other because there are a few protruding obstacles that are extremely painful when accidentally cut by a fast moving razor. Band-aids are awkward when used in this area and it's a sting that lingers.

### **83** Stephanie I shave my legs Jacksonville, FL

Definitely stick with the shaving oil! WOW!! Close shave and your skin doesn't get dried out.

### **84** Sue I shave my legs, pits, etc. Oneonta, NY

Do it everyday! That way it takes less time, and no matter what, you're always ready to wear whatever the weather calls for. (Which in my case, could be anything—Upstate NY)

### **85** Mary M. Carey I shave my legs and underarms Cranberry Township, PA

Don't be in a hurry. Shave slowly. Moisturize before skin is completely dry.

### **86** Leslee Rohs I shave my legs, armpits, bikini line Grand Rapids, MI

Don't be skimpy on changing your blades and whenever possible, don't shave against the grain.

### **87** Momi Aldrich I shave my legs Moncks Corner, SC

Essential oils are marvelous for shaving because the aroma stays long after the shave is through. And if you are in a stressful environment, lavender and ginger essential oil provide a soothing headache busting aromatic environment.

## 88 **Stephanie** I shave my legs Jacksonville, FL

Exfoliate before shaving

## 89 **Julia** I shave my legs Chicago, IL

For sensitive, irritated skin after shaving, I've found that 100% shea butter heals the irritation better than anything else. Even the most gentle lotions sting after shaving for me, but that one not only doesn't sting, but irritation goes away much more quickly than with any other cream I've used. I gave some to a friend who has extreme irritation and has to shave her legs daily—her legs would end up red and raw from all the shaving. She says it really helps, and it's the first thing that's helped her.

## 90 **MER** I shave my legs Florida

For those of us girls who really only need to shave our legs every other day or even every third day: Shave them every day anyway! While that might seem like you're making work for yourself, it actually saves time because you don't have to be very careful.

## 91 **Debbie Rauen** I shave my legs Spokane, WA

I always used to miss some of the hair on my knees. I found that by shaving them from multiple directions, I got a smooth shave. Now I go from inside of the knee to outside, then up over my knee and then from outside to inside.

## 92 **Karen** I shave my face, legs, underarms Athens, GA

I am a female with no visible hair on my face or neck. My dermatologist told me to shave my face and neck every day so that my skin would be soft and smooth. She said she's been shaving for 15 years and her skin is beautiful. I can see the results.

## 93 **Colleen** I shave my legs Vail, CO

I shave sitting on the side of the tub—not as wobbly as the shower—and then I rinse the tub and run my moisturizer in a hot tub for a soak. Voila—soft moist skin on my legs.

## 94 **Lynette** I shave my legs Cambridge, MA

In a pinch, use conditioner in place of cream or gel.

## 95 **Kirsten** I shave my sensitive parts Surrey, WA

Instead of just shaving straight up your legs (or anywhere), take a moment to see how the hair grows. When you follow the pattern of the hair, you get a closer shave and less irritation. Very important when you seem to get burned every time!

## 96 **C Renwick** I shave my legs

Lather, lather, lather and rinse blade frequently.

## 97 **Caroline** I shave my legs Palo Alto, CA

Never in a moving car!

## 98 **Cheri Breland** I shave my legs Bogalusa, LA

Never use deodorant after shaving under your arms.



For The Ladies

**99** **Jan**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**

Shaving my legs is saved for the very last task I perform while showering. That way the moist heat from the 10 or so minutes that I have been showering has done the job of priming my legs for shaving. I use a triple edge razor, a dollop of hair cream rinse spread evenly over the area I'm about to shave and I'm on my way to a close smooth shave. Using the cream rinse reduces the dryness that occurs here in this dry climate and doesn't gunk up the razor head like soap tends to do.

**100** **Anonymous**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Sacramento, CA**

Shave in both directions.

**101** **B Lindell**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Heflin, AL**

shave in the shower after the water has softened the hair—less likely to nick.

**102** **jean martin**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Andover, MA**

Soak legs in an epsom salt bath first.

**103** **Holly Valentine**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Kingston Springs, TN**

Use a men's razor for your legs and make sure it is sharp.

**104** **Suzanne**  
**I shave my legs and armpits**  
**Champlin, MN**

When shaving legs, don't do it while showering! I do it sitting on the edge of the tub, with a small amount of water in it to rinse my blade with. Doing it this way, I don't feel like I have to rush since I'm only using a little bit of water, which means fewer nicks and cuts!

**105** **Donna Exum**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Virginia Beach, VA**

When shaving over the shin bone, push the skin to one side to shave and then pull the skin the opposite way to shave the other side of your shin bone area that runs down the front of your leg. This prevents nicks on that tricky section.

**106** **Kate B.**  
**I shave my legs**  
**(every other day)**  
**Washington, D.C.**

My best advice is to use conditioner on them before shaving. I usually use the conditioner that comes with my bottles of hair color because, hey, it's free, but any conditioner will do - putting it on and letting it sit for a minute before shaving softens the hair and reduces the likeliness of ending up with dry, itchy post-shaving skin.



**For The Ladies**

## General Advice

### **107** **Marty Tumino** **I shave my face** **Brick, NJ**

Everyone's face is very different and there are many products out there, the best advice I could give is to not give up on product testing (creams, soaps, oils, aftershaves). There is a combination that will work for you just look for it.

### **108** **Kevin** **I shave my face & head**

For electric clipper shavers, wash and scrub face in shower prior to shave. Immediately after shower, apply shaving oil to skin. Very easy shave at this point.

### **109** **Dennis J.** **I shave my face** **Fairfield, IA**

Get up early enough not to rush. Take your time, it's YOUR time.

### **110** **Miles Nellis** **I shave my face** **Georgetown, WA**

Go slowly. Be aware of beard growth direction, and blade angle.

### **111** **Anonymous** **I shave my face** **Athens, GA**

I am a complete convert to shaving oil, but even it needs a little help. Make sure your face is thoroughly wet before adding it. Warm-to-hot water works more comfortably than cold water. Shave slowly with short strokes, and you'll never have a closer, smoother, more soothing shave. I miss the brush and bar ritual, but I'll trade it for having absolutely no irritation! I'm about to introduce my wife to it, too, because I can't imagine why it wouldn't work every bit as well for legs as it does my face.

### **112** **Shawn** **I shave my face** **Atlanta, GA**

I find that when I use shave oil instead of a cream, the razor blades last much longer and save money!

# 113

**William Knapp**  
**I shave my face**  
**Broken Arrow, OK**

I shave in the shower, after washing my hair and face. I rinse off, use shaving oil and get a clean, comfortable shave, each time.

# 114

**Paul Mullek**  
**I shave my face**  
**Bloomington, IN**

I've found my best shaves come from using nothing more than shaving oil and a little hot water. I tried a 5-blade, but it seemed to do nothing more than get clogged (even while dry-shaving) and give razor burn—less really is more.

# 115

**Josh K.**  
**I shave my beard**  
**Minneapolis, MN**

I shave in the shower. I have a mirror in there and after washing up my body my beard is nice and soft. Using shaving oil on an already softened beard makes for an amazing - and comfortable - shave.

# 116

**S. Jaferi**  
**I shave my face**

I shave with, and store my razor blades in, oil. It keeps the blades from getting dull and rusty and helps them last longer. I find I get twice as much use out of my razors, this way.

# 117

**James William Ledford III**  
**I shave my face**  
**Cheney, WA**

I think for the best results shaving after showering is the best way to avoid nicking your face. I have taken to shaving in the shower to save time.

# 118

**Douglas Blackmore**  
**I shave my beard**  
**w/ moustache**  
**Port St Lucie, FL**

Mount a heated mirror in your shower for true fog free bliss. Soap up and shave last when your whiskers are steam softened and use oil of course. Baby soft....

# 119

**Philip Reeve**  
**I shave my face**  
**Wellington, New Zealand**

Shave in the shower! Grab a fog free mirror, let the steam go to work to soften your beard, open your pores and lift your beard. Apply your oil and enjoy a close smooth shave.

# 120

**Brian De Lorenzo**  
**I shave my face**  
**Dorchester Center, MA**

Shaving in the shower (with the water volume down low to help conserve) helps eliminate nicks and razor burn. If you have a regular mirror that fogs up, after applying the shaving oil to your face—before rinsing your hands—wipe your hand across the mirror to give it a light coating of oil, then drip some water onto the mirror. This eliminates fog and water droplets on the mirror.

# 121

**Fiona**  
**I shave my legs**  
**Mandeville, LA**

Take it slow. Whenever I try to shave fast, I always cut myself and I am upset that I didn't take the time. Its not worth going fast to have ugly cut up legs.

# 122

**Wendell Wagner**  
**I shave with patience, pa-**  
**tience, patience.**  
**Ottawa, Canada**

Taking your time is absolutely essential when shaving with a Double-edge razor. The more time you take and attention you place on what you are doing, the less likely you are to nick or cut yourself. If you are a new wet-shaver, then find an initial product set that works for you and stick with it for several weeks before you journey into the realms of additional acquisitions.

**Christopher "Salty" Ortiz**



## General Advice

# 123

**I shave myself & clients  
Milwaukee, WI**

You gotta take a zen~like approach to shaving. It's the whole spiel... preparation with hot-towel, sharpening and care of razor (I Use Straight), shave oil w/lather and correct procedure of shaving strokes. If you're really going to do it right, study the original techniques from the masters or at least dig up some old manuals or textbooks and do your homework!

# 124

**Phillip Gordon  
I shave my face  
Frankfort, KY**

After applying shaving oil, lather your face with a high quality badger brush using handmade cold process shaving soap. Badger brushes are somewhat expensive, but last for years if cared for properly. Handmade shaving soap is widely available. Cold process soap retains glycerin which is beneficial to your skin. Look for a soap that contains a clay, for example, bentonite or kaolin. The clay provides slip, that enables your razor to glide over your skin. Using the above combination will give you the best shave you have ever experienced.

# 125

**BJ Fischer  
Saline, MI  
I shave my face**

The secret to a good shave is very hot water. And, blades last longer than companies tell you they do.





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