

The Westie Tail

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The tail of a Westie should resemble a carrot shape. The bulk of hair is left on the topside to help level the hind end and shorten the appearance of the top-line.

- 1) Leave a triangle of hair at the base of the tail, with the point of the triangle no more than halfway to the point of the hips and the sides of the triangle about 1" from the sides of the base.
- 2) Holding the tail up, scissor the underside short and flat so that there is no flag.
- 3) Scissor the sides from the base, tapering to the tail tip.
- 4) Holding the tail back in line with the top-line, blend the triangular base into the hips and scissor the topside of the tail tapering to the tip. Round off any edges.
- 5) Trim the tip to a rounded point.