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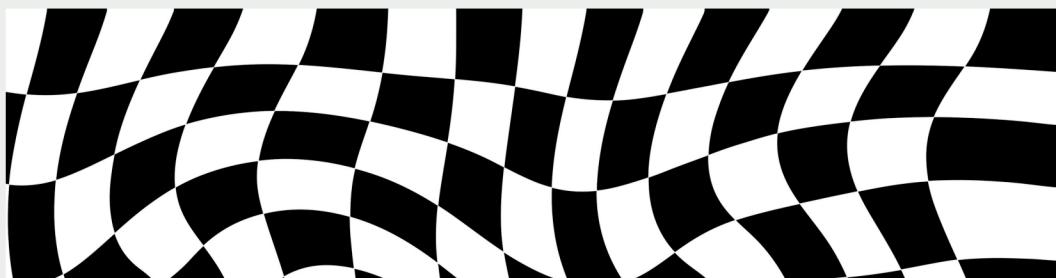
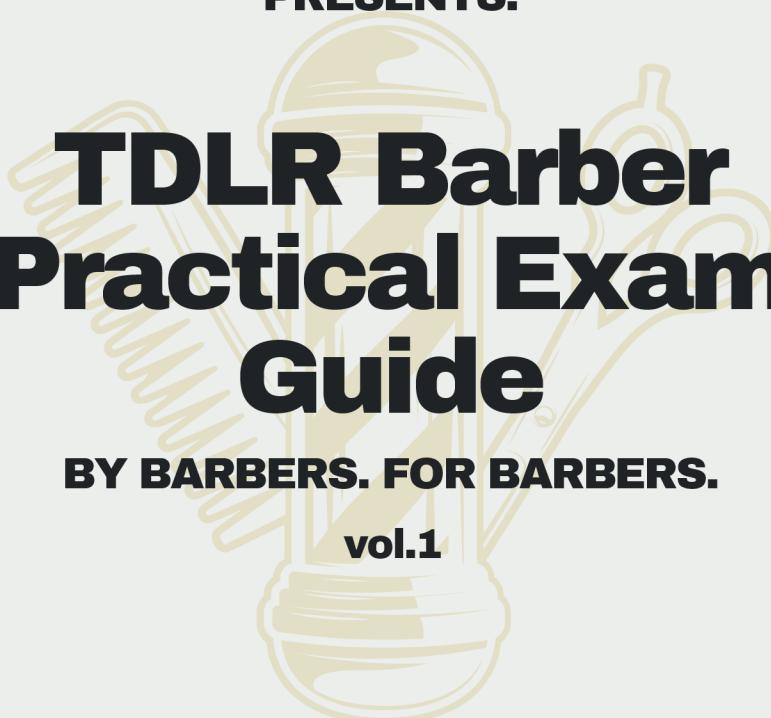
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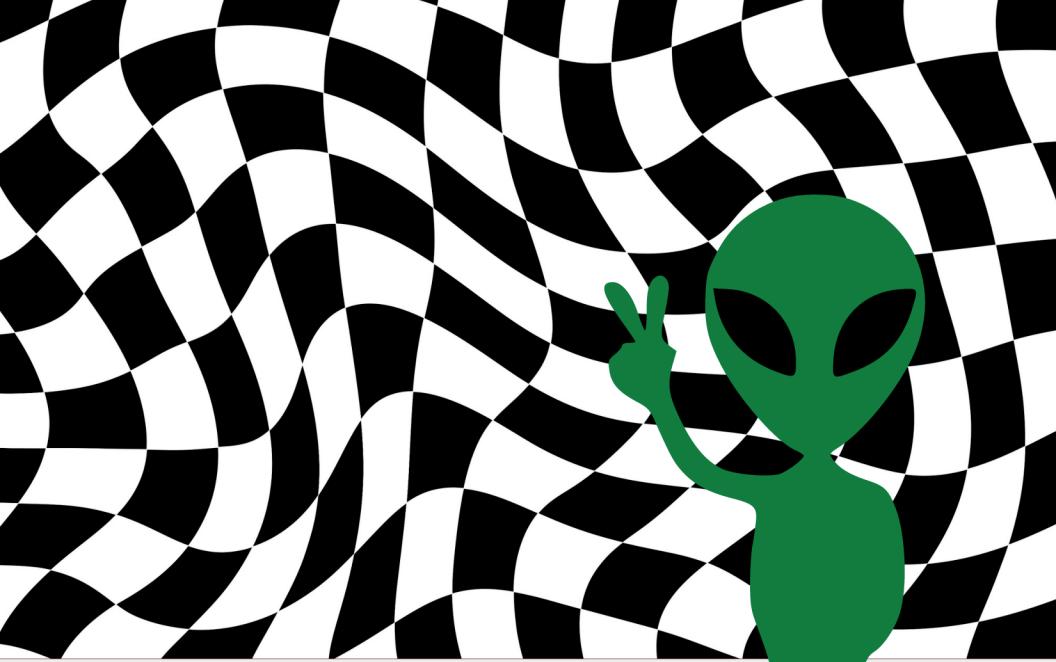
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# **TDLR Barber Practical Exam Guide**

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# WELCOME

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Passing the Texas Class A Barber Practical Exam isn't just about skill — it's about precision, preparation, and confidence. This guide was created to make sure you walk into that testing room with zero guesswork and total control over your setup.

Inside, you'll find everything you need to organize your kit the right way, step by step. Each service bag is broken down with clear instructions, packing tips, and pro strategies that reflect what real barbers — and real examiners — expect to see.

Whether this is your first time testing or your second shot, this guide will help you master the setup, eliminate stress, and focus on what matters most: showing them you're ready.

Now let's get you licensed.

- Anthony

# General Bag Guidelines

**Your kit is your first impression** — a clean, well-organized setup sets the tone for your entire exam. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) requires each service to have its own clearly labeled, sanitary bag containing only the items needed for that part of the test.

Using **2.5-gallon clear Ziploc** bags is highly recommended for visibility, quick access, and maintaining hygiene.

## Bag Preparation Guidelines

- Use **clear 2.5-gallon Ziploc bags** — no colored or opaque containers.
- Label each bag with the exact service name (e.g., “**Haircutting Service**”).
- Use printed labels or write clearly with a large black marker.
- Pack only what’s required for that specific service — no extras or duplicates.
- Avoid overpacking; bags should open and reseal easily.
- Ensure every item inside is clearly labeled (e.g., “**Hand Sanitizer**,” “**Cuticle Remover**”).
- Organize bags in exam order and store them inside a rolling kit or toolbox for fast, easy access.

This system keeps you fast, focused, and confident — exactly what the state board wants to see.

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# Pre-Exam Setup & Disinfection Bag



Label: Pre-Exam Setup & Disinfection

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag

This is the first bag you'll open when the exam begins. You'll have **10 minutes** to sanitize your station, set up your tools, position your mannequin, and prepare for the services ahead.

# How to Pack Your Pre-Exam Setup & Disinfection Bag

This bag will stay with you throughout the entire Texas State Barber Practical Exam. Make sure everything is clearly labeled and securely packed.

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

### Paper Towels

- Full roll inside a bag labeled “Paper Towels”

### Trash Bag

- Heavy-duty bag labeled “Trash Bag”

### Heavy-Duty Tape

- One roll to secure the trash bag at your station

### EPA Disinfectant Spray

- Closed, labeled “EPA”

### Water Bottle

- Tightly closed, labeled “Water”

### Hand Sanitizer

- Bottle labeled “Hand Sanitizer”

Container labeled “First-Aid Kit” with:

- Roll of gauze
- Alcohol wipes
- Band-Aids
- Disposable gloves

# How to Pack Your Pre-Exam Setup & Disinfection Bag

## Step 2: Organize Inside the Bag

- Arrange items upright for easy access
- Group items by order of use (e.g., disinfectant in front, first-aid kit in back)
- Keep small items contained inside the first-aid kit container
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## Step 3: Seal & Store

- Place all items inside a 2½-gallon zip-lock bag
- Squeeze out excess air so it lies flat
- Zip fully closed to ensure a tight seal
- Double-check that all labels are visible through the transparent bag

 Your Pre-Exam Setup & Disinfection Bag is now packed, sealed, and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

**Pro Tips:**

Pre-tape a trash bag inside a pop-up hamper labeled "TRASH." Collapse and pack it — on exam day, just pop it open, ready to use.

**Time Limit: 10 minutes**

Goal: Prepare a safe, sanitary station before any services begin.



**Step-by-Step Instructions**

**Sanitize Your Hands**

- As soon as you're told to begin, sanitize thoroughly.

**Set Up Tripod or Clamp**

- Position securely at your assigned station.

**Remove Mannequin Head & Pre-Sanitized Implements Bag**

- Take these out first; immediately close your large kit bag to avoid point loss.

**Secure Mannequin on Tripod**

- Make sure the mannequin head is tightly fastened.

**Pull Out EPA Disinfectant & Paper Towels**

- Ensure the bottle is labeled "EPA Disinfectant."

**Spray & Wipe Down All Work Surfaces**

- Large haircutting station
- Small manicure table
- Both chairs

## Step-by-Step Instructions (Continued)

### Place & Secure Your Trash Bag

- Use a large trash bag labeled “Trash Bag.”
- Staple or tape it inside your foldable hamper (if using).
- Ensure it’s positioned to touch the floor.

### Neatly Place Labeled Items on Station

- Hand sanitizer
- Water bottle (labeled “Water”)
- Blood spill kit (labeled)
- Tape

### Discard Used Paper Towels in Trash

### 10 Sanitize Your Hands Again

- Always sanitize after handling trash or setup items.

### ✓ Stand Back & Raise Your Hand

- Signal to the examiner that you’re finished.



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# Manicure Service



Label: Manicure Service

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag

This bag is used for the manicure portion of the exam. You'll have **22 minutes** to perform a basic manicure on five nails of a mannequin hand, following all sanitation and safety protocols.

# How to Pack Your Manicure Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

### 2½-Gallon Zip-Seal Bag

- Label one side “Manicure Service”
- Label the other side “Trash”

### Towels (x3)

- Any color (white not required)

### Mannequin Hand

- Pre-tipped with shaped and filed nail tips (leave enough tip to work with)
- No labels, markings, or names

### Finger Bowl & Soapy Water

- Finger bowl
- Small container labeled “Soapy Water”

### Cuticle Products

- Container labeled “Cuticle Oil”
- Container labeled “Cuticle Remover”

### Sanitized Implements (packed together in a labeled small bag or container)

- Cotton rounds
- Nail file
- Nail buffer
- Nail brush
- Wooden pusher(s) (bring extras)
- Wooden cotton-tip swab

# How to Pack Your Manicure Service Bag

## Step 2: Organize Inside the Bag

- Arrange items neatly for easy access
- Group smaller tools inside the Sanitized Implements container

## Step 3: Seal & Store

- Place all items inside the 2½-gallon zip-seal bag
- Squeeze out excess air to keep it compact
- Zip fully closed — make sure the seal is tight
- Ensure all labels are visible through the transparent bag

Your Manicure Service Bag is now packed, sealed, and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

**Pro Tips:**

Pack liquids upright in leak-proof containers, wrap sharp tools for safety, use small sub-bags for organization, and leave extra space for easy grab-and-go on exam day.

### **Time Limit: 22 minutes**

Goal: Perform a safe, sanitary manicure on five nails of a mannequin hand, demonstrating proper setup, technique, and cleanup.



### **Step-by-Step Instructions: Manicure Service**

#### **Sanitize & Prepare Kit**

- Sanitize your hands
- Open your large kit bag; remove the Manicure Service bag
- Close the large kit bag immediately

#### **Set Up Supplies**

- From the manicure bag, take out:
  - Box labeled “Sanitized Implements”
  - Mannequin hand (with pre-applied nail tips)
  - Finger bowl
  - Towels
  - Soapy water (labeled)
  - Cuticle oil (labeled)
  - Cuticle remover (labeled)
  - Small trash bag (labeled “Trash Bag”)
  - Tape

### **Secure Trash Bag**

- Tape the small trash bag to the manicure table using multiple strips of tape
- Sanitize your hands

### **Create Workspace Bump**

- Fold one towel, then fold a second towel over it to form a support bump
- Place the bump under the mannequin hand for stability

### **Hand & Nail Analysis**

- Sanitize your hands and the mannequin hand
- Perform a quick hand and nail analysis

### **Shape Nails**

- Sanitize your hands
- Remove the nail file from “Sanitized Implements”
- Shape each of the five nails (round, square, or point)
- Discard the file and sanitize your hands

### **Soften Cuticles**

- Pour soapy water into the finger bowl; soak fingers for 1 minute
- Close soapy water container and discard
- Sanitize your hands

### **Clean Nails**

- Use the nail brush over the finger bowl to clean debris from all nails
- Discard the brush and sanitize your hands

### **Dry & Apply Cuticle Remover**

- Use extra towel to dry the hand; set aside
- Sanitize your hands
- Apply a small drop of cuticle remover at each cuticle
- Close remover; sanitize your hands

## **10 Push Back Cuticles**

- Use a wooden pusher to gently push back cuticles on all five nails
- Wipe pusher on towel, snap in half, discard
- Sanitize your hands

### **Clean Under Free Edge**

- Take the cotton-tipped wooden stick from sanitized implements
- Clean under each nail's free edge
- Snap stick in half, discard, sanitize your hands

### **Buff Nails**

- Use nail buffer on each nail (side-to-side, top-to-bottom motions)
- Discard buffer and sanitize your hands

### **Apply Cuticle Oil**

- Apply one drop of cuticle oil to each nail
- Close oil; sanitize your hands

### **Remove Excess Oil**

- Wipe off excess oil with a cotton round; remove any lint
- Discard cotton round and any leftover supplies
- Sanitize your hands

### **Clean Up & Disinfect**

- Absorb finger bowl water with towels; discard towels
- Sanitize your hands
- Disinfect the station with EPA spray + paper towels
- Discard all waste and remaining items (except the mannequin hand)

### **Signal Completion**

- Place the finished mannequin hand on the table
- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



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# Professional Shave Service



Label: Professional Shave Service

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag

Used during the **42-minute** shaving demo. You'll apply lather and towels, then demonstrate proper razor stroke techniques.

# How to Pack Your Professional Shave Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

### Towels (x6)

- Six towels (extras optional but not required)

### Cape

### Razor

### Headrest Cover

- Processing cap to cover the chair headrest

### Astringent / Aftershave

- Bottle labeled "Astringent" or "Aftershave," tightly closed

### Shaving Cream

- Container labeled "Shaving Cream"

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all items neatly inside the labeled zip-seal bag
- Squeeze out excess air so the bag lies flat
- Seal the zipper completely

Your Professional Shave Service Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

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### **Time Limit: 42 minutes**

Goal: Perform a safe, sanitary manicure on five nails of a mannequin hand, demonstrating proper setup, technique, and cleanup.



### **Step-by-Step Instructions: Professional Shave Service**

#### **Sanitize & Prepare Kit**

- Sanitize your hands
- Open your large kit bag; remove the Professional Shave Service bag
- Close the large kit bag immediately
- From the shave bag, take out:
  - 7–8 towels
  - Cape + neck strip
  - Headrest cover
  - Shaving cream (labeled)
  - Aftershave (labeled)
  - Razor (no blade for mannequin)

#### **Drape the Mannequin**

- Sanitize your hands
- Place first towel snugly around neck; tuck edges
- Drape cape over towel; tie securely
- Add second towel over cape; adjust to expose neck
- Apply headrest cover

### **Steam & Prep Skin**

- Sanitize your hands
- Wet towel under hot water; wring out excess
- Test temp below nose with fingertip
- Drape hot towel over beard area for 2 minutes, massaging gently
- Remove in one smooth, circular motion; discard towel
- Sanitize your hands

### **Lather & Repeat**

- Apply shaving cream to back of hand; spread onto beard area
- Massage cream in direction of hair growth
- Sanitize your hands
- Repeat hot towel process: hot, test, massage, remove
- Sanitize your hands

### **Demonstrate Shaving Strokes**

- Sanitize your hands
- Hold closed razor up to signal examiner
- On instruction, demonstrate:
  - Freehand stroke (stretch skin, smooth pass, wipe razor)
  - Backhand stroke
  - Reverse freehand stroke



### **Complete the Shave**

- Sanitize your hands
- Perform strokes 1–14 in order, wiping razor between each
- Discard razor cover; sanitize your hands

### **Cold Towel & Pore Close**

- Wet towel under cold water; wring out
- Test temp; drape over shaved area, press for 2 minutes
- Remove in one motion; discard towel
- Sanitize your hands

## Apply Aftershave

- Sanitize your hands
- Spray/apply astringent to towel or paper towel (do not rub)
- Pat into shaved areas to close pores
- Discard towel/astringent; sanitize your hands

## Clean Up & Disinfect

- Disinfect station + chair with EPA spray and towel; discard towel
  - Remove all waste except drape towels + headrest cover (leave draping intact)
- Sanitize your hands

## 10 Signal Completion

- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



You're now fully prepared for your Professional Shave Service exam!

### Pro Tips:

- Roll towels tightly and stack vertically for extra space
- Use small, labeled travel bottles for shaving cream and aftershave
- Wrap the razor in a padded sleeve or towel for protection
- Fold cape and headrest cover flat at the back for easy access
- Place paper towels and gloves in a sub-bag to keep them dry and organized
- mist or pump bottles for toner and moisturizer to save space

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# Blood Exposure Incident



Label: Blood Exposure Incident

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag

Used for the **12-minute** simulated blood spill service. You'll demonstrate proper cleanup, sanitation, and bandaging procedures. You'll be notified at **6 minutes** remaining

# How to Pack Your Blood Exposure Incident Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- Small Ziploc Labeled "Biohazard"
- Small Ziploc Labeled "Trash"
- Small Ziploc Labeled "Pre-Sanitized" or "Disinfected"
  - Inside this, pack:
    - Pair of gloves
    - Cotton rounds (at least one; extras recommended)
    - Band-Aids (at least one)
    - Alcohol swab (at least one)
    - Cotton (at least one)
    - Nick relief / styptic powder (securely closed)

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all smaller bags inside the main 2½-gallon zip-seal bag
- Squeeze out excess air from each bag to keep them compact
- Close the main bag fully, ensuring a tight seal

- Your Blood Exposure Incident Service Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

## Time Limit: 12 minutes

Goal: Correctly simulate cleaning and bandaging a minor cut using proper blood spill protocol. This tests your ability to handle exposure safely and legally.



## Step-by-Step Instructions: Pre-Blood Exposure Incident Service

### Sanitize & Remove Towel

- Sanitize your hands
- If a wiping towel is still on your station, remove and discard it
- Sanitize your hands again

### Retrieve Kits & Set Up Bags

- Open your large kit bag; remove the Blood Exposure Incident Service bag
- Close the kit bag immediately
- From the service bag, take out:
  - Gloves
  - Biohazard bag
  - Trash bag
  - Alcohol swab
  - Styptic powder (astringent)
  - Q-tip
  - Cotton rounds (2)
  - Band-Aid
- Close and set aside the service bag

#### Pro Tips:

- Separate small items in mini bags or pill boxes
- Keep biohazard bag on top for quick access
- Pre-fill styptic to avoid spills
- Pack only essentials, skip bulky kits
- Flatten gloves between paper towels to save space

### **Don & Sanitize Gloves**

- Put on gloves (ensure proper fit)
- Sanitize gloved hands

### **Apply Pressure & Cleanse**

- Wet one cotton round from your water bottle; apply pressure to the simulated cut for 15 seconds
- Discard used cotton round into the biohazard bag; sanitize gloves
- Open alcohol swab; cleanse the cut thoroughly
- Discard swab + wrapper into biohazard bag; sanitize gloves

### **Apply Styptic Powder**

- Sprinkle a small amount of styptic powder onto a Q-tip using a cotton round
- Apply powder to the cut
- Discard used cotton round + Q-tip; sanitize gloves

### **Apply Band-Aid**

- Sanitize gloves
- Open Band-Aid without touching the pad; apply over the cut carefully
- Discard Band-Aid wrapper into biohazard bag; sanitize gloves

### **Double-Bag & Dispose**

- Place all biohazard items (gloves, swabs, pads) into the biohazard bag
- Close biohazard bag; place it into the labeled trash bag
- Ensure the biohazard label is visible; discard into the exam trash

### **Clean Up Station**

- EPA-disinfect your station surface; discard disinfectant wipe
- Sanitize your hands

### **Signal Completion**

- Ensure your station is neat and the Band-Aid is correctly applied
- Raise your hand to notify the examiner

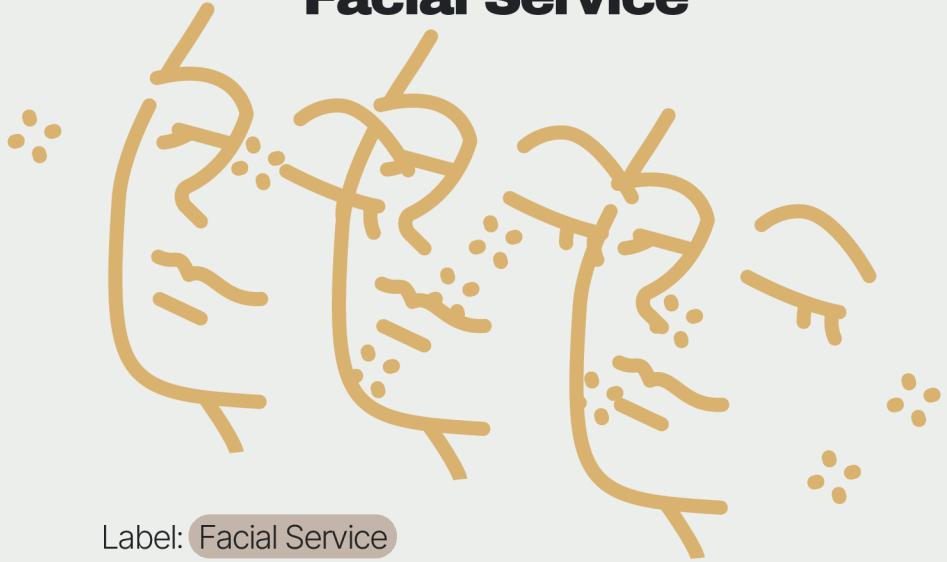


You're now ready to proceed to the next section of your exam!

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## Facial Service



Label: Facial Service

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag.

Used during the **17-minute** facial portion. You'll cleanse, massage, tone, and moisturize your mannequin following sanitation protocols.

# How to Pack Facial Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- Towels (x2)
- Cape or Drape
- Processing Cap (Shower Cap)
- Headband
- Facial Products (all labeled and tightly closed)
  - Cleanser
  - Massage cream
  - Moisturizing lotion
  - Toner
- Small Ziploc Labeled “Sanitized Implements”
  - At least 3 spatulas
  - At least 8 cotton rounds (extras recommended)

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all items into the labeled Facial Service zip-seal bag
- Squeeze out excess air so the bag stays compact
- Fully zip the bag closed to ensure a tight seal

- Your Facial Service Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

### Time Limit: 17 minutes

Goal: Safely perform a basic facial on a mannequin, demonstrating proper cleansing, massage manipulation, toning, and moisturizing — while following all sanitation procedures.



### Step-by-Step Instructions: Facial Service

#### Sanitize & Prep

- Sanitize your hands
- Open the large kit bag; remove the Facial Service bag
- Close the kit bag immediately

#### Redrape Station

- Discard previous drape + Band-Aid; sanitize hands
- Wrap one towel snugly around the mannequin's neck; tuck and secure
- Drape cape over towel (no skin contact); tie snugly and tug to check
- Add second towel over the cape; adjust to expose the face
- Apply headband + shower cap over hairline; recline and lock the mannequin

#### Cleanse Skin

- Sanitize hands
- Take spatula + facial cleanser
- Dispense cleanser onto back of hand; apply dots to chin, nose, forehead, cheeks
- Spread with gentle strokes, then use circular motions to cleanse

Remove Cleanser

- Sanitize hands
- Moisten two cotton rounds with water
- Remove cleanser using center-out strokes
- Discard cotton rounds; sanitize hands

Massage Manipulation

- Sanitize hands
- Dispense massage cream with spatula; apply as in step 3
- Perform one massage technique (3 circles):
  - Petrissage (pinch + roll)
  - Effleurage (sliding upward pressure)
  - Tapotement (tapping)
- Wipe hands on towel; sanitize hands

Remove Massage Cream

- Sanitize hands
- Moisten two cotton rounds; remove cream using center-out strokes
- Discard rounds; sanitize hands

Tone Skin

- Sanitize hands
- Apply toner with a cotton round or spray and pat over the face
- Discard and sanitize hands

Moisturize

- Sanitize hands
- Dispense small amount of moisturizer; apply with spatula to back of hand
- Spread product using upward motions until absorbed
- Discard spatula; sanitize hands

### Clean Up & Disinfect

- Discard all used items and trash
- Disinfect the station with EPA spray and towel; discard towel
- Sanitize hands

### 10 Signal Completion

- Ensure the station is neat and face is product-free
- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



You're now ready for your Facial Service exam!

#### Pro Tips:

- Use leak-proof, labeled travel containers for creams and lotions
- Stack cotton rounds and spatulas in a small zip bag
- Roll towels tightly; place flat items like the cape at the back
- Group facial products in a sub-bag for easy access
- Use slim mist or pump bottles for toner and moisturizer to save space

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# Haircutting Service



Label: Haircutting Service

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag.

Used during the **37-minute** haircutting portion. You'll perform shears and clipper work, arching, and blending.

# How to Pack Your Hair Cutting Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- 2 Neck strips
- Cutting cape
- Shears
- Clippers (with guard attached)
- Hair cutting comb
- Set of hair clips (4 or more)
- Spray bottle of water (labeled "Water")
- Towel (for dampening and cleanup)
- Small trash bag (labeled "Trash Bag")
- Heavy-duty tape (for securing drape)
- Hand sanitizer (labeled)
- EPA disinfectant spray (labeled)

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all items neatly inside the labeled Hair Cutting Service zip-seal bag
  - Squeeze out excess air to keep the bag compact
  - Fully zip the bag closed to ensure a tight seal
- Your Hair Cutting Service Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

Time Limit: 37 minutes

Goal: Safely perform a basic haircut on a mannequin using clippers, shears, and trimmers. You'll need to demonstrate cutting at least one inch of hair, blend with shear-over-comb, and show arching technique — all while following sanitation and draping protocols.



**Step-by-Step Instructions:**

Sanitize & Prep

- Sanitize your hands
- Open the kit bag; remove the Hair Cutting Service bag
- Close the kit bag immediately

Drape & Redrape

- Discard previous drape; sanitize hands
- Place neck strip snugly; tuck under
- Drape cape over neck strip (no skin contact); tuck and secure
- Roll a second neck strip over the cape to seal

Hair & Scalp Analysis

- Sanitize hands
- Comb through hair; inspect scalp and hair for irregularities

### Clip Nape & Back

- Sanitize hands
- Freehand clip 1" off the nape area, side to side
- Clip over comb up from nape to occipital ridge as a guideline
- Sanitize hands

### Clip Sides

- Sanitize hands
- Clip over comb from sideburn to parietal ridge on each side
- Ensure symmetry; adjust guide as needed

### Shear Cutting

- Sanitize hands
- Saturate hair with water; comb through
- Establish central guideline at crown (3-finger depth)
- Cut 1" sections with shears, following the guideline
- Blend perimeter (point cut bangs if desired)

### Detailing with Trimmers

- Sanitize hands
- Use trimmers to arch around ears and neckline, staying on the perimeter

### Blend with Shear Over Comb

- Sanitize hands
- Comb hair down; use shears over comb to smooth uneven areas

### Style & Clean Floor

- Sanitize hands
  - Comb hair into desired style (e.g., comb-over)
  - Use a clean towel or sweeper to remove loose hair from mannequin + station
  - Sweep floor completely; discard hair in provided receptacle
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## 10 Final Cleanup & Disinfect

- Discard all tools except one comb for examiner review
- Disinfect station + chair with EPA spray; discard wipe
- Sanitize hands

### Signal Completion

- Ensure station is neat, drape intact, and hair-free
- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



You're now ready for your Hair Cutting Service exam!

#### Pro Tips:

Wrap shears, clippers, and trimmers in a towel or tool roll to prevent damage. Label or tie cords neatly, fold the cape and towel flat at the back, and place the comb and neck strip on top for fast access. Fully charge and test all cordless tools the night before.

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# Blow-Drying & Thermal Curling Service



Label : Blow-Drying & Thermal Curling

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag.

Used for the **22-minute** thermal styling portion. You'll blow-dry a section and create one curl using a curling iron.

**Pro Tips:**

Use cord wraps for neat cords, pack small items in a labeled pouch, wrap curling iron in a heat-safe towel, fold towels flat with cape at the bottom, stand the round brush upright, and test all tools ahead for safety.

# How to Pack Your Blow Drying & Thermal Curling Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- 2 towels (for draping and tool wrapping)
- Cutting cape
- Rat-tail comb
- Hair brush (paddle or styling brush)
- Round roller brush
- Blow dryer
- Curling iron (spring-loaded or Marcel)
- 3rd towel (for wrapping tools)
- 4 hair clips
- 1 butterfly clip
- 1 neck strip

## Step 2: Pack the Bag'

- Wrap heated tools (blow dryer, curling iron) in towels for protection
  - Place all items neatly into the labeled Blow Drying & Thermal Curling Service zip-seal bag
  - Squeeze out excess air to keep the bag compact
  - Fully zip the bag closed to ensure a tight seal
- Your Blow Drying & Thermal Curling Service Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

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## Time Limit: 22 minutes

Goal: Safely demonstrate thermal styling on your mannequin. You'll blow-dry one section of wet hair and curl a subsection using a curling iron — all while maintaining sanitation, draping, and tool safety.



## Step-by-Step Instructions: Blow Drying & Thermal Curling Service

### Sanitize & Prep

- Sanitize your hands
- Discard previous drape (if present); sanitize hands again

### Retrieve Kit & Mannequin

- Open kit bag; remove long-haired mannequin + service bag
- Place mannequin on stand; close kit bag
- Sanitize hands
- Empty service bag onto station; discard the bag

### Power & Heat Tools

- Plug in blow dryer + curling iron
- Set curling iron above 400°F; check red light indicator
- Tuck cords neatly; sanitize hands

### Drape Mannequin

- Wrap towel around mannequin's neck; tuck + secure
- Place second towel or cape over first; secure (no skin contact)
- Clip excess hair away from face; sanitize hands

### **Section Hair**

- Use rat-tail comb to part center (nape to forehead); clip half away
- From apex to ear, create three subsections; clip two, leave one down
- Wet section as desired; sanitize hands

### **Blow Drying Technique**

- Select bottom subsection; brush through while directing hot air roots-to-ends
- Once ends are dry, cool with dryer; roll brush to form curl, release + set
- Continue with remaining subsections, working bottom-up

### **Thermal Curling**

- Sanitize hands
- Test curling iron on protective strip; check curl, avoid burning
- Measure 1" subsection; comb smooth, clamp + roll onto iron
- Hold ~20 seconds; gently release + cool (don't drop curl); discard strip

### **Clean Up & Tool Care**

- Unplug + wrap dryer + curling iron (use towel if hot)
- Discard used towels, clips, + strips
- Sanitize hands

### **Final Cleanup & Disinfect**

- Disinfect station + chair with EPA spray; discard wipe
- Sanitize hands; ensure station is neat + hair-free

### **10 Signal Completion**

- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



- You're now ready for your Blow Drying & Thermal Curling Service exam!
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# How to Pack Your Chemical Application Preparation Bag

Use a 2½-gallon zip-seal bag labeled “Chemical Application Preparation.”

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- 2 towels (any color)
- Protective cap
- Protective cream (labeled “Protective Cream” — e.g., Vaseline)
- Small Ziploc labeled “Sanitized Implements”
  - At least 1 spatula (bring extras if desired)
  - 1 pair of gloves

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all items neatly into the Chemical Application Preparation zip-seal bag
  - Squeeze out excess air to keep the bag compact
  - Fully seal the zipper to ensure a tight closure
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- Your Chemical Application Preparation Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

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# Permanent Wave Service



Label: Permanent Wave Service

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag.

Used for the **20-minute** perm demo. You'll wrap rods, apply mock solution, and perform a drip test.

**Pro Tips:**

Keep perm rods and end papers in a mini pouch, pre-roll cotton and secure it, fill mock perm solution with gel or water, cushion fragile items with a towel, store gloves flat between towels or in a side pouch, and place comb and clips on top for easy access.

# How to Pack Your Permanent Wave Service Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- 2 towels (any color)
- Cape (any color)
- Small Ziploc labeled "Disinfected"
  - At least 4 perm rods (extras recommended)
  - Handful of perm papers
  - 1 pair of gloves
- Perm solution container (filled with water for practice; tightly closed)

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all items neatly into the Permanent Wave Service zip-seal bag
- Squeeze out excess air to keep the bag compact
- Fully seal the zipper to ensure a tight closure

Your Permanent Wave Service Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

### **Time Limit: 20 minutes**

Goal: Demonstrate proper perm rod wrapping on a mannequin using correct sectioning, end papers, protective cotton, mock solution application, and a test curl — all while following safety and sanitation protocol.



### **Step-by-Step Instructions: Permanent Wave Service**

#### **Sanitize & Prep**

- Sanitize your hands
- Open large kit bag; remove Permanent Wave Service bag
- Close kit bag immediately

#### **Retrieve Supplies & Drape**

- Empty service bag contents onto station; discard the bag
- Discard previous drape if needed; sanitize hands
- Drape mannequin with towel + cape; keep extra towel if re-draping is required

#### **Section & Measure**

- Sanitize hands
- Release side clips; create straight-line section at the back of the head
- Measure subsections by rod length + width; clip excess hair away

### **Wrap Rods (4 minimum)**

- Sanitize hands
- Choose wrapping method: single flat, double flat, or bookend
- Place end paper, align hair ends, roll rod with moderate tension
- Secure rod with elastic band at the start of the curl
- Repeat for all four rods, keeping consistent elevation (on-base, half-, or off-base)

### **Protect & Prepare**

- Wrap cotton around each rod to catch drips
- Adjust mannequin tilt if needed

### **Apply Perm Solution**

- Sanitize hands + put on gloves
- Hold solution bottle in a 'Z' pattern; saturate each rod thoroughly
- Close solution + set aside

### **Demonstrate Test Curl**

- Hold towel under one rod; unwrap partially to show curl formation
- If requested, unwrap end paper to show hair ends are wrapped correctly

### **Clean Up & Disinfect**

- Discard end papers + excess cotton; sanitize hands
- Disinfect station with EPA spray; discard wipe + any dropped items
- Sanitize hands

### **Signal Completion**

- Ensure station is tidy + no papers or cotton on the floor
- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



 You're now ready for your Permanent Wave Service exam!

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## Single Color Retouch Service



Label: Single Color Retouch

Must be printed or written clearly in large black lettering on the front of the bag.

Used during the **22-minute** color retouch section. You'll simulate applying color to 1 inch of new growth.

# How to Pack Your Single Process Color Retouch Bag

## Step 1: Gather & Label Supplies

- 2 towels (any color)
- 1 set of gloves
- 1 foil sheet
- At least 1 Q-tip
- Color bowl
- Color brush
- Mock hair color (labeled “Hair Color”; tightly closed — e.g., hair gel or similar)

## Step 2: Pack the Bag

- Place all items neatly into the Single Process Color Retouch zip-seal bag
  - Squeeze out excess air to keep the bag compact
  - Fully zip the bag closed to ensure a tight seal
- Your Single Process Color Retouch Bag is now packed and ready for the Texas State Barber Practical Exam!

### **Time Limit: 22 minutes**

Goal: Simulate applying hair color to 1 inch of regrowth in one quadrant, including a patch test and strand test. Proper sanitation, control, and application technique are critical.



### **Step-by-Step Instructions:**

#### **Sanitize & Prep**

- Sanitize your hands
- Open large kit bag; remove Single Color Retouch Service bag
- Close kit bag immediately

#### **Retrieve Supplies & Drape**

- Empty service bag contents onto station; discard the bag
- Sanitize hands
- Prepare two towels:
  - One for drape (replace if wet) the other for patch test

#### **Patch & Strand Test**

- Sanitize hands
- Prepare color in the bowl; close container
- Perform patch test behind ear with Q-tip; discard Q-tip
- Unpin hair; select 1" strand at occipital bone for strand test
- Apply color to strand; seal in foil
- Wet towel; check patch test for redness + check strand color on white towel
- Discard foil + towel; sanitize hands

## **Section & Apply Color**

- Sanitize hands
- Divide hair into four subsections ( $\frac{1}{4}$ "– $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide)
- For each subsection:
  - Apply color 1" from scalp on both sides of part
  - Avoid overlapping onto previously colored hair
  - Lay subsection down neatly

## **Confirm Separation**

- Sanitize hands
- Bend each colored subsection over a brush to show clear 1" regrowth separation

## **Clean Up & Disinfect**

- Discard all used items + trash
- Sanitize hands

## **Signal Completion**

- Ensure clean drape + clear separation on mannequin
- Raise your hand to notify the examiner



 You're now ready for your Single Color Retouch Service exam!

### **Pro Tips:**

Use a small squeeze bottle for mock color, pack bowl and brush in a sub-bag, lay gloves flat by the towel, and keep clips and comb on top for quick access.

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# End of Exam Disinfection



## Single Color Retouch & Exit

After you've completed your single-color retouch, there isn't a special "end-of-exam" bag. Simply pause, await the proctor's final nod, then:

- 1. Pack up:** Return all tools to their labeled bags.
- 2. Disinfect:** Wipe down your station, tools, and kit one last time.
- 3. Depart:** Once everything's bagged and sanitized, exit the exam area. Good luck!

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Congratulations on finishing this guide. You've taken an important step toward mastering your craft—every licensed barber has walked this path, and your commitment to excellence will serve you well. Stay confident, keep refining your skills, and remember that determination is your greatest tool. Good luck on exam day—and here's to a bright future behind the chair!

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