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CLOSE SHAVES



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Quick, painless, and (mostly) inexpensive, shaving is the easiest way to remove unwanted hair from your body, including your face. These innovative tools make the cut.



1
 What makes this razor so special? It's bidirectional: The top blades shave upward. The bottom blades shave downward.

2
 Hold the edge at a 45-degree angle against your face. Sonic vibration helps it glide easily across skin.

3
 A comb attachment gives you the option to trim.

4
 Move the tip in small circles. The grooves capture hair so the rotating inner mechanism

1
RAZOR

The ability to run a blade up and down legs without lifting the handle speeds my daily shaving routine and makes it easier to navigate around my ankles and knees without nicks. **Schick Intuition f.a.b.**, \$14; drugstores

2
BEAUTY BLADE

Dermaplaning is a form of exfoliation done with a blade that not only removes dead skin but also fine, fuzzy hairs on cheeks and jawline. Pro treatments cost over \$100, so this DIY smoothing device is a smart investment. **Dermaflash 2.0**, \$189; dermaflash.com

3
BIKINI GROOMER

My love-hate relationship with bathing suit season has improved since I discovered this pen-size trimmer and shaver. I keep it in my travel kit so last-minute touch-ups are no big deal. **Gillette Venus Bikini Precision**, \$20; drugstores

4
FACE TRIMMER

A hairy upper lip qualifies as a beauty emergency in my book. Here's a fast fix: **Finishing Touch Flawless Colors** (\$20; myflawlesscolors.com). The rotary gadget gently clips facial hairs without redness or irritation. ■