

## Grooming Your Project Plants for Show

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1. Groom baby leaves from plant. Baby leaves are much smaller than the leaves above. General rule of thumb is if the leaf below is smaller than the leaf above it can be removed.



2. Remove all suckers and bloom stalks. YES ALL FLOWERS. A sucker is a start of another crown. They come from the axial of the plant. This is the same area that produces bloom stalks.



3. Clean leaves with a straight edge brush and scotch tape. This step is very important. Most people don't clean their plants. Plants don't move and dust, pet hair and soil can build up to a point that it is hard for the plant to get the light it needs to grow probably. Also, a clean plant is much prettier than a plant full of bits of soil, pet hair and plain old dust.

4. The rule of three. African Violet leaves grow in sets of three. As they grow larger the sets of three overlap to form circular growth that is preferred.



5. The best way to grow a beautiful plant is to pay attention to that plant. Check your plant regularly. Groom bloom stalks and suckers when they are still small. Clean your plant at least every month. About 6 weeks before show you can let your blooms stalks grow.