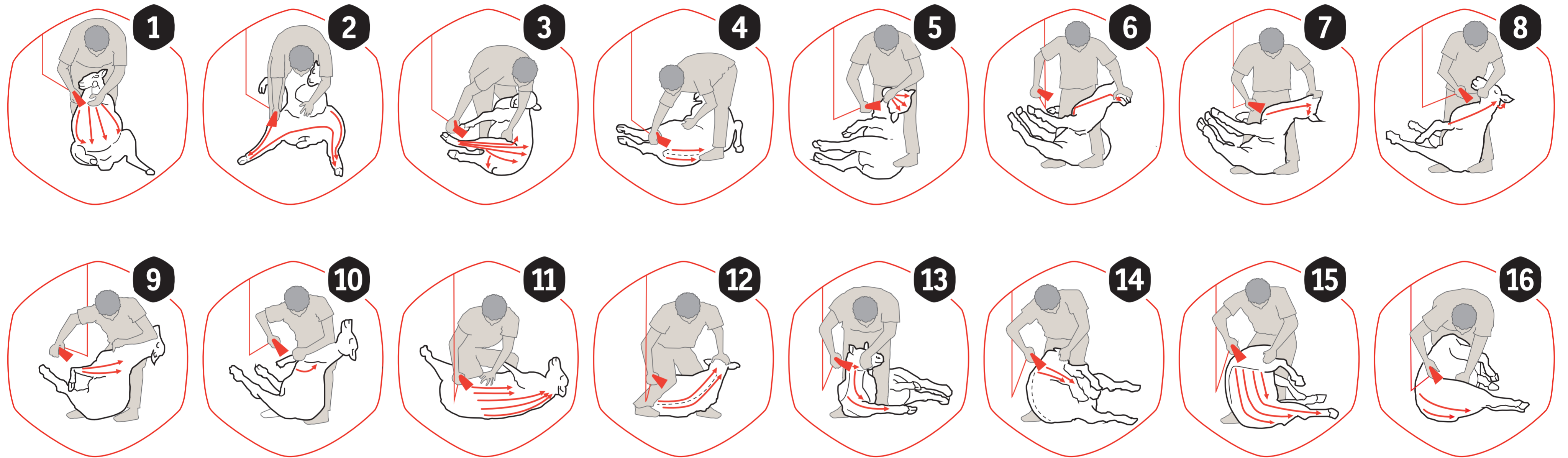


STEP BY STEP GUIDE TO SHEARING



6 key points of good shearing

1 Control of the sheep

Get right down over the sheep and 'become part of it'.

2 Positive hand

Know exactly where the handpiece has to go; don't poke and be positive with all the blows.

3 Good wrist

Be flexible and supple to ensure comb points stay on the skin.

4 Return action

Must be fast, close to the sheep and taken no further back than the start of the next blow, wasted inches are wasted efforts.

5 Left hand

Use it confidently to prepare the way for the handpiece.

6 Rhythm and timing

Develop a rhythm so the shearing of each section runs smoothly into the next.

Key points to eliminate second cuts

- Keep bottom tooth on the skin
- Start and finish each blow on the skin
- Shear in position
- Shear to a pattern