FCPX: 2.5 ROUGH CUT

1. Arranging

At this point in your edit, you have inserted your clips into your Timeline. However, you may want to rearrange clips, or overlap them. **Drag and drop** your clips to the new location. You can put clips on top of clips, but keep in mind that the top clip can only be seen but both audios can be heard. Keep the **Snapping** feature on to have clips act like magnets, touching ends perfectly. For a precise placement, place your playhead on the time or frame you want to move your clip to, and (with Snapping turned ON) drag it to the playhead and allow it to snap into place.

2. Trimming and Extending

With the **Selection Tool (A)** selected, you can complete basic trims and extensions by hovering your cursor over the end of the clip you want to trim or extend until it turns yellow and your cursor turns into the trim symbol. Click and drag left or right to trim or extend the clip.

Select the **Trimming Tool (T)** to roll your clip to a different part of the full clip. Hover your cursor over your clip and click and drag it left or right to roll the clip.

3. Cutting

To cut your clips so that they act as individual clips, select the **Blade Tool (B)**. Hover over you clip and click on the frame where you want one clip to end and the other to begin. For more precision, make sure that the Snapping feature is ON and place your playhead on the frame you want to cut. Use the Blade Tool to hover over your playhead until it turns yellow, click to cut on that line.

4. Delete

To delete a clip and leave a gap in its place, click on the delete button on your keyboard. (The small one under fn and to the left of end)

To delete a clip without leaving a gap in its place, click on the backspace delete button on your keyboard.
5. Change Duration and Speed

To change the duration and/or speed of a clip, or Retime a clip, select the clip(s) and click on the Retime icon in the toolbar. Choose from the retime options.

6. Detach Audio

If your audio and video are attached, you can detach the audio to either remove it or move it by right-clicking the clip, and selecting “Detach Audio.”