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Subject: Re: idlgrcontour and clip\_planes ?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 19:47:15 GMT

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Subject: Re: idlgrcontour and clip\_planes ?

Posted by [ghgm2008](#) on Tue, 10 Feb 2009 22:34:02 GMT

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OK,

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Anyhow, following the logic of the 2 clip planes above I should be able to work out other ones.

Err, thanks David.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 12 Feb 2009 15:53:26 GMT

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I've used Barry Lopez's advice for years, always with great success. I'm not surprised it has worked again. :-)

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