

HAIRCUTS AND BEARD TRIMMING

The charisma in keeping a beard:

Beards are the ultimate sign of manliness. You would want a look that says stylish, sexy, confident, and all manly. Having the right haircut and beard style to highlight that manliness is no doubt what you need. Choosing the perfect matching beard style for your haircut is very important to getting that signature look. Here is a guide as to what to do.

Finding the perfect match:

This is entirely a personal decision, you would need what gives you the best impression at all times and is flexible with your personality. Never the less you can get pictures of the look you want and set a goal toward that.

There is much more in keeping a beard than just growing facial hair, choosing a beard style is the first step in the right direction. To look your best you have to use a beard style that highlights all your features.

- **The shape of your face:**

What works for someone may not be the best fit for another because of unique features like your head shape and face type. We all have different looks and head shape. The major face shapes are oblong, rectangular, circle, square, diamond, triangle, oval, Heart-Shaped, and Inverted triangle which is typically narrow at the chin and wide at the forehead. It is therefore important you find the beard style that works for you. A well-chosen style will give your face the optimal definition. If you have a square face, it's preferable you go for a look with sides a bit shorter than your chin. This will help flush out your features, anything otherwise will give you a rectangular look. If you have a round face, trim your side hair joining with the teddy, and let your bottom hair grow out rather than just letting your hair grow wild. That could make your entire face look a massive hairy circle this is hideous as it defeats the whole concept of beard keeping. This will add more of an angular look to your jawline.

If you have an oval face then you're in luck. This face type tends to work well with various different beard styles, so just choose one that works best for you.

- **What suits your daily routine:**

Just as it takes a lot of time and patience to grow a good full beard, it is also quite an effort in maintaining your facial hair and a bit more effort to keep it looking its best at all times. You wouldn't want to go for what would be burdensome to take good care of as beard maintenance would entail washing, combing, trimming, and essentially beard products to give it the shine, texture, and luster you desire. Whether you need to sport a short well-trimmed goatee or an all-out full beard, You will need a good knowledge of beard maintenance and materials needed. This will be discussed later.

- **Your haircut and beard style- what it says of you?**

Start off by thinking about the message you want to send, the haircut, and beards that fit nicely with it.

For example, rocking a scruffy beard can be a way to say you just rolled out of bed looking this handsome or a Clark gable stache might hint that you are sophisticated and suave. Once you know what you want stay focused on that goal while constantly trimming to avoid having a wild loss of facial hair while growing.

Now you have a goal; that picture saved up to help you know how precisely you would look in the long run. Total transformation is just a trim away. Well, you would likely have a few disasters, but it does grow back.

- **Mix your messages with different hairstyle and beard combinations:**

Once you know what you want to say with your grooming, do some mixing and matching. You can go for facial hair that amplifies the message your haircut is already sending (see: cop 'stache plus buzz cut) to build a strong uniform look. Or you can defy expectations with an edgier mismatch, like a sharp undercut with a classic old-timey handlebar mustache. The only limit here is not to get too on-theme with your clothes, beard, and hair, or the overall effect can get slightly character-in-a-kids'-book. Don't go full Hagrid, is what we're saying. Still, experiment, and see what you get. Total transformation is just a trim away. You'll likely have at least one disaster, but even then: it does grow back.

- **Take a look at the hairstyle and beard combinations available – and whittle them down**

Long hair or short hair? Beard or mustache? Goatee or clean shave? There are a lot of options here. So it's also worth thinking about which hair and beard styles are going to bring out your best features, and which are going to hide those areas you don't like quite as much. You can, for example:

1. Balance the shape of your face. A full beard can help bulk out a narrow chin, while a textured fringe can disguise a high forehead. Try not to overdo it. You can use long hair or a stiletto beard to add length to a round face, but probably not both.
2. Keep things in proportion. While smallish, refined features may call for smallish, refined facial hair, larger features can be counter-balanced or even flattered by more dominant hair and beard styles. For example, a large nose is less prominent next to thicker scruff and tousled hair – and may even add to your roguish charm.
3. Show off your face. If you've got the square jaw of an old-school adventure hero, you can call it out with a style that essentially only you can pull off, like the chin strap or soul patch.
4. Draw the eye. At the same time, a more elaborate structured style like the Van Dyke can help pull round faces into focus, suggesting cheekbones that may or may not actually exist.

These tips aren't necessarily hard-and-fast rules. Yes, it can help to take the shape of your face into account when deciding which beard and hairstyles to go for, but at the same time, it's not worth taking too seriously. The final test is always going to be wearing the look.

Beard styles to try:

The beard trimming:

This will involve a lot of patience; you don't want to spoil the master plan, to get that signature look that suits you perfectly. Beards don't grow perfectly, not as you've imagined your final look to be and there is also no rule as to how to shape your beard. You need to know where to trim and how to maintain the perfect length. You can't undo a too short style so start with a longer guard.

A good beard comb would come in handy, this is needed to comb your facial hair all in the same direction to get an even trim out. Start with a larger setting, and work backward.

Once you pick up the ever-essential beard trimmer, you need to know the key tenets to maintain that beard. These beard tips will arm you with the confidence to shape your whiskers. You can't undo a too-short style. So, start with a longer guard, and start by trimming it to large. It's going to take a trim or two for you to acquaint yourself with the most flattering length, and that's going to be a lot easier (and never embarrassing) if you gradually trim it off until you hit the sweet spot, instead of hastily shearing yourself past it.

- **Keep it trim—even as it grows.**

It always seems weird that you should trim your hair as it grows, but the reason for this is because the ends get frayed and scratchy, and it also helps coach the thing into its stylized place. We've got an entire article on how to trim your beard while it grows, so I suggest you read up.

- **Know how to mind the borders.**

You need to know where to draw your beard boundaries, which sometimes comes down to preference and style. Regardless, you can use the trimmer on its lowest setting—sans guard—to trim all the way down to the skin. It's as close to shaving as you'll get without breaking the surface of the skin, which is perhaps half the reason you never shave in the first place. (Razor burn is a real drag.) Of course, you can also do this with a blade, but I find that the perimeter detailing is easier with a trimmer, since it allows for more precision. The main areas of concern are the neckline and cheek lines.

- **Trimming the beard neckline:**

There is a universal rule for trimming the beard neckline, regardless of style: You need to draw a "U" from behind each ear, behind the jawbone, and down to a point on your neck. This point can be imagined by placing your pointer and middle fingers together, then laying them above your Adam's apple. It should land about an inch and a half above the knob, which is where the base of the "U" lands. Shave or trim bare everything below and behind this U. That's your beard neckline, no matter the beard you rock. (Guys with long scraggly beards can ignore it since their necks are totally obscured by their pride and joy.)

- **Trimming the cheek lines:**

Again, this comes down to preference and will change based on where your natural cheek lines stop, as well as the density of your whiskers. If you're on the sparser side, just zap away the strays and embrace your natural lines. If you're particularly bushy and blessed, though, then invest in a tool like The Cut Buddy to help teach you the basics. It's similar to the neckline—if this is your preference, remember—in

that you draw a U from the sideburn to the lip. You, however, have more options when it comes to beard styling.