



ABSOLUTELY BUZZING



Are you itching to go for the chop? Or have you already been a crop fan for years? Either way, let us give you some short hair inspo. From buzz cuts to pixies, we've got you covered. All that's left is to finally visit the hairdressers, race you!

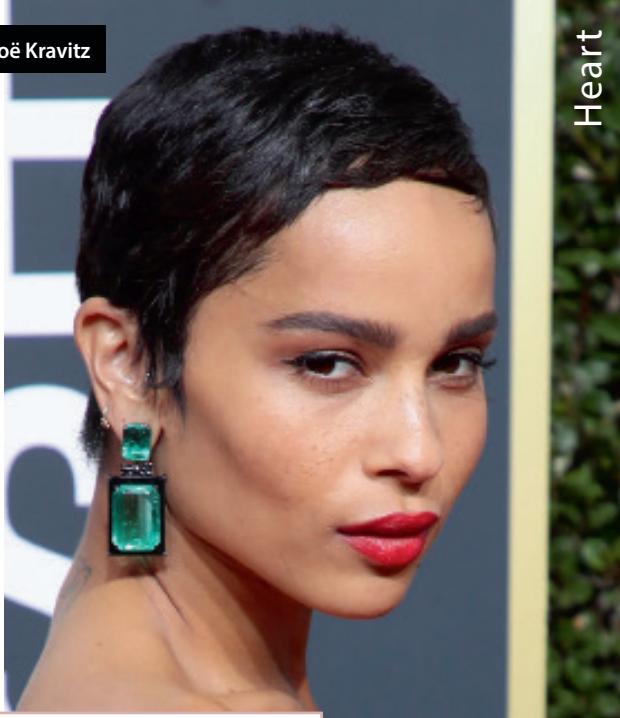


DOES FACE SHAPE MATTER?

Your face shape shouldn't deter you from a short hairdo, but you can be sure of a really flattering look if you choose a style that accentuates the shape. As a rule of thumb, a round face suits a style that either has a choppy short fringe or a side fringe, more so than those that are brushed back off the face.

The same goes for long faces – fringes are your friend, but you can try a centre-parted one too! For heart-shaped faces, keep the fringe section short but have the sides shaped towards your cheekbones to really highlight them!

Zoë Kravitz



Heart



Round



Long

LET'S GET VERSATILE:

One of the things that holds many people back from going for the chop is worrying that you'll be stuck with the same 'do every day – with no way to dress it up or down and very few styling options. But, with the right cut, you'll have versatility! Just check out Ruby Rose and Charlize Theron...

Ruby Rose



Charlize Theron



THINK ABOUT TEXTURE:

You may have fallen in love with a style you've seen on a celeb, but... we hate to break it to you, your hair's natural texture is going to determine if you can really rock the look. For example, if your hair is naturally fine and straight, it's going to be hard to get a really textured style with lots of body – no matter how good your hairdresser is. Similarly, if your hair is naturally curly, getting a very sleek straight look will require a ton of daily heat styling. So listen to your hairstylist's advice when it comes to what's going to work.



Audrey Tautou



Qin Lan

THE IMPORTANCE OF COLOUR:

Crops can work with one all over colour, i.e. if you have jet black hair naturally or love the platinum bleached look. But, generally, they work best when there are other tones to really help show off the cut and give an illusion of movement and texture. So when getting your hair cut, think about getting a few face-framing highlights whilst you're there.



INSPO BOARD: Just a load of great crops for your consideration!



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MUST-HAVE CROP PRODUCTS

Add texture without the stiffness: Sea Salt Texturising Spray, Toni&Guy, £8.25



Set in place: Elnett Extra Strength Hairspray, L'Oréal £6.75



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Activate curls: 30 Second Curl Spray, Twisted Sista, £5.25



Get the tousled look: Beach Matt Paste, got2b, £4.49

Tame misbehaving bits: Flyaway With Me Kit, Larry King Haircare, £17



Add some lift: Powderful Volumizing Styling Powder, got2b, £4.49



Mini Styler, ghd, £119



Pro Nano 200 Straightener, Babyliss, £15

To style short hair, you're going to need mini straighteners that can really grip the hair. They'll work whether you want a sleek look, or to add some waves.

