

TIPS FOR PARTING HAIR

Are You Parting Your Hair the Best Way?

Find out if your style is working for or against you.

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If you're like most of us, then you probably part your hair in the same spot every day...and you've probably doing it that way since, oh, high school. That's fine and dandy if your part is the most flattering option for your face shape and hair type. But if it's not? Well, you're about to make sure it is, thanks to these tips from Nick Penna, Jr., lead stylist and owner of [SalonCapri](#) in Massachusetts.

Best for Fine Hair: A Dramatic Side Part

Since deep side parts generally go against your hair's natural part, they're a great way to give the appearance of thicker hair. Penna recommends styling slightly damp hair into a deep part with a fine-tooth comb and securing it in the back as a low bun or simple chignon.

Best for Round or Square Face Shapes: A Center Part

Penna says he rarely recommends a center part, as it calls attention to any facial asymmetries and can flatten even the healthiest and fullest of hair types. The exception to this rule? Women with round or square face shapes with fairly symmetrical features. If you fall into this category, a center part can lengthen and slim your face and create the illusion of more balanced proportions.

Best for Anyone: A Side Part

The fact is, most women *don't* have perfectly symmetrical faces. "Whether the asymmetry is in your nose, eyes, or lips, an off-center side part can instantly bring harmony to any imbalanced facial feature," says Penna. A side part is best for people with oval-shaped or long faces, and it's also flattering on women with prominent foreheads or chins.