

# Brows

## That Wow

A LITTLE ATTENTION TO YOUR EYEBROWS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

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**T**eyebrows shape the face and make you look pretty, whether you're onstage or hanging out with friends. Not sure where to start? Follow these tips from brow guru Shobha Tummala, owner of two New York City salons, Shobha Soho and Shobha Madison.

### THERE ARE THREE BASIC EYEBROW SHAPES.

#### Round

- Best brow shape for an oval- or heart-shaped face.
- Softens the shape of your face and makes it look less angled.
- Tones down sharp features, such as a pointy chin.

#### Arched

- Flattering for a square-shaped or a round face.
- A high arch will make a round face look longer and slimmer.
- A brow arch that is far from the nose will make a long face look shorter.

#### Straight

- Makes a long face look shorter and more oval.
- Least common.
- Gives a very natural look.

### BROW SHAPING OPTIONS:

#### Threading

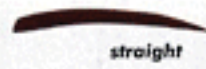
- This South Asian hair removal system involves twisting and pulling special thread along the area of unwanted hair: This process lifts the hair follicle directly from the root and offers the most control over the shape of the eyebrow.
- Uses no artificial waxes or chemicals.
- Removes peach fuzz.
- Easier on the skin than waxing and, once your skin is used to it, less painful.
- Can be used on short hairs, so you don't have to wait for your brows to grow out.



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straight



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### HOW-TO GUIDE FOR PERFECT BROWS

Start by removing the stray hair at the heads of your eyebrows (near the nose) to uncover the natural shape of your brows.

Brush your brows upward with a small toothbrush or eyebrow brush. Then hold the brush aligned with the top of the brow. Use small scissors to trim any hairs that stick out above the brush.

Usually, one brow will require shaping and the other one will not. Pluck the one that needs shaping first. Use a pencil or shadow to outline the shape you want in order to make your eyebrows match. This will give you a much more natural shape than tweezing one to match the other. Tweeze hairs that fall outside the shape you've drawn.


### SHAPING SECRETS

Work slowly and be especially careful not to over-tweeze around the head and tail of the eyebrows. The head of each brow should align with the center of the nostril below it. The peaks of the brow arches should line up with the outer edges of your irises, the colored parts of your eyes.

### Tweezing

- Easy to do at home.
- Use stainless steel tweezers with slanted edges for greater control.
- Great for removing stray hairs and for upkeep between salon appointments for threading or waxing.
- Applying an astringent, such as witch hazel, before plucking can minimize pain.
- Doesn't remove peach fuzz.

### Waxing

- Best done by a professional.
- Commonly offered at salons.
- Removes peach fuzz.
- Lasts longer than tweezing.
- Can be painful for people with delicate skin. 

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