

# Cropped hair, don't care

One fine morning, you decided to chop your waist-length coal black hair for a side-parted boyish pixie cut. You stepped outside and suddenly the loud gasps seemed amplified while inquisitive eyes followed you around – but with cropped hair and an impish grin etched across your face, you have truly embraced liberty for the very first time. Fashion for cropped hair is back in a country where long hair is often deemed synonymous with beauty and femininity. It must be said that it is not an easy task to invest in tomboyish appeal. However, with little effort, you can find a hairstyle that is seamless for expressing your youthfulness and self-confidence, with the perfect touch of sophistication.

To start with, an asymmetrical short bob is a haircut that will require your hairstylist to cut your layers skillfully along with long side swept bangs. This is ideal for people with a round facial structure, and will enhance the sweetness in your appearance. What about a side-parted

short hairstyle? It is definitely an option worth considering if you want to conceal a wide forehead and can be applicable for various facial structures. I personally love the look of a chic pixie haircut with long bangs where one side is longer than the other, drawing focus to one's eyes – wear it with a smile for the greatest impact! A choppy hairstyle portrays a slightly more boyish look. It requires medium to long layers from all sides along with long front layers. It is simple to maintain yet voluminous enough to be bold and alluring.

Your hairstyle plays a vital role in materialising the confidence that runs within. You may have a habit of embarking on impulsive adventures and your hair will play a big role. A messy wavy pixie hairstyle with punk-inspired shaved sides or a slicked, raised pixie cut expresses boldness and individuality like no other.

However, many people seem to be under the impression that cropped hair is only suited for the young, but they could not be

more wrong, with actresses such as Meryl Streep and Mia Farrow refuting this notion. With age, hair loses pigment and becomes thinner. The strength of the hair declines, thus hairstylists often recommend getting a quick change in haircut to maintain a healthy look.

Getting a cropped haircut may be an impulsive decision for some or a well thought out decision for others but with winter approaching us, it is in your best interest to lop it all off. Sun exposure, in addition to cold gusts of wind, can make your hair brittle and dry, causing split ends and breakage.

Nevertheless, with the benefits of

low maintenance, cropped hair does it all. So, why wait? Get in touch with your hair expert. Discuss your facial structure, lifestyle, preferences and, take a shot already. After all, beautiful hair doesn't necessarily need to be long and flowing.

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