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LIFE 101 B · Adult Haircuts

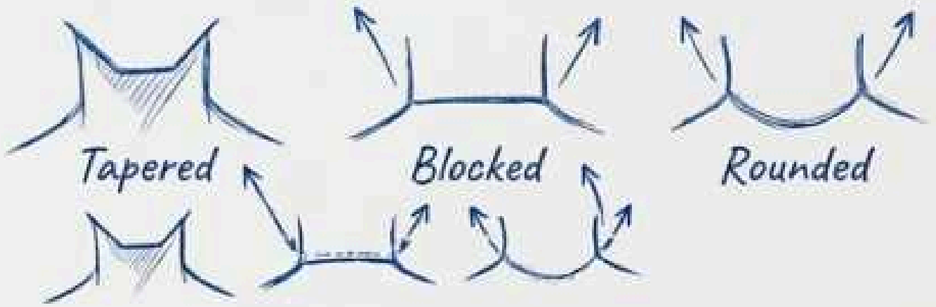
Extracurricular: Life Skills

Lecture 5: The Edges: Necklines, Sideburns, Line-ups and Parts

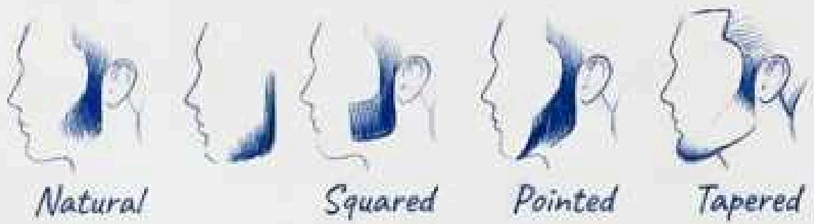
THREE KEY QUESTIONS

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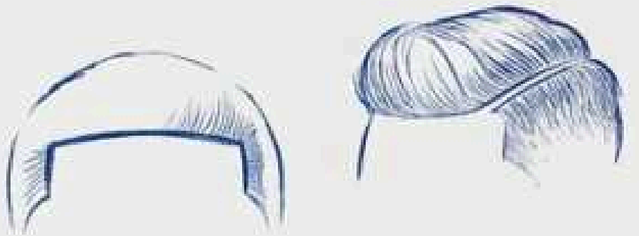
1. What shapes can a neckline take, and how does each grow out?



2. How do you describe sideburns?



3. What are a line-up and a hard part?



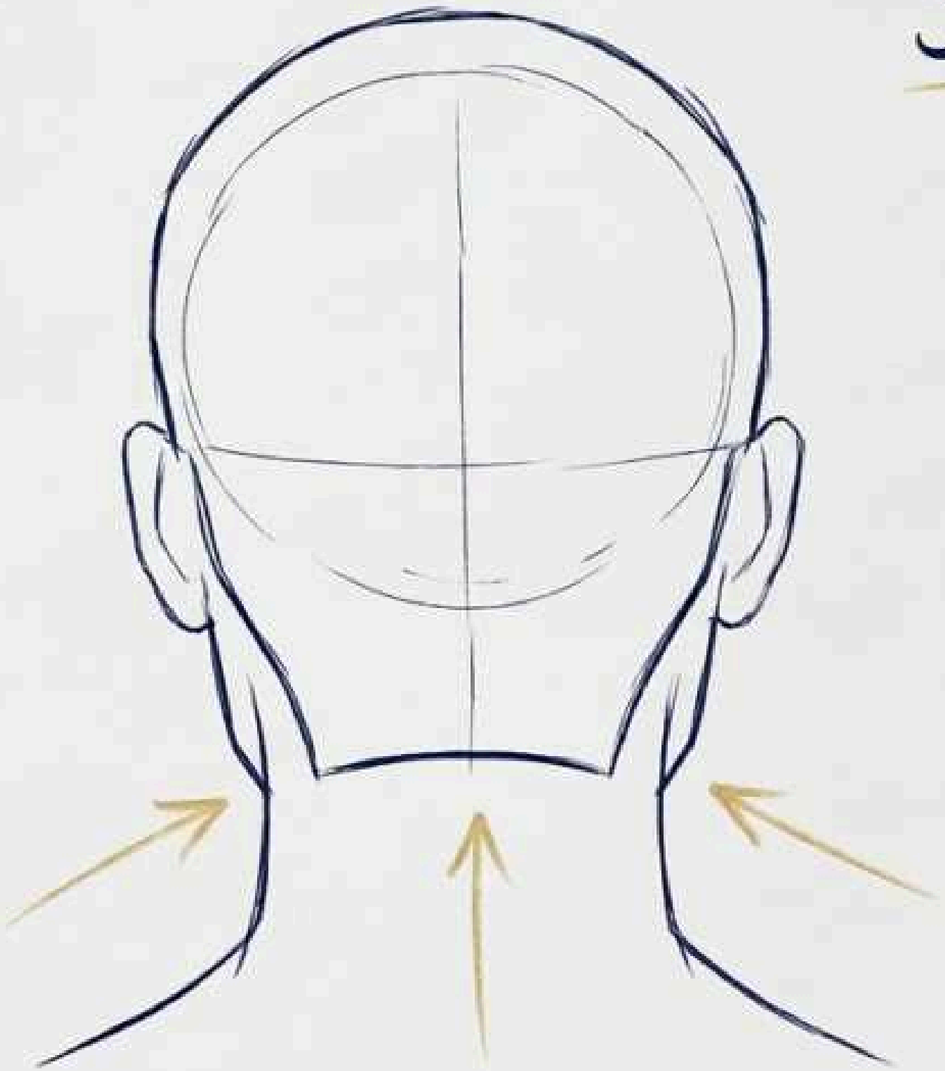
The Neckline (Nape Outline)

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The bottom edge of the haircut at the back of the neck

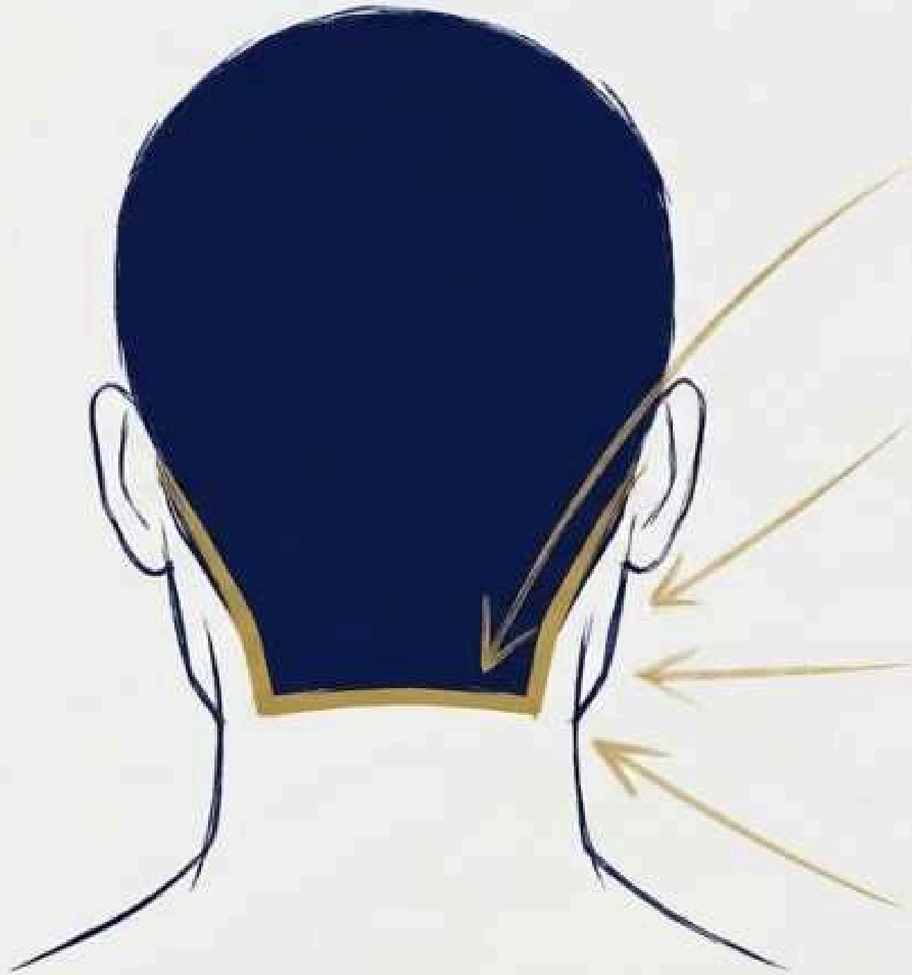
Three main finishes:

- Blocked
- Rounded
- Tapered



Blocked Neckline

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The Look: Squared straight across with sharp corners

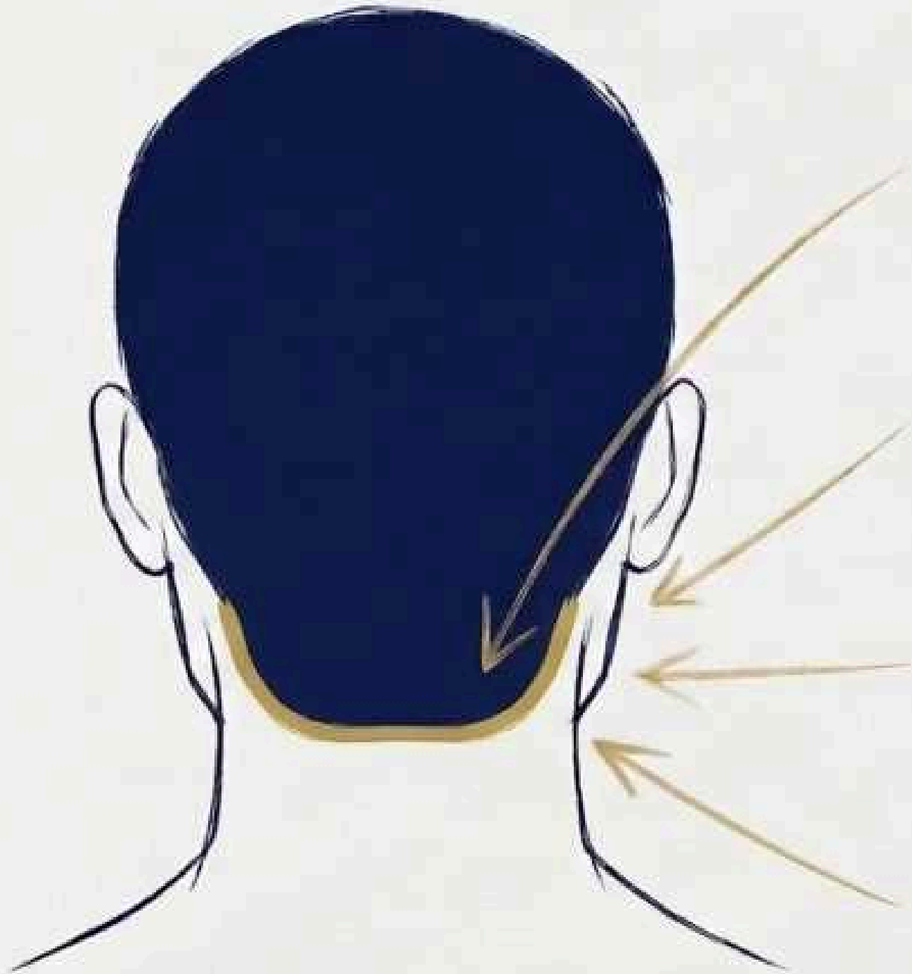
The Effect: Crisp appearance; widens slim necks

The Drawback: Regrowth shows within 1 to 2 weeks

The Requirement: Needs a clear, even natural hairline

Rounded Neckline

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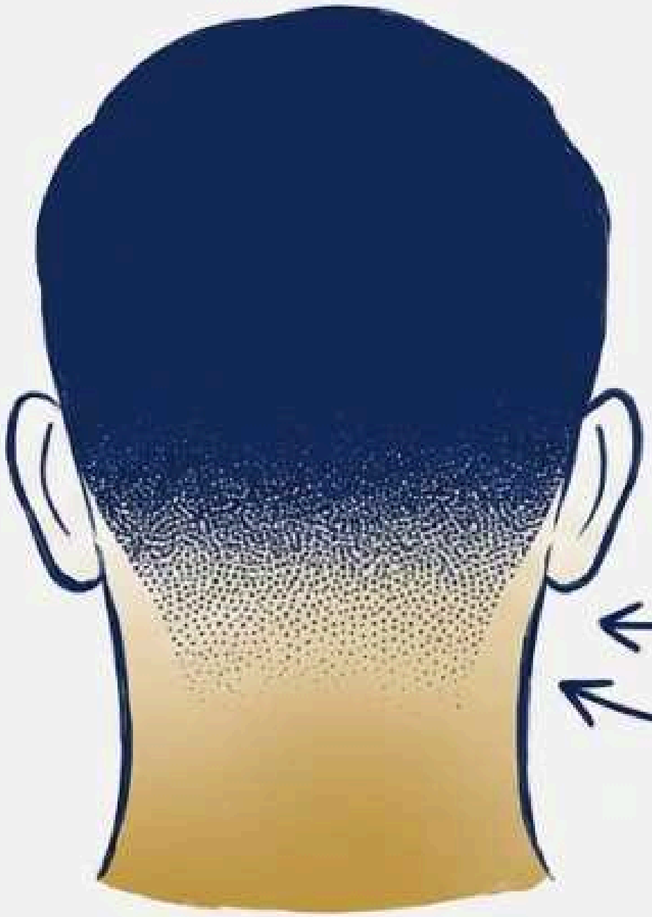
The Look: A blocked line with softened corners

The Effect: Neat and defined, but less boxy

The Upkeep: A little more forgiving as it grows out

Tapered Neckline

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The Look: Faded toward the skin following the natural hairline

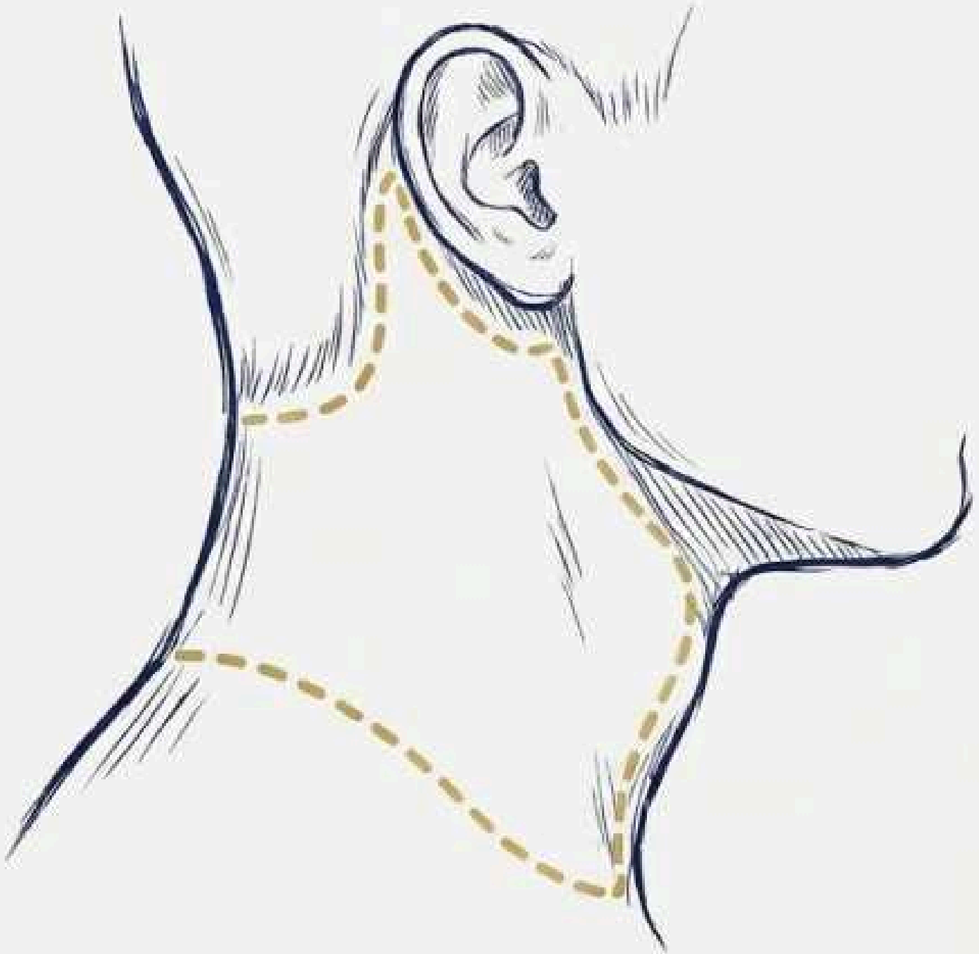
The Edge: No hard edge or line

The Upkeep: Grows out most gracefully (the safest request)

Variations: Short taper (bare skin) vs. Long taper (soft hair)

Cleaning the Neck

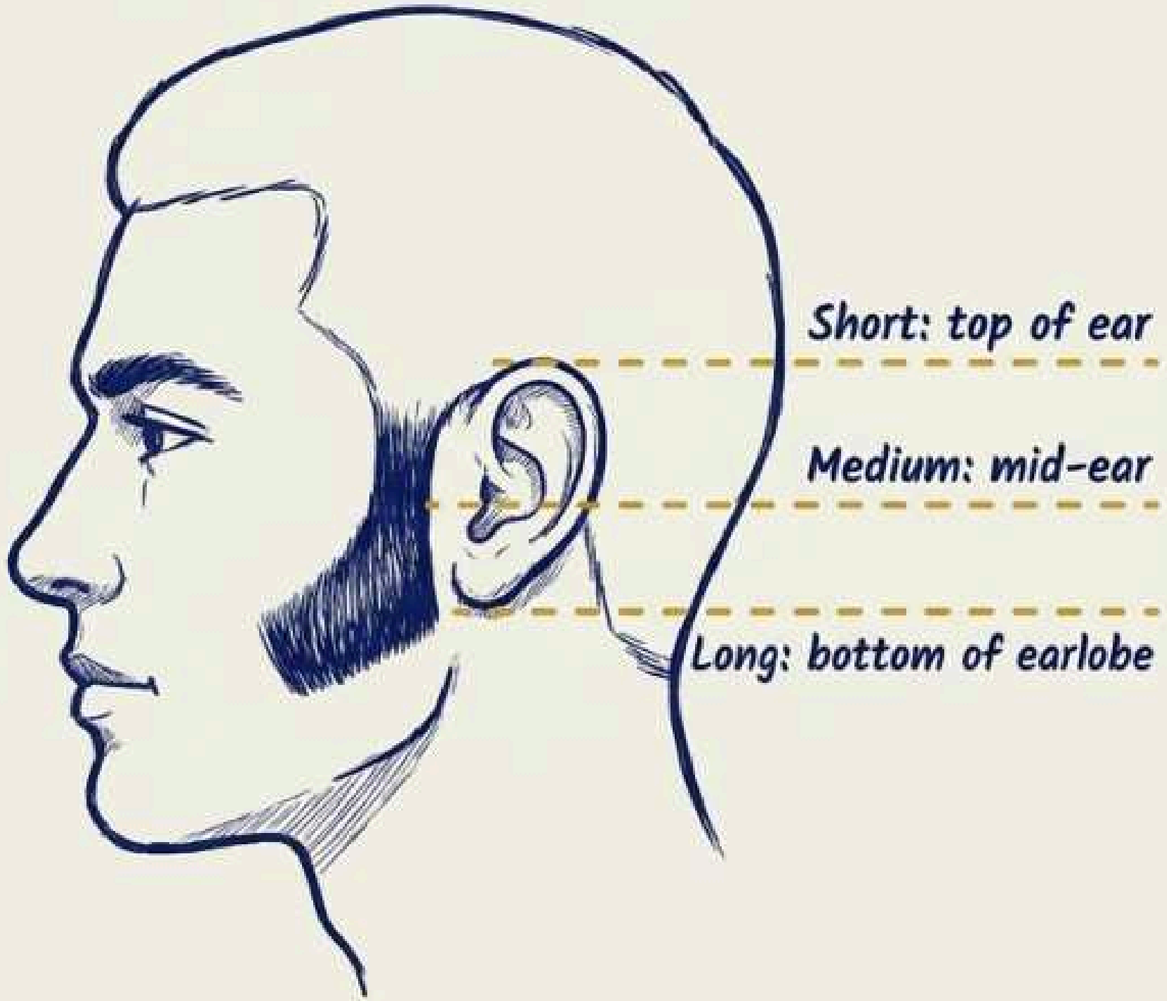
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- Tidying below the neckline and behind the ears
- Executed with a trimmer or razor
- Tip: Trimming is better for sensitive skin or ingrown hairs
- Barber adjusts for low points or whorls at the nape

Sideburn Lengths

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Measured against the ear:

Short: Stops near top of the ear

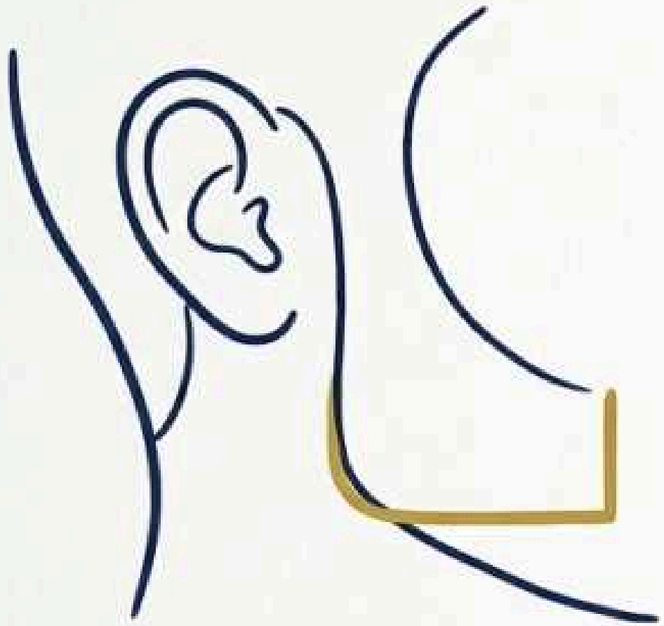
Medium: Reaches mid-ear

Long: Reaches bottom of the earlobe

Rule of Thumb: Match sideburn length to the rest of the cut

Sideburn Finishes

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Squared: Cut along a horizontal line



Angled: Cut on a slant



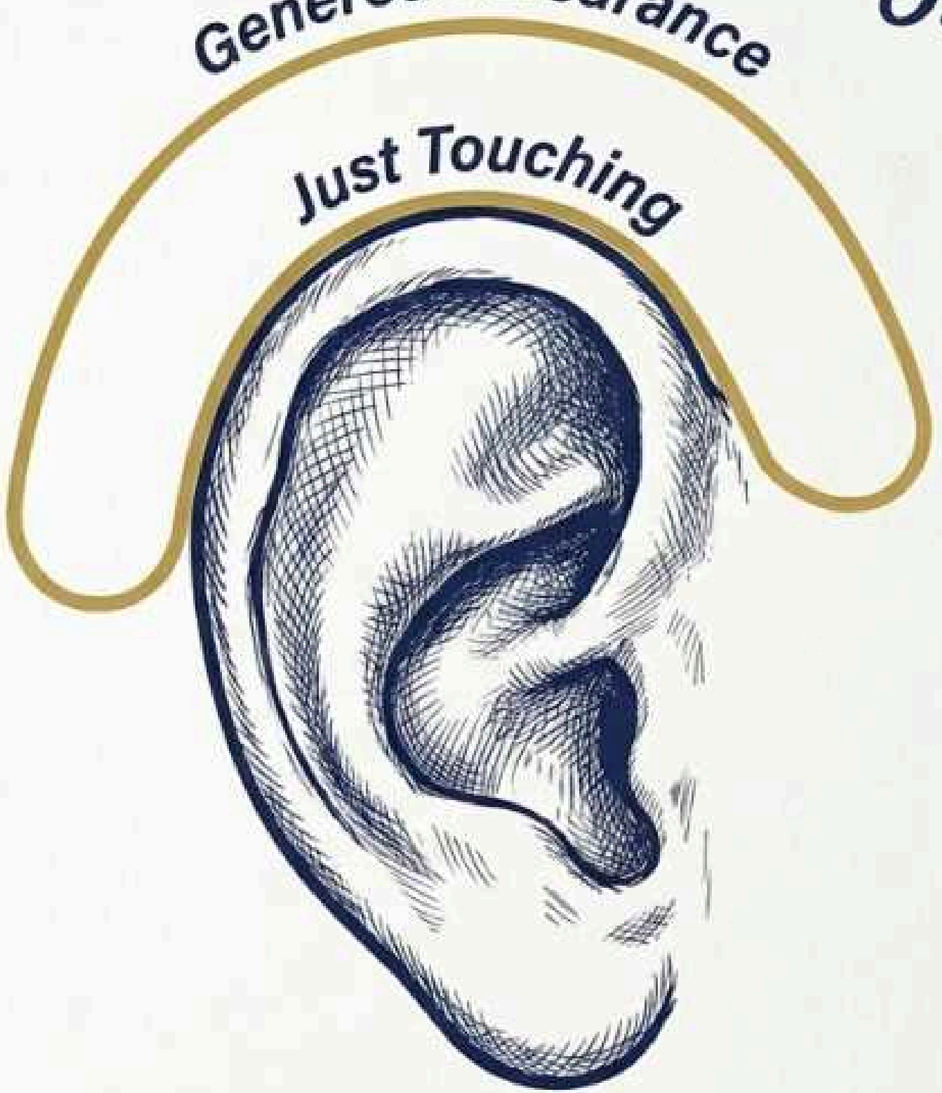
Faded: Gradually shorter at the bottom

Beards: Choose to blend sideburns in, or keep them separate

Around the Ears

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- Outline follows the curve above the ear
- **Generous Clearance** vs. **Just Touching** the ear
- ***Barber may gently fold the ear down to cut cleanly behind it***
- ***Tip*: Always mention if you wear glasses (requires more clearance)**

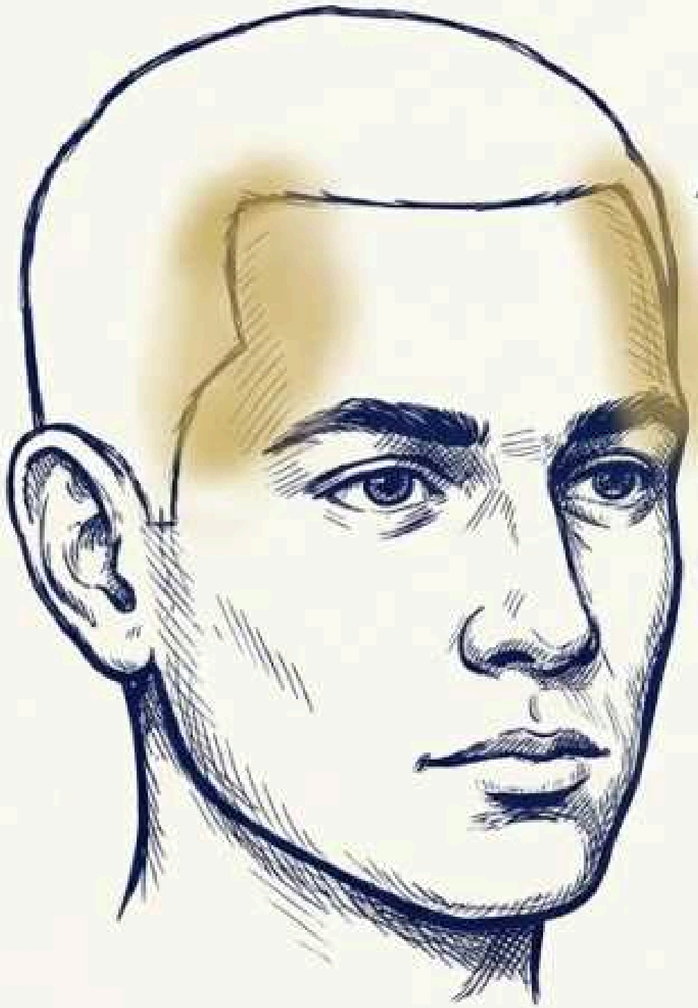


The Line-Up (Edge-Up / Shape-Up)

- Crisp edge cut with a trimmer or razor
- Applied to front hairline, temples, and sideburns
- Crucial Rule: Keep it on your natural hairline
- Do not push back (regrowth shows immediately)



The Temples



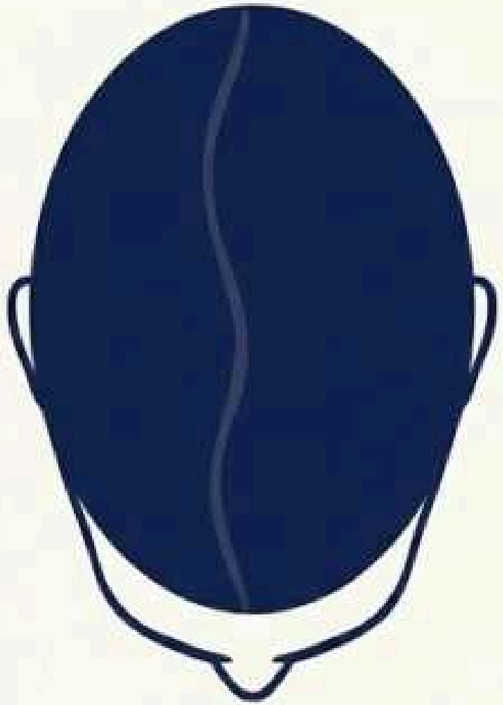
Location: Corners of the front hairline (above outer eyebrows)

Finishes: Squared, rounded, or left natural

Receding hairlines: Natural or softly rounded edges are kinder

Styling: Extra length can be left to fall forward over temples

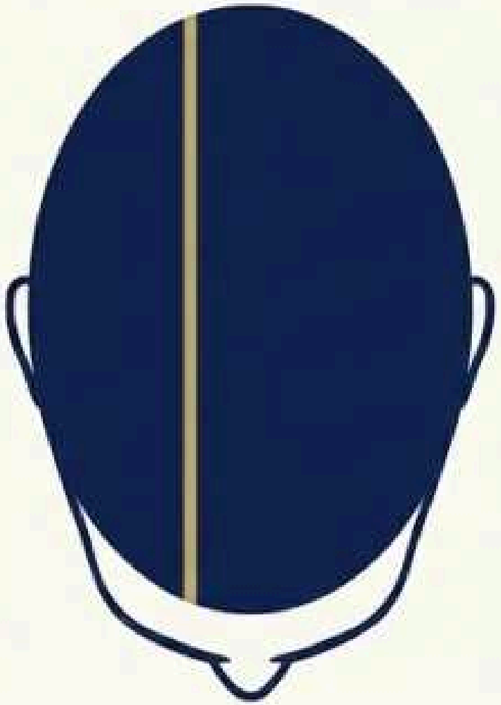
The Part



Natural Part:

Follows how your hair falls

Found by combing hair back while damp



Hard Part:

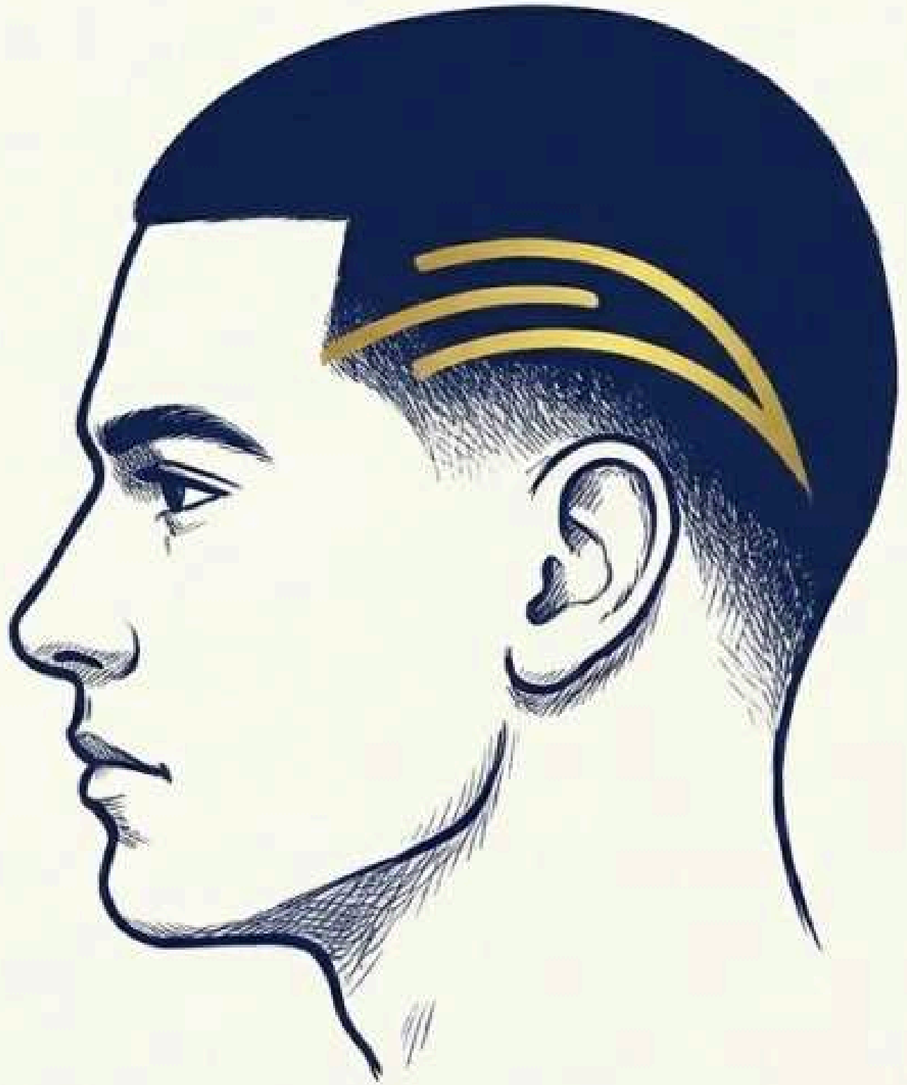
Thin line shaved in with trimmer/razor

Crisp and permanent-looking

Grows in within 1-2 weeks; requires frequent re-cutting

Designs

- Lines or patterns cut into short sides
- Executed with a trimmer
- Short-term look (grows in within 1 to 2 weeks)
- Best requested by bringing a reference photo



The Beard & Extras

- The Transition: Blend sideburns into beard, or keep separated
- The Borders: Set the cheek line and neck line
- The Tools: Beard trimmers also use standard guard numbers
- Extras: Eyebrows, nose, and ear hair trims available on request

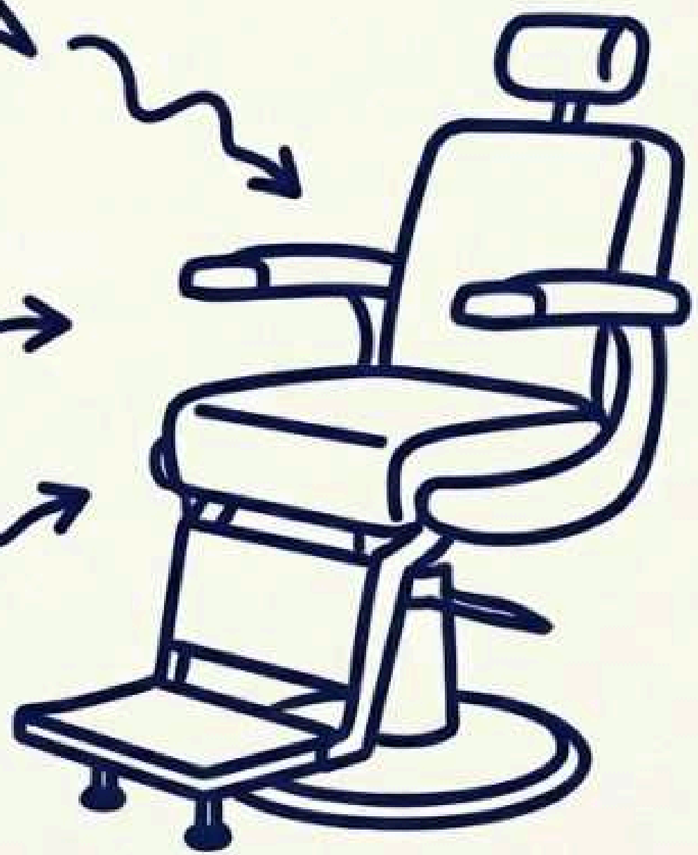


Phrasing Your Request

Taper the neckline, keep sideburns mid-ear and **fade** them, no **line-up**.

Block the neck, **square** sideburns at top of ear.

Line me up, keep it natural. Hard **part** on the left.



Summary Checklist

- ✓ **Necklines**: Blocked, rounded, or tapered (tapered has best regrowth)
- ✓ **Sideburns**: Define length (against ear) and finish
- ✓ **Line-up**: Sharpens the hairline (always keep it natural)
- ✓ **Temples**: Squared, rounded, or natural
- ✓ **Part**: Natural fall or shaved hard part