

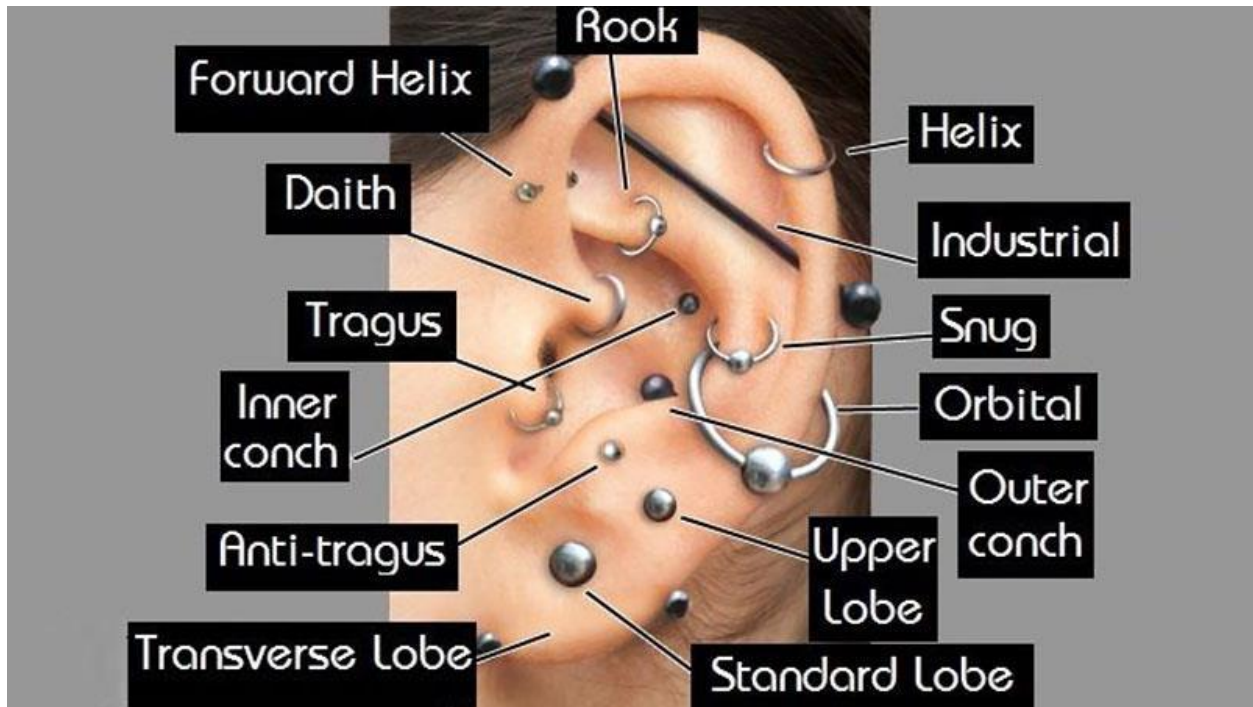
The Coolest Types of Ear Piercings to Try in 2020



Ear piercings are one of those fashion trends that will never go out of style. A little bit of ear jewellery never goes astray when it comes to creating a fashionable and unique ensemble. But with so many ear piercings out there, things can get a little confusing. No longer do people have one piercing in each ear. These days, you can have upwards of five in each! If you're considering getting a piercing and aren't sure which one you're after, our expert guide will help you find what you want, and make you sound well-versed in all the piercings that exist.

Ear Piercing Chart

Before getting an ear piercing, it's important to do your research, so you know exactly what you're after. Read on to find out about all the different types of piercings you can get.



Types of Ear Piercings

1. The Helix piercing

These piercings are placed along the upper ear and are cartilage piercings. This piercing is not a painful one; all you may feel is a slight prick of the gauge needle used to perform it. There are no nerve endings in the helix area which makes it ideal for anyone new to piercings. You can choose from a variety of jewelry to adorn this piercing. From studs to bead rings or barbells any think can work for this look.

2. The forward Helix

That is also a cartilage piercing placed along the upper ear but lower than the original helix piercing. It is set closer to the end of the root of the helix. For the most part, this piercing is adorned with studs. But of course, you can work with other delicate pieces of jewelry too.

3. Industrial

This is one of the fancier types of piercings. The industrial piercing is composed of two piercings that carry a single piece of jewelry. One of these piercings is placed in the forward helix while the other is on the back of the ear. Usually, this piercing is adorned with a single barbell but you can experiment with other designs with the advice of your piercer.

4. The snug piercing

This is one of the most noticeable piercings ever. It is printed in the inner cartilage of the ear halfway through the vertical section. This piercing is usually adorned with tiny studs or miniature earrings. You have to go the micro jewelry route because of the inner part of the piercing.

5. Rook Piercing

Probably one of the most intimidating piercings, this is also quite distinguishable. This resembles the snug piercing carefully, but it is placed more vertically above the tragus. It is placed on the ridge which separates the front and inner portion of the conch. You can use a curved barbell and stunning bead rings.

6. The conch piercing

This is certainly an eye-catching look. The pain is relatively lesser than what you would expect. There are two categories of this type the inner and the outer one. You can add a stunning bead ring to adorn this area. The name of this piercing comes from its resemblance to the conch shells found in the ocean.

7. Orbital

This piercing is also connected by one piece of jewelry for any two piercings. But, this is not specifically for the ear, it can be any two piercings connected by a single piece of jewelry. These are common for the helix and antihelix areas.

8. Tragus

It is placed directly in front of the ear canal. This can be quite challenging to achieve if the tragus of your ear is thicker. But once you have dealt successfully with the aftercare, this is worth it. It is one of the most versatile piercings, and you can flaunt various styles of jewelry.

9. Anti-tragus

These are regular lobe piercings. It is quite similar to tragus piercings despite being named anti-tragus.

10. Lobe piercings

Well most of us are familiar with this piercing and don't even remember the pain or wound of this particular piercing. It is usually performed at an early age under your parent's supervision, and you can whine all about the pain – as much as you want, even when it isn't as much as you imagined. However, grownups can surely experiment with this type of piercing and get a new one. It is painless, and the tiny wound heals pretty quickly.

11. Transverse lobe

This is the lobe piercing with a contemporary twist. If you are looking to make a statement, this is your safest bet. It is placed on the lobe and is adorned with a barbell that goes horizontally under the lower part of the ear and all you can see are the two metal ends of the barbell. This type depends strictly on the shape, structure, and anatomy of your lobe.

12. The daith piercing

Research is your best friend if you want to get this done. Make sure you know what you are looking forward to and what it should feel like to get a daith piercing done. This is one of the most challenging piercings to have. A lot can go wrong here, and they can go wrong quite quickly, in light of this it is advised you seek the expertise of a professional to get it done the right way.

The daith is placed through the innermost area of the cartilage running through the ear. This is a fold that is hard to get through and getting a clean piercing is very challenging. This also depends on the structure of your ear. But after 3 to 6 months of care, you can rock a variety of jewelry and flaunt one of the most stylish piercings of all time.

13. The Auricle

These are perfect for delicate or bold rings, whatever your taste may be. This is placed on the outer rim of the cartilage. They are usually a part of a strand of piercings from the lobe up. They can complement any other ear piercing that you might have or look gorgeous on its own. It heals within 3 to 4 months and is quite painless.

14. Dermal

These piercings are only visible on the surface of the skin at one angle. They are usually located inwards from the tragus.



Aftercare

Caring for ear piercings is pretty simple, but also extremely important. Your first objective will be simply to keep your piercing clean. This can be a little difficult with ear piercings, since it's easy for shampoo and other stuff to get lodged within the wound. A cartilage piercing can be particularly tricky as it can sometimes be in an awkward location.

To deal with this, use a set routine that involves the use of a cleaning solution (which is generally obtained at the shop where you get your piercing done). Avoid the use of harsh soaps and again, don't let soap or shampoo get in or collect in or around your piercing.

The best aftercare product I've personally used is the H2Ocean Piercing Aftercare Spray. Not only is every single ingredient completely natural, but the spray works brilliantly on all skin types (including sensitive skin), and comes in a generously-sized can. When using it from the very start of the healing process, it appears to decrease healing times and helps to reduce any lingering pain/soreness.

A twice-daily cleaning routine is often advised. The best suggestion for this aspect is to do your cleaning when you're already doing other things, such as brushing your teeth.

How Long An Ear Piercing Takes To Heal On Average?

If you've had your ear lobes pierced before, you may have the idea that most ear piercings take just six to eight weeks to heal. Well, this is true for a lobe piercing, but it's not the standard for every type of piercing, even when it comes to ears.

Upper cartilage & inner cartilage piercings take longer to heal than a lobe piercing, generally speaking. How long should you expect? Anywhere from three to six months in the case of many cartilage piercings, (from daith to industrial), a lot of different ear piercings fit within this window.

However, you can expect healing to take about six to 12 months for anti-helix piercings, such as a snug piercing. On the other hand, a dermal piercing will vary, since it can be done in so many different locations.

Rook piercings are on the longer end of the spectrum, with primary healing requiring about six months. However, secondary healing will continue for as long as 12 to 18 months, even though you can change your jewelry well before that point.

The bottom line when it comes to healing is to listen to your piercing specialist. As an expert, your body piercer will be able to give you a solid estimate for your expected healing time and even adjust that according to how well you heal in the meantime.

Most piercers don't mind if you stop in from time to time to show them how your ear piercings have healed.