

A Guide to Perfect Eyebrows

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Getting your eyebrows professionally waxed may give you the perfect brow shape, but it can get expensive over time. Maintaining eyebrows yourself can save both time and money. Over-plucking brows and creating an unnatural look are common fears when it comes to shaping eyebrows. Fortunately, there are ways that make this a smoother process.

It's best to tweeze right after you get out of the shower. The heat and moisture will soften skin and open up the hair follicles, so the hair will come out much easier. Make sure skin is cleansed well and makeup-free.

Tools

Before you begin tweezing brows, you're going to need a few tools. Having the right tweezers is very important and can reduce the pain of plucking. Skip the dollar store tweezers, and invest in a good pair of tweezers, such as the [Tweezerman brand](#). These tweezers have a reputation for being precise and accurate. There are a few different types of tweezers you can consider. Typically, tweezers should have a slanted tip. There are also pointed tweezers, which can be very helpful with removing tiny hairs. You'll also want a magnifying mirror, some small cosmetic scissors, an eyebrow brush, and an eye pencil.

Shaping

To find out where your brow should start, hold the brow pencil beside your nose and point it upwards. The edge of your brow should start here. For the other end, hold the pencil at an angle so it points toward the opposite corner of your eye. To find where your arch should be, hold the pencil at an angle and point it towards the outside of your iris. Make a mark with the eye pencil in each of these locations, and with the brow pencil, outline the shape you want.

Plucking

The next step is the plucking. A magnifying mirror is very beneficial because it allows you to see every hair and get a clean shape. Using the mirror and your tweezers, slowly pluck out all the hair outside the lines you created with the eye pencil. Do this slowly and pluck one hair at a time. If it still seems painful, try holding a hot washcloth over your brow and then plucking.

Trimming

After you've tweezed all the stray hairs, comb your brows upward. This will allow you to see any hairs that are too long. If there are any hairs that are longer than the others, carefully trim them with scissors. Comb the hairs back into the natural groomed position. If your skin is red or sore, try placing a cool towel over the area or taking a piece of ice and rubbing it over your eyebrows.

Plucking and shaping eyebrows can seem intimidating at first. You may worry about the pain or making a mistake. However, once you get the hang of it, tweezing eyebrows will become easier. Following these steps will allow you to create the shape you want.

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