

# Hair Hoops: Chic or Eek?

Stars add shine to their locks with the spherical hardware, but the look isn't a hole-in-one for all



**T**he latest craze to take Hollywood by storm: hair piercings. “The new generation of strand style is all about turning up the volume, and what better way to do that than by adding subtle yet funky embellishments to hair,” says celebrity hairstylist Castillo, who decorated Halle Berry’s ethereal hair (at left) with a halo of gold rings. “It’s a fresh way to amp up strands for fall.” His key to rocking the look: Weave in a braid or two first. “They create an anchor for the rings so you don’t find a trail of them behind you by night’s end.” And keep it light, he cautions. “There has to be a balance so you wear the look and it doesn’t wear you!” Simply grab a pack of hoop earrings (like Assorted Silver Hair Rings, \$6, claires.com), and take cues from these celebrities to find the pierced placement that will transform your tresses.



### IN A HALF-UP: ROMANTIC

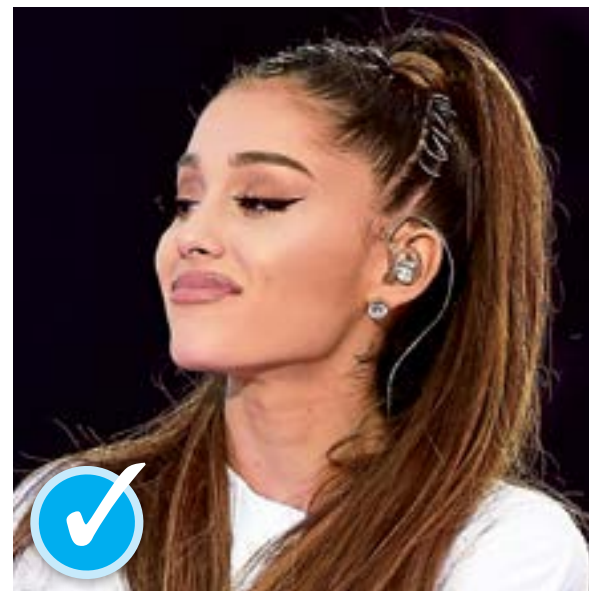
“We kept the look light, loose and very effortless,” says Castillo of Halle Berry’s face-framing hoops. **To do:** Weave a soft braid on each side of the face; pin in back. Then latch hoops down the braid starting an inch away from the part, spacing them out evenly toward the back.

### DOWN ONE SIDE: ROCK ‘N’ ROLL

“Nicole Scherzinger’s sleek side hoops give the same edgy effect as a half-shaved head would – opening up the face and showing serious attitude,” says Castillo. For a similar look, braid a 2-inch section of hair down one side and place hoops evenly down the plait’s length.



FROM LEFT: GETTY; SPLASH; GETTY (2)



### WITH A PONY: GIRLIE

“Hoops leading to Ariana Grande’s high pony give the sleek style a fun finish,” says Castillo. **To do:** Create three braids around the hairline (one above each ear, one down the middle) and pull all hair into a high pony; adorn each braid with close-knit hoops.



### WITH THREADS: #OVERKILL

Jenna Ortega’s silver hoops get lost in a sea of multiple braids, pastel-colored threads and bright purple eye shadow for a look that’s more sloppy than slay. Next time, nix the threads, keep the braids minimal and let the rings take the lead.

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