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16 Claw Clip Hairstyles That'll Upgrade Your Everyday Look

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Wearing a [claw clip](#), while once may have been considered lazy, has actually become quite stylish— and for all kinds of occasions! And it makes sense why claw clips are having such a moment – they can be incredibly chic and add a certain effortless quality to any outfit, while also being practical. You can

...with your hair, and you don't have to mess with



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Even better is how simple it is to incorporate them into any hairstyle. After all, they're offered in a wide range of designs, from the standard tortoiseshell clips of yesteryear to newer, cuter designs that are shaped like butterflies or flowers. And with all of the fun clips to play with, there are plenty of claw clip styles that you can achieve. **With the help of pro hairstylists Clariss Rubenstein and Kathleen Riley, we've curated a list of different ways you can wear claw clips.**

MEET THE EXPERTS

- Clariss Rubenstein is a hairstylist and member of the R+Co Collective.
- Kathleen Riley is a celebrity stylist and member of the Mane Addicts.

01 Y2K Spillover

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While more restrained claw clip styles tuck in every strand neatly, we can't help but love the very Y2K iteration of letting the ends spill out in a palm-tree effect. For a more 90's finish, use some gel or pomade to spike the ends instead. And don't forget to leave a few face-framing pieces free!

02 The Modified French Twist

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The modified [French twist](#) is one of, if not the most, popular claw clip hairstyles because of how simple it is to achieve. "Make sure you use a large claw clip that holds all of your hair," Rubenstein says. She suggests smoothing a pomade over the hairline and top layer of hair, "so the look is chic, polished, and not messy."

03 Messy Bun

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Opt for a patterned clip to upgrade your messy bun. "Create a ponytail wherever you want your bun to be anchored, twist the hair, mist [hairspray](#) over your twist, wrap it into a bun, and use a couple smaller claw clips to secure bun to head," Rubenstein explains.

04 Cascading Curls

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To achieve this look, gather your curls into a loose bun and secure with a claw clip. Allow pieces of hair to fall from the clip and frame your face for an effortless and chic look.

05 Half-Back Style

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A claw clip is a chic, easy way to do a [half-back style](#), so it only makes sense to add it into your rotation. "This look is feminine, easy, and romantic," Rubenstein says.

Riley's method is simple: Just drag your open clip from one side of your head and close it on the other side to create a half-up look.

06 Loose Braid

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Yes, a braid already looks fabulous on its own. But, why not add in a claw clip to make it more interesting? Whether you're going for a classic braid or fancy fishtail, your hair will look even more complete with the addition of the accessory. Plus, it'll also keep the braid super secure.

07 Clipped Up Twists

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Have braids or twists? Gather your hair into a claw clip for a look that's both pretty and pragmatic.

08 Low Pony

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Can't find your scrunchie this morning? No need to worry. Depending on the thickness of your hair, you can pull it together with a claw clip. Just make sure to use a larger version of the accessory to seamlessly grab and hold onto your strands.

09 Relaxed Updo

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Loosely gather your hair into your claw clip for a low-tension, effortlessly cool updo.

10 Sleek Updo

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On the opposite end of the spectrum, a slicked-back intertwined chignon elevates every occasion. We love how the bright floral claw clips add some levity to the uber sleek look.

11 Low Twist

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There's nothing wrong with a simple style, especially when it appears as anything but. Enter: The low twist. Create a loose bun toward the nape of your neck, twist up the excess hair, and clip. It'll add effortless movement and plenty of interest.

12 Side Braided Clip

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Why settle for one claw clip style when you can have four? Our personal favorite of this quad is the braided iteration. Position your braided style to the side of your head and secure it with a clip. You can even braid both sides for a double-whammy—just remember to secure one side with an elastic while you work on the other.

13 Creative Clips

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For those moments where actual styling feels overwhelming, go for this style– all it calls for is a playful personality and a few butterfly clips placed where you see fit. While it's low effort, we promise it'll be high in earning you compliments.

14 Half-Up With Braids

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Adding braids will change your half-up hairstyle completely. Create the braids along the loose part of your hairdo. You can switch it up by changing the thickness of the braids or the number of them you incorporate into the style.

15 Maximalist Design

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The limit does not exist for how many claw clips you can put into your hair, as witnessed by this four-clip style. Add them to braids or ponytails to change up the look, and don't be afraid to switch up the colors, styles, and sizes of your clips.

16 Loose Half-Up

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Use a claw clip to create a half-up style that's as effortless as they come. Or, try creating a loose half-up bun for a slightly different vibe.



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