

WHAT'S BIG IN BRAIDS

Braids are still big, but according to [Nicholas Penna, Jr.](#), owner and lead stylist of SalonCapri in Newton and Dedham, MA, the look is evolving. Here are his picks for the newest ways to wear them.

BFF (Big, Fancy, Fringe): This new take involves ornate plaiting and looks best when pushed to one side and combined with tousled texture. Penna suggests giving it flair with help from a scrap of pretty fabric or your fave scarf. "Try weaving something into the braid; it doesn't need to look perfect or neat, it's just a fun way to add a signature touch."

Pigtails: "Messy pigtail braids are young and playful, and they also look good under a hat," says Penna. Quick tip: If you lightly tease hair before braiding, the plaited pigtails will last all day.

>> At the Rag & Bone Fall 2011 fashion show, a model hit the runway in narrow, messy pigtail braids.

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