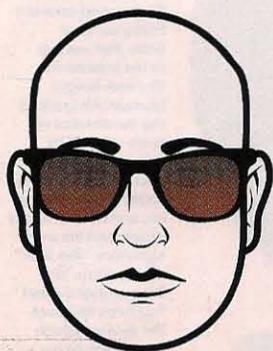


Here Comes the Sun

Everything you need to know about buying the perfect pair of sunglasses

Jack Nicholson, not surprisingly, claims sunglasses make the man. "Without them," he once said, "I'm fat and 70." You, most likely (and thankfully), are not in as dire straits as the aging Hollywood star. Nevertheless, the man makes a good point: Shades let you get away with a lot—whether it's crow's-feet or a hangover from too much Maker's Mark. A proper fit, however, is paramount. According to Kenny Moscot, co-owner of Manhattan's famed 90-year-old Sol Moscot Opticians, there are a few basics to consider, no matter your face shape. The width of the glasses, from temple to temple, should be no wider than your face. "Ideally, your eyes should be in the center of the frames," says Moscot. Your glasses should also be low enough on your face to show a bit of your eyebrows. Make sure the frames don't fit so snugly that your eyelashes brush the lenses when you blink. "Oil builds up in those hairs," says Moscot, "meaning you'll constantly have to clean your glasses." The rest of the fit and the look you need depends on your face structure, which is why we've created the chart below to help you find your perfect pair of shades. **AMY LEVIN-EPSTEIN**



Round

Offset a round face with rectangular or boxy frames. Try Ray-Ban's Wayfarers, which have been a classic for 50 years (\$130, ray-ban.com). If you want to go with the boxy option (think modern-day hipster), check out Calvin Klein's 474 (\$270, marchon.com) or the retro lines of thicker frames from Sol Moscot (solmoscot.com).



Long

"Stay away from little geometrical frames, which will accentuate the length of your face," says Moscot. Go with frames that are larger vertically to cover up as much skin as possible from the bottom of your eye sockets to the top of your lips. This is also the only case in which it's fine to wear frames that completely cover your eyebrows. Deeper aviators such as Blinde's "Cool Hand" (\$395, saksfifthavenue.com) and Dolce & Gabbana's 2024 (\$290, dolcegabbana.it) are two good options.



Narrow

If your face is thin, chances are it's a challenge to find shades that fit snugly and aren't wider than your face. The solution? Wraparounds. "Even if the lenses are a little large, they won't look ill-fitting," says Moscot. "Wrap frames also give you better peripheral coverage, no matter what shape face you have." Check out Salvatore Ferragamo's FE2116 with slip-proof temples (\$239, ferragamo.com) and the visor-style 3001 from Burberry (\$230, burberry.com).



Square

If you have a prominent jawline, look for frames that are curved. "These soften and balance the face," says Vittorio Verdun of Luxottica, the Italian company that owns Ray-Ban, LensCrafters, and Sunglass Hut. Buy classic aviators at rayban.com and choose from 13 lenses and 21 frames. For an alternative to aviators, try Prada's 7565 (\$245, sunglasshut.com).



Heart Shaped

Stay away from big, heavy plastic frames if your face is widest at the cheeks and forehead, advises Verdun. Go for rimless frames to keep the top half of your face from looking bigger. Check out the 1.8-gram frames from Silhouette, the official eyewear of NASA. Not only are they light and comfortable, but they also contain no screws. The patented Hyper Flex Titanium of the 8610 model will stretch to fit the wider eye area of your face (\$240, silhouette.com).



Pear Shaped

Minimize a disproportionately strong chin with semi-rimless frames. "This is the inverse of the heart-shaped face. You want to draw attention upward," says Moscot. Oliver Peoples has teamed up with British menswear designer Paul Smith on the PS-1007 (\$350, oliverpeoples.com). Another option is the 4022 from Revo (\$149, revo.com), which has polarized lenses for maximum glare protection.

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thirty-second style tip

Pair the checked and gingham shirts of your summer wardrobe with solid silk knit ties. Unlike its woven cousin, the knit tie has a casual look and feel for those days when you want to be buttoned up but not too formal.