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Best Boutique-Style Hair Salons

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The frizz, the splits, the limpness and the dullness. We've all had crap hair days — OK, weeks, and sometimes even months. For some of us, it feels like we're constantly fending off the elements and trying to give our hair a fighting chance (just stay put, damn it!). So while we wage our private wars in the mirror each and every morning (just co-operate please, there's a new smoother you in your future!), let us guide you to salvation through this week's Best Of boutique-style hair salons list.

1. **Best price: DK Envy**

26 Midlake Blvd. S.E.; 403-532-0078

We all know that a killer haircut is priceless (anyone that can cure our wild manes deserves to warrant a high price), but how does \$45 sound? Boutique styles at less than boutique prices was the inspiration behind this trendy salon. Bring on the shears!



2. **Best up-do: Jerome Hair Salon**

323 17 Ave. S.W.; 403-228-0018

With a team of more than 40 staff (heralded by hard-to-see-so-book-months-in-advance Jerome himself), there is a slew of up-do specialists here. Whether it's incorporating fresh floral, like orchids, into the design or integrating an heirloom into your locks, the ideas and inspiration with these artists are endless. (\$50-\$80)

3. **Best Colour: Man/Woman**

608 8 Ave. S.W.; 215-3720

Anyone that's ever had a problem with getting the right colour (or messing around with drugstore brands...the humanity!), put down the Britney Spears razor and visit the stylists at Man/Woman. Hair colour and hair colour correction is the bulk of their business, and honey, they have seen it all. (Snap.) For extra comfort and less pressure, book an advance complimentary consult before going on to the chair. (Highlights and corrective work \$99+)

4. **Best extensions: Bea's Braiding & Hair Extensions**

222 17 Ave S.E.; 403-237-8308; www.beasbraiding.com

With more than 26 years of experience, you know these cats know hair — you name the method, their nimble fingers can do it. From hair integration and mega extensions to cornrows and dreadlocks, it's a one-stop shop for a hair makeover. (Pricing by consultation)

5. **Best family cuts: Beaners**

311 7820 Northland Dr. N.W.; 403-220-1444

Introduce your ankle biters to the benefits of a good cut early, and watch them become the demanding apple of your eye overnight. Catering to childrens' fussy needs, the salon is equipped with novelty chairs, movies, video games, bubbles, not to mention stylists trained to cut and style moving targets. (Cuts \$11.95+, packaged deals with wash, style, hair sparkles, etc. \$19.95+)

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