Face Piercing Placement Chart

Studio: _____ Date: _____ dd / mm / yyyy

Client name: _____ Date of birth: _____ dd / mm / yyyy

Piercer: _____ ID checked: _____

PLACEMENTS

Use this chart to agree placement with the client before marking. Mark the agreed site on the diagram and have the client confirm it in the mirror before you pierce.

Numbered placements correspond to the table below. Mark the agreed site and have the client confirm before piercing.

REFERENCE TABLE

1 — Eyebrow | Typical gauge: 16g | Initial healing: 2 to 4 months | Notes: Surface piercing - higher migration and rejection risk

2 — Bridge | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Surface piercing through the skin over the nose, not cartilage

3 — Nostril | Typical gauge: 18g or 16g | Initial healing: 4 to 6 months | Notes: Cartilage - heals slowly, avoid changing jewellery early

4 — Nostril (opposite side) | Typical gauge: 18g or 16g | Initial healing: 4 to 6 months | Notes: Pair placement should be measured, not eyeballed

5 — Septum | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 6 to 8 weeks | Notes: Pierced through the thin tissue in front of the cartilage

6 — Labret / side lip | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Watch for gum and tooth wear; use a flat-back disc

7 — Labret (opposite side) | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Symmetry should be measured against the midline

8 — Philtrum (medusa) | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Sits in the philtrum groove above the top lip

9 — Central lower lip | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Flat-back jewellery reduces dental contact

10 — Lower lip, off-centre | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Check against the client's natural lip line

11 — Labret (chin side) | Typical gauge: 16g or 14g | Initial healing: 2 to 3 months | Notes: Assess tissue depth before choosing post length

12 — Anti-eyebrow | Typical gauge: 16g | Initial healing: 3 to 4 months | Notes: Surface anchor - discuss rejection risk explicitly

13 — Tragus / ear | Typical gauge: 16g | Initial healing: 4 to 8 months | Notes: Cartilage - slow to heal

14 — Tragus / ear (opposite) | Typical gauge: 16g | Initial healing: 4 to 8 months | Notes: Cartilage - slow to heal

ALLOW FOR SWELLING

Fit a longer post for the initial piercing, particularly on lip and tongue placements, and downsize once swelling settles. Jewellery that is too short during swelling can embed.

CONSULTATION AND RECORD

Checked before piercing

- [ ] Client is over 18, or has a parent or guardian present where state law permits
- [ ] Photo identification seen and recorded
- [ ] Medical history taken
- [ ] No contraindication - anticoagulants, diabetes, immunosuppression, keloid history, recent illness
- [ ] Client has eaten and is not under the influence
- [ ] Anatomy assessed as suitable for the requested placement
- [ ] Placement marked and confirmed in a mirror
- [ ] Implant-grade jewellery selected: ASTM F136 titanium, implant-grade steel, niobium or solid 14k+ gold
- [ ] Aftercare explained and given in writing

☐ Consent form signed

Placement pierced: _____ **Gauge:** _____

Length: _____ **Material:** _____

Needle lot: _____ **Initials:** _____

WHEN TO DECLINE

Decline where the anatomy will not support the placement, where the client cannot consent, or where a medical condition makes healing unsafe. Explain why, and offer an alternative placement where one exists. Refer anyone with signs of infection to a medical professional.

ANATOMY NOTES, CLIENT CONCERNS, AND FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT

Anatomy notes, client concerns, and follow-up appointment

Sources: General-purpose chart. Healing times are typical ranges and vary between individuals. · Follow your state and local body art regulations, and your studio's bloodborne pathogen procedures.