

- HISTORY OF BRAIDING AND PLAITING
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- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Braid>
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- **Braid**
- From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
- A **braid** (also referred to as a **plait**) is a complex structure or pattern formed by interlacing three or more strands of flexible material such as textile fibres, [wire](#), or hair. Compared to the process of [weaving](#) which usually involves two separate, perpendicular groups of strands ([warp](#) and [weft](#)), a braid is usually long and narrow, with each component strand functionally equivalent in zigzagging forward through the overlapping mass of the others. The most simple braid is a flat, solid, three-strand structure. More complex braids can be constructed from an arbitrary number of strands to create a wider range of structures.
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- In some regions, a braid was a means of communication. At a glance one individual could distinguish a wealth of information about another, whether they were married, mourning, or of age for courtship, simply by observing their hairstyle. Certain hairstyles were distinctive to particular tribes or nations. Other styles informed others of an individual's status in society.
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- Braiding is traditionally a social art. Because of the time it takes to braid hair, people took time to socialize while braiding and having their hair done. It begins with the elders making simple knots and braids for younger children. Older children watch and learn from them, start practicing on younger children and eventually learn the traditional designs. In the US, you see mothers and grandmothers braiding and putting colorful beads in little children's hair. This carries on a tradition of bonding between elders and the new generation.
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- <http://hairbydaniellechilton.blogspot.com/2013/01/the-history-of-plaiting.html>
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- **The history of Plaiting**
- **HISTORY**
- Hair braiding is an ancient art dating back to almost 3500BC. It's believed that this ancient hairstyle originated in ancient Egypt and West Africa. Another sample from different origin was traced back to a burial site called [Sagqara](#) located on the Nile river, during the first dynasty of [Pharaoh Menes](#). It has been a large part of many cultures all around the world. In Africa, hair braiding was a social event among women. Young girls began by having their female relatives braid their hair, and then in turn practiced on their friends and relatives until they learned the many elaborate styles of African braiding.
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- **FISHTAIL BRAID**
- Fishtail got its name for creating a braid that looks like the tail of a fish. A fishtail resembles a French braid in its smoothly woven appearance but divides the hair into only 2 sections instead of 3. The style was called the "Grecian braid" in the 19th century. It is assumed to be called this because some Greek Goddess's hair resembled it.
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- **CORN ROWS**
- Cornrows are said to have originated in Africa, and have the longest history there, but have also been featured in Art from Ancient Greece as well as Celtic women. In Yoruba Art, the rows symbolize civilization, order and agriculture. A woman with fine complex cornrows was seen to be well cared for and from a strong family. In the US, they were worn exclusively by Garvey-ists and those in the "back to Africa" movements until the "black is beautiful" trend in the 60's and 70's. The trend was refreshed in the late 90's and took off worldwide in 2000 when they became a more often seen style on the Paris runways.

Briefly braiding and certain types of plaiting was a form of worship and prostitution. You know we are born and find things and get involved in them without asking their origin. Its like a person born in Sunday family, never knows about a thing but his ignorance would never excuse their actions. Acts 3:17, 30: And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: