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Best of Moscow: Cutting Edge Kid's Cuts

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Swift Kid's Beauty Salon

Bringing your kids for a haircut can be a nightmarish experience. At the best of times it's hard to convince a five year old to sit still, especially in a strange place surrounded by strange people armed with scissors trying to take a snip out of their hair. But parents in Moscow need not fret. Lately there has been an influx of family- and child-friendly hair salons popping up. There are plenty of toys to keep the youngest clients entertained and special seats, cartoons, gifts and games. The specialized hairdressers have mastered the art of clipping kids' hair while they fidget and fuss, and they turn the experience of going for a haircut into something to look forward to.

Adult Children

For stylish little ones

Tucked cozily into a corner of Bauman Park is the Adult Children Barbershop. It offers special child-friendly equipment such as low noise clippers, hair dryers and special seats for babies.

There are plenty of toys, games and DVDs at hand to keep the little ones interested. Parents can relax with a tea, coffee, a manicure — or even kill two birds with one stone and get a haircut for themselves while waiting. Haircut: 1200 rubles ($19).

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vzroslyedeti.com

Oops Pups

Haircuts, styling and costuming

Children will be completely enchanted by this unique hair salon. It offers haircuts, ECO manicures and make-overs under cartoon-covered walls which are part of a bright and colorful interior design. What is really special about this salon is that it can create a real life fairytale — children can choose hairstyles and clothes allowing them to dress up as their favorite Disney characters. (Costuming costs 5200-8000 rubles). Haircut: 1600 rubles ($25).

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oopspups.ru

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Where the first haircut is celebrated

Swift is every child's dream as it looks like one big and bright playroom with car-chairs and cartoons galore. Every haircut is individual and special, and after each cut every kid receives a little present for positive reinforcement. In Swift, a child's first haircut is a big deal: parents can get a beautiful box containing their baby's first curl while the children get a certificate to commemorate the event. Haircut: 1800 rubles ($29).

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strizhkid.com

Tchik-tchik

Mom at the helm

Inspired by salons in the United States, Tchik-Tchik is fitted out with all the equipment and decorations needed to take the worry out of a haircut trip. Kids can take their choice of chairs: a Hummer, a Barbie jeep, an airplane and more, as well as enjoying a DVD or video game while getting a trim. The experienced owner of the salon is a mother of five and knows exactly how to tend to small customers. Haircut: 999 rubles ($16).

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tchiktchik.ru

Victoria Dreams

Full service for the whole family

This family-orientated hair salon with several branches offers its services to the entire family, so you can take care of everyone's hair in one visit. Children are served in a special children's room where there are lots of games to keep them happy, with an entertainer who makes sure everybody is enjoying themselves and distracts the kids with bubbles, singing and fairy-tales. If this sounds perfect, note that the entertainer only works in the Petrovsky Bulvar branch on the weekends. Haircut: 1350 rubles ($21).

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