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Celebs with gap teeth are smiling big -- Lara Stone, Anna Paquin, Madonna all rock crooked smiles



Give 'em some space.

Coveting the gap-toothed smiles of superstars like [supermodel Lara Stone](#), [Lauren Hutton](#) and [Madonna](#), ordinary citizens who ante up for pricey veneers are eschewing a perfect set of pearly whites and paying top dollar for a custom-made space between their two front teeth.

The newest style in choppers – not just gaps, but even the occasional slightly crooked teeth – is a backlash against the recent popularity of uniformly straight, gleaming white teeth, says [Dr. Timothy Chase](#), a traditional and cosmetic dentist in [Manhattan](#).



'True Blood' star Anna Paquin and singer Madonna rock the gap.

"There is a backlash toward a more natural look," Chase told the Daily News. "People now ask me to maintain some of the slight imperfections that make them an individual when I do veneers. They think of this as an attractive look."

For instance, he says, model [Claudia Schiffer](#) has a slightly turned tooth, so it's not unusual these days for patients to want to keep such a look when they opt for veneers.

In some cases, clients are asking for an artificial gap, says [Beverly Hills](#) celebrity dentist [Dr. Kourosch Maddahi](#). "I've been asked by a patient to create a gap so they can look like Madonna," he says. "It takes some expertise but you can do it. You shave the tooth and then put on the veneer."

But, he warns, if a person tires of the gap-toothed look, it can be costly to get rid of it. A new set of veneers would be needed, and at \$2,500 per tooth, that gets expensive. Also, it's not particularly healthy for the teeth to have a manmade gap



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"You have to be careful about what happens to the gum," Maddahi says. "I go over the fact that it is opening up a gap where food can get caught. We really want to make sure the person understands what they are doing."

Still, Chase maintains, "A lot of people think it's an attractive look."

"What I have now is more people asking me, when they get veneers, to maintain some of their personality," he says.