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# **COSMETIC SURGERY**

**an astrological examination**

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## INTRODUCTION

Countless people have had some type of cosmetic surgery or procedure done on their body. \* In many cases the purpose of the surgery is to retain or bring back a youthful look. Generally, the surgery is successful, with or without the help of an astrologer. However, in some cases the result is the opposite of what was intended.

Also, more surgery is often required to correct botched surgeries. Many celebrities have face lifts to help maintain the illusion of youth. Only few celebrities are content to grow old gracefully. This article examines the charts of people who had plastic surgery, both successfully and unsuccessfully, and the charts of celebrities who have had several procedures. Astrological signifiers will be utilized to see if any patterns indicating the outcome of a cosmetic procedure are shown. Note that this information is not meant to be statistically significant in any way; it is more an exercise in observing the relationship of astrology and cosmetic surgery.

Referring to my second book, *Dictionary of Medical Astrology*, I found the following listed in connection with cosmetic surgery.

\* NOTE: Anyone considering medical treatment, or a diet or a change in eating habits for weight management purposes should consult with a licensed health care practitioner. Refer to the disclaimer at the back for more information. All charts from Astro-Databank except where otherwise noted.

## Prominent Indicators of Cosmetic Surgery in Astrology:

- Venus in Libra or Scorpio
- Mars in Scorpio
- Aries emphasis
- Eighth house emphasis
- Pluto prominent
- Venus - Pluto in aspect
- For plastic surgery: Neptune
- For surgery in general: Mars Uranus, Mars Nodes, Mars Ascendant combinations; Sun = Mars/Uranus, Mercury = Mars/Uranus.

Successful surgery can be indicated by favorable aspects between Mars and Jupiter. Unfavorable aspects of Mars and Jupiter can indicate an individual who tends to have plastic surgery in excess.

Surgery for a woman would involve the Moon such as the Moon = Mars/Uranus while surgery for a man could involve the Sun such as the Sun = Mars/Uranus. However, any aspect involving Mars/Uranus and the personal points is a potential indicator of surgery.

One can also check the chart for a Virgo emphasis for perfectionism. Problems could be seen with Venus in Scorpio square Mars since Venus is in detriment in Scorpio and in hard aspect to Mars, the planet of surgery, could cause an unwanted result. A strong Pluto may be found in the chart of someone who has had frequent cosmetic surgeries or procedures since Pluto is the planet of obsession and extremes.

*Contactmusic.com* wrote on July 20, 2004:

“...the British screen star has now admitted she’s already undergone facial surgery. She says, “I’ve had my eyes done. I had my bags taken out in 1985, though they came way back again.”

During 1985, transiting Pluto was opposite her progressed Venus which could indicate the use of cosmetic surgery.

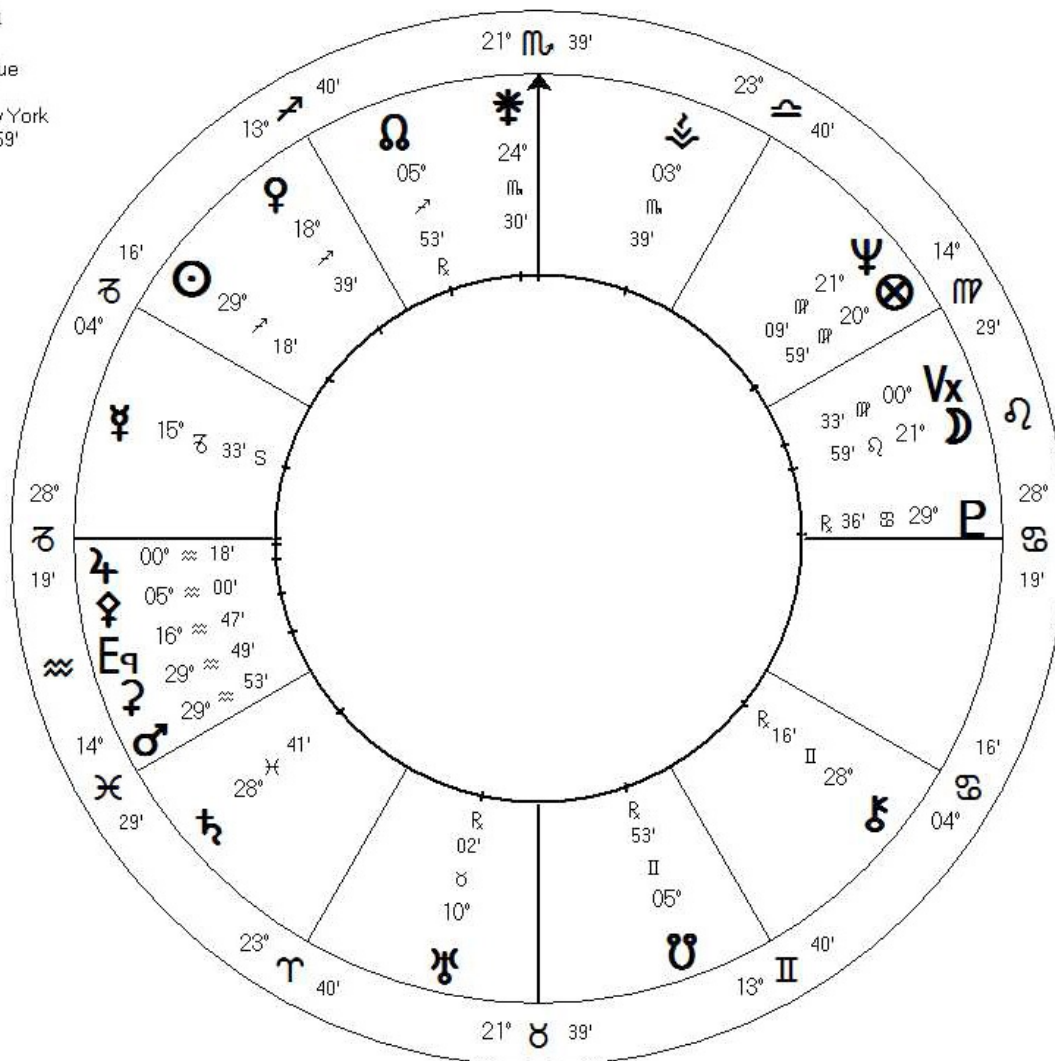
## JANE FONDA

After seeing a black and white publicity photo of herself and Venessa Redgrave, Jane Fonda is quoted as saying: “How come bags under Vanessa Redgrave’s eyes look noble and under mine they look like crap?”, revealing no little envy. (Dailymail.com/uk)

In 2010, the actress announced on her blog that she had had plastic surgery. “I just had some work done on my chin and neck, and had the bags taken away from under my eyes.” The 72-year old also published some new photos to show off her new look.” (Source: Bittenandbound.com, 2/21/10)

“It was a hard decision to make, and I decided if I’m going to do it, I’m going to tell the truth,” Fonda said. “I’m writing a book about aging, so I can’t write that book and not say I’ve had plastic surgery. And you know, I just decided it was for me—I don’t want to have bags under my eyes that make me look tired, and so forth and so on.”

**Jane Fonda**  
**Natal Chart**  
 Dec 21 1937, Tue  
 9:14 am +5:00  
 Manhattan, New York  
 40°N46' 073"W59'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Placidus*  
*True Node*  
 Rating: AA



On her blog, she admitted to having some work done on her chin and neck. “I got tired of not looking like how I feel and I wanted a more refined chin line like I used to have so I changed my mind.”†

Jane’s chart has transformative Pluto opposite her Ascendant—appearance. A prominent Pluto is one indicator of plastic surgery and being opposite her Ascendant, potentially an obsession over her looks. The Moon is also 22 1/2 degrees from her Pluto, another transformative aspect. The Moon in Leo can give a concern with one’s looks and reputation. This can also be seen by the Sun parallel her Venus. Venus square Neptune and Venus contra-parallel Pluto can indicate an alteration and a makeover. Her MC = Mars/Uranus is an aspect of surgery and could indicate being noticed (MC) through the surgery (Mars/Uranus) which she discussed on her blog. Natal

and November 29, 2002. In the natal chart her Sun is square Pluto which can give an obsessive quality to the personality. On November 20, 2002 a lunar eclipse in 27 degrees of Taurus fell four degrees from her Moon in her fourth house and square her Mars. As mentioned she has a natal Moon square Mars, a potential surgical error involving the breasts. 27 degrees of Taurus is also close the malefic fixed star Algol.

Earlier that year a solar eclipse in 19 degrees of Gemini—June 10, 2002—fell opposite her Sun. She may have felt pressured to do something about her body. A lunar eclipse on May 26, 2002 in 5 degrees of Sagittarius was exactly square her natal Jupiter. Jupiter is opposite and contra-parallel natal Uranus which falls on the cusp of the eighth house of surgery. Jupiter Uranus combinations could bring unexpected results.

## JOAN RIVERS

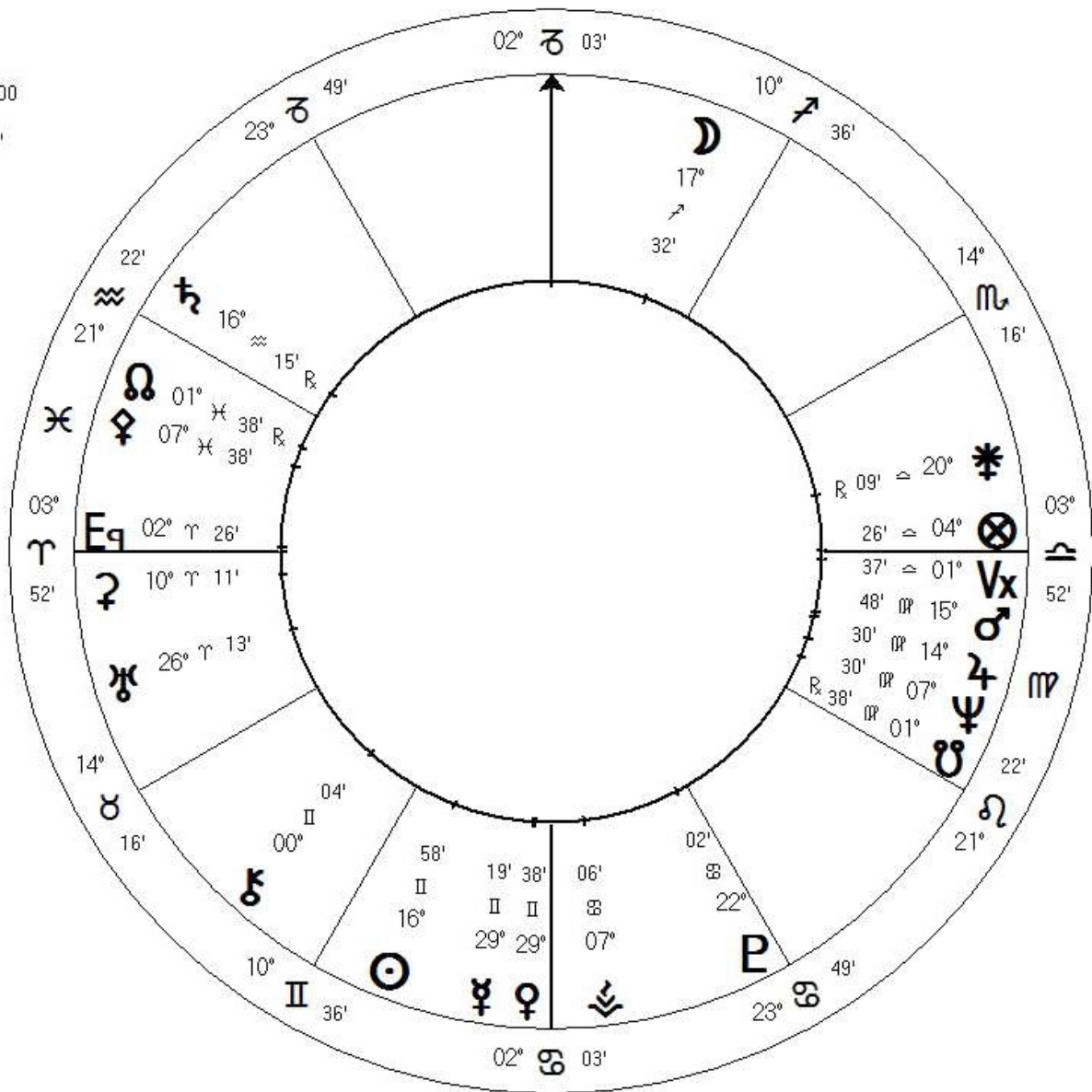
No article on plastic surgery would be complete without examining the chart of Joan Rivers. She is known to proclaim her love of plastic surgery and has had numerous plastic surgeries. In 2008 she published *Men Are Stupid . . . And They Like Big Boobs: A Woman's Guide to Beauty Through Plastic Surgery*.

According to a January 30, 2009 mention on *Time.com*<sup>#</sup>:

“...Rivers, 75, who wrote the book with the help of magazine writer and novelist Valerie Frankel, devotes most of the text to describing the medical details, costs and complications of various cosmetic procedures, nearly all of which she has undergone. Rivers says she has had her lips, breasts, nose, stomach, eyes and arms worked on and that she regularly gets Botox....”

She is an Aries rising. So we immediately have the connection of the face—Aries—with the Ascendant—personal appearance. Venus square the Ascendant shows a concern with her self image. Venus opposite and contra-parallel her MC can also indicate a concern with how she

**Joan Rivers**  
**Natal Chart**  
 Jun 8 1933, Thu  
 2:00 am EDT +4:00  
 Brooklyn, NY  
 40°N38' 073°W56'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Placidus*  
*True Node*  
 Rating: AA



Successful surgery can be seen from the Mars Jupiter conjunction in Virgo in the house of health. Mars and Jupiter are also in parallel aspect. The Virgo emphasis can add the desire for perfection and the sculptured look she has acquired.

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Cosmetic surgery's goal is to improve your appearance. Cosmetic surgery can involve dramatic changes, so it's important to understand what it involves. Overview. The goal of cosmetic surgery is to improve a person's appearance and, thus, self-esteem and self-confidence. Cosmetic surgery can be performed on any part of the face and body. Types of cosmetic surgery. For the face. Botox. Cheek lift. Chemical peel. Chin surgery. Cosmetic dentistry. Dermabrasion. Eyebrow/forehead rejuvenation (brow lift). Plastic surgery is a surgical specialty involving the restoration, reconstruction, or alteration of the human body. It can be divided into two main categories: reconstructive surgery and cosmetic surgery. Reconstructive surgery includes craniofacial surgery, hand surgery, microsurgery, and the treatment of burns. While reconstructive surgery aims to reconstruct a part of the body or improve its functioning, cosmetic (or aesthetic) surgery aims at improving the appearance of it. Both of these