

Hair Extension Care from Secret Stylist

Hair Extensions are an accessory & not your natural hair. It is an 'add on', therefore you will need to take special care of your hair extensions to ensure they stay looking healthy & intact. Like your natural hair your hair extensions can be easily damaged with too much heat or pulling. Treat your hair extensions with care. They cost a lot of money so make sure you get your money's worth.

Be aware that throughout the next 6-8 weeks you may have a few strands of hair extensions fall out, this is normal for micro rings/linkies.

To help you get the most out of your gorgeous new hair extensions we ask that you carefully read the following. These tips will help you to make your extensions healthier, shinier & last longer:

- Remember the extensions do not receive your natural scalp oils & so needs to have moisture added with every wash. If you don't moisturise your hair extensions they will become brittle & break easily leading to ratty ends. We recommend the Xten range of shampoos, conditioners & treatments which provide your hair with this moisture & nourishment.
- Use a Loop extension brush or wide toothed comb to remove knots & tangles from your hair starting at the ends & gently working your way up to the scalp while holding the top part to keep it from shedding or stretching. Do this before you wash your hair, swim or sleep. Remember 'never pull on your extensions'. Do not use a scratchy plastic ball end hairbrush on your extensions.
- Run fingers through hair daily to make sure the bonds stay separated.
- To avoid excess knots, brush your hair prior to shampooing.
- It is recommend that you condition your hair both before & after shampooing.
- Shampoo hair in a gentle manner, following the direction of the hair flow from top to bottom. Avoid washing your hair upside down in the sink. When shampooing or conditioning your hair, do not rub/scrub hair together.
- Cool water is recommended when shampooing to reduce or prevent matting & excessive tangling.
- Avoid using dandruff shampoos or shampoos containing sodium lauryl sulphate & silicon or products containing acetone, alcohol or sulphur on your hair extensions as they can cause damage to the fusion bonds. Some oily products can also damage the fusion bonds.
- Dry hair by wrapping in a towel or air dry. Never rub or scrub hair with a towel. If using a blow dryer use the 'cool' setting & take care not to use forceful flow. Once dry, use a loop extension brush to finish brushing & combing.
- When using hot appliances such as blow driers & hair straighteners, keep away from the bonded areas of the extensions to prevent damaging the keratin bonds.
- Try to avoid salt water as chloride in salt water & swimming pools may cause the bonds to weaken & break down. Preferably, before swimming, wet hair completely, place in a ponytail or bun, & cover with a water tight cap. After swimming immediately rinse hair in fresh water & dry.
- Never go to bed with wet hair. Always make sure your hair is dry & tied back in a loose ponytail or plait before going to sleep.
- Try to avoid tanning beds & saunas as the excess steam & sweat can affect the hair bonds. We recommend spray tanning only.
- Do not shampoo your hair for 48 hours after the hair extensions are completed or after maintenance sessions. Thereafter it is best you shampoo only three times a week.
- As your hair grows, your extensions will move away from your scalp, therefore you will have to readjust your extensions every 6-8 weeks. 6 weeks is recommend.

Enjoy your gorgeous new hair!

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