

UNLOCK YOUR DREAM HAIR

THE ULTIMATE
GUIDE FOR
WIGS, WEAVES
& EXTENSIONS!



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Your Comprehensive Handbook for Choosing, Styling, and Wearing Hair Enhancements with Confidence

Welcome & Mindset Reset: It Starts with You

Welcome to the most thorough guide to achieving the hair of your dreams! But before we dive into textures, techniques, and tools, let's get one thing clear — this journey is bigger than hair. It's about how you show up in the world. It's about confidence, identity, transformation, and expression.

Wigs, weaves, and extensions aren't just fashion accessories — they're tools of power and protection. Whether you're embracing a new version of yourself, healing from hair loss, trying a bold style for the first time, or simply making your morning routine easier, this guide is built to meet you exactly where you are.

Why Dream Hair Matters

Your hair tells your story — even before you speak. It's how you present yourself, explore your mood, and control your narrative. Dream hair isn't about perfection. It's about freedom to choose:

- The freedom to wear a sleek bob today and waist-length curls for tomorrow.
- The confidence to walk into an interview or event with your head high.
- The comfort of protecting your natural hair while still feeling beautiful.

Common Hair Journey Myths — Busted

- **"Wigs are fake."** No. Wigs are versatile, protective, and stylish.
- **"Weaves will ruin your hair."** Not true when installed and maintained correctly.
- **"Extensions are only for special occasions."** Wrong. They're for anyone, anytime, and anywhere.

This Guide Is for You If:

- You're new to hair enhancements and don't know where to start.
- You've dabbled in wigs or extensions but want to level up your technique.
- You're ready to express yourself louder, bolder, and with intention.

So before we move into products and styling, take a deep breath and remember this isn't about fitting into a mold. It's about creating a look that fits *you and your personality*.

Chapter 1

The Foundations — Wigs, Weaves & Extensions Explained

"I love wearing wigs because they're instantly transformational" ~ Holly Hunter.

What Are Wigs, Weaves, and Extensions?

Understanding the difference between wigs, weaves, and extensions is crucial before you invest in any hair enhancement. Each has its unique purpose, method of installation, and maintenance level.

Wigs

Wigs are full head coverings made from synthetic or human hair. They can be worn temporarily or daily and come in a range of styles, textures, and cap constructions. Whether you want to protect your natural hair, experiment with color, or deal with hair loss, wigs offer instant transformation.

Types of Wigs:

- **Lace Front Wigs:** Feature a sheer lace panel at the front for a natural-looking hairline.
- **Full Lace Wigs:** Made entirely of lace, allowing for versatile parting and updos.
- **360 Lace Wigs:** Lace around the perimeter for ponytails and buns.
- **U-Part & V-Part Wigs:** Leave a section of your own hair out for blending.

Example: Try a lace front wig with pre-plucked baby hairs and HD lace for a flawless finish that blends with your skin tone.

Weaves

Weaves involve sewing or bonding hair into braided or prepped natural hair. They are ideal for long-term wear and protective styling. You can go weeks with a weave without manipulating your natural hair.

Types of Weaves:

- **Sew-Ins:** Hair is braided, and extensions are sewn in.
- **Quick Weaves (Glue-In):** Extensions are glued to a protective cap or your hair.
- **Braidless Sew-Ins:** Use micro-links instead of braids for a flatter finish.

Example: A deep wave sew-in weave gives you big, voluminous curls without heat damage.

Extensions

Extensions add length, volume, or color to your existing hair. They can be temporary or semi-permanent.

Types of Extensions:

- **Clip-Ins:** Easy to apply and remove, perfect for one-day looks.
- **Tape-Ins:** Thin wefts taped close to the scalp, last 4–8 weeks.
- **Keratin/Fusion Bonds:** Heat-activated adhesive, very natural but time-consuming to install.
- **Microlinks:** Strands clamped to natural hair with small beads, reusable and flexible.

Example: Use clip-in extensions to boost volume before a photoshoot or party.

Understanding Hair Types and Materials

Knowing your hair type helps you pick the most compatible enhancements. Matching texture ensures a seamless blend.

Hair Textures:

- **Straight:** Best matched with silky extensions or bone-straight wigs.
- **Wavy (2A–2C):** Use loose wave extensions or body wave wigs.
- **Curly (3A–3C):** Choose curly weaves that match curl diameter.
- **Coily/Kinky (4A–4C):** Look for Afro kinky or deep coil hair.

Pro Tip: Always use swatches to compare texture before buying.

Materials: Human Hair vs. Synthetic

Synthetic Hair

- Affordable, pre-styled, holds shape well.
- Less heat-friendly and less natural appearance.
- Ideal for short-term or experimental styles.

Example: Try a synthetic bob wig in a fantasy color (like lavender) for a festival look.

Human Hair

- Natural movement, can be heat styled, colored, washed.
- More expensive, but lasts longer.
- Look for Remy or Virgin hair for highest quality.

Example: Remy tape-ins can be styled with your flat iron and reused multiple times.

Matching Enhancements to Your Hair Type

This is where many go wrong: mismatched textures, heavy wefts on fine hair, or poorly blended colors. Nail your base and the rest will follow.

By Hair Type:

- **Fine Hair:** Lightweight tape-ins, halo extensions, or hand-tied wefts.
- **Thick Hair:** Double-weft bundles, sew-ins.
- **Textured Hair:** Use hair that mimics your natural curl pattern.

Color Matching Tips:

- Use natural daylight to assess color.
- Match midshaft to ends if you're blending.
- Go for rooted shades for realism.

Example: If you have 4B coils, Afro kinky clip-ins will give you volume while blending invisibly.

Next, we'll move into how to *choose* the right system for your lifestyle, face shape, and goals. Let's go!

Chapter 2

Lifestyle Matrix: Choose What Fits Your Life

"Life's too short to have boring hair." ~ Anonymous

Start with Lifestyle, Then Looks

Before chasing a trend, choose what fits your life.

Lifestyle Matrix

- **Low Maintenance (set it & forget it):** Glueless lace wigs, U/V-part wigs, clip-in extensions.
- **Active/Workout:** 360 lace or secure lace fronts with elastic band; braidless sew-ins; microlinks (with sweat-resistant products).
- **Protective Styling Priority:** Traditional sew-ins with minimal leave-out, full lace wigs with wig caps, cornrow base under wigs.
- **Frequent Restyling/Color Play:** Human-hair lace fronts/full lace; clip-ins; tape-ins for 4–8 week vibes.
- **Event/Occasion Hair:** High-density lace wigs, custom-colored units, temporary clip-ins for dramatic length/volume.

Quick Call: If you want zero-commitment glam, choose **glueless lace wigs or clip-ins**. If you want long-wear with low daily effort, choose a **sew-in**. If you love daily versatility, go **full lace**.

Face Shape → Flattering Silhouettes

Use this as a starting point; *your* taste rules.

- **Oval:** Anything goes; experiment with bangs, layers, bobs, or XXL length.
- **Round:** Lengthy layers, off-center or deep side parts, face-framing starting below the cheek.
- **Square:** Soft waves, curtain bangs, side parts; avoid blunt jaw-length bobs.
- **Heart:** Chin-length bobs, side-swept fringe, soft curls to balance the forehead.
- **Long/Oblong:** Width and volume—shoulder-length waves, curtain bangs, layered lob.

Density Guide by Face Shape

- Round/Long faces: 150–180% density for balance.
- Square/Oval: 130–150% for movement; go 180–200% for red-carpet drama.

Cap Construction, Size & Fit

A beautiful unit is useless if it doesn't fit.

Common Cap Types

- **Lace Front:** Natural hairline, easy daily wear.
- **Full Lace:** Max parting, updos, lightest feel.
- **360 Lace:** Ponytail-friendly perimeter; wefts in center for fullness.
- **Machine-Made with Closure:** Budget-friendly, durable; closure gives realistic part.

Sizing & Measurements (use a soft tape)

- **Circumference:** Hairline around the head.
- **Front-to-Nape:** Hairline center forehead → nape.
- **Ear-to-Ear (Across Forehead & Over Top):** Ensures lace reaches temples without pulling.

If you're between sizes, choose the bigger cap and use an **adjustable elastic band** or **wig grip**.

Length, Density & Bundle Math

Length Reality Check: Curly hair *appears shorter* (shrinkage). A 20" curl may sit like a 16–18" straight.

Density (Wigs)

- 130%: Natural everyday.
- 150%: Full but realistic.
- 180%: Glam fullness.
- 200%+: Photo/Runway drama.

Bundles (Weaves)

- 10–16": **2–3 bundles**
 - 18–22": **3 bundles**
 - 24–30": **3–4 bundles** (longer hair is thinner at the ends)
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Texture & Color Matching (The Seamless Blend)

Texture

- Match the **leave-out** (if any), not the roots only.
- For 3C–4C, look for **kinky straight, Afro kinky, deep coil** textures.

Color

- Match mid-shaft to ends; choose **rooted/ombré** for realism.
 - Warm skin undertones → warm hair (chocolate, honey, auburn). Cool undertones → cool hair (ash brown, espresso, cool black).
 - Not sure? Choose a unit *one shade lighter* and tone down with gloss, or use **root spray** to blend the part.
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Selecting by Hair & Scalp Needs

- **Fine/Fragile Hair:** Hand-tied wefts, tape-ins, halo/clip-ins used sparingly; avoid heavy microlinks.
 - **Thick/Coarse Hair:** Sew-ins with sturdy braids; double-weft bundles.
 - **Scalp Sensitivity/Medical Hair Loss:** 100% hand-tied caps, silk tops, soft Swiss/HD lace; glueless installs.
 - **Transitioning/Natural:** Textures that mimic your pattern; closures/frontals to avoid heat on leave-out.
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Budget & Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

- **Synthetic:** \$–\$\$, great for trend/color; lifespan 1–3 months (with gentle care).
- **Human Hair Standard:** \$\$–\$\$\$; lifespan 6–12+ months.
- **Premium Virgin/Raw:** \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$; lifespan 1–2+ years with proper care.

TCO Tip: A premium unit you restyle 10+ ways often costs less *per wear* than multiple budget units.

Vendor Vetting Checklist

- High-res photos & videos **of the exact texture** you're buying.
- Clear **return/exchange policy** and **density/length specs**.
- Real customer photos (not just influencers); check reviews across platforms.
- Transparent **origin claims** (Remy, virgin, raw; cuticle alignment).
- Responsive customer support; color ring or sample swatch availability.

Red Flags

- Only stock images; no in-motion videos.
 - Prices far below market for “virgin/raw.”
 - Vague shipping/return terms; hidden restocking fees.
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Try-On & Decision Protocol

1. **Prep:** Braid down or slick back; wear a wig cap.
 2. **Place & Part:** Align ear tabs; find your natural part line.
 3. **Checkline:** Look at hairline, temples, nape; assess lace tint.
 4. **Move Test:** Shake, head-turn, ponytail test (if 360/full lace).
 5. **Photo Test:** Natural light, indoor light, flash. Assess color/shine.
 6. **Comfort:** Any pinching? Adjust band/combs; consider a wig grip.
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Decision Tree: What's Best for Me?

- Need daily versatility + updos → **Full lace.**
 - Need realistic hairline + quick routine → **Lace front.**
 - Want protective long-wear → **Sew-in with closure.**
 - Want quick glam for events → **Clip-ins/Halo.**
 - Want semi-permanent fullness → **Tape-ins/Microlinks.**
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Mini Quiz: Your Ideal System (circle answers)

1. Time you'll spend styling daily: **2–5 min** / 10–15 min / 20+ min
2. Priority: **Protective** / Versatility / Budget / Maximum Glam
3. Comfort level with adhesives: **None** / Light (gel) / Full (glue/tape)
4. Activities: **Gym** / Office / Events / Travel
5. Hair type: **Fine** / Medium / Thick

Result Guide: Mostly left column → Glueless wig/clip-ins. Middle → Lace front/tape-ins. Right → Full lace/sew-in/microlinks.

Real-Life Scenarios

- **Event Queen:** Needs 24" waves for prom → High-density lace front, pre-styled; backup clip-ins for extra drama.
 - **Gym & Go:** Sweats daily → 360 lace with elastic band or braidless sew-in; anti-humidity products.
 - **Protective Journey:** Growing out natural hair → Closure sew-in or glueless wig; zero leave-out; nightly bonnet routine.
 - **Color Chameleon:** Loves bold shades → Human-hair lace fronts in neutral base; swap colored units; protect bio hair.
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Chapter 2 Summary: Choose for your life first, then sculpt the look: the right cap, density, texture, and vendor make everything effortless. Next up, we'll master **Installation & Styling** with step-by-step tutorials and pro hacks.

Chapter 3

Sourcing High-Quality Hair

"Life isn't perfect, but your hair can be".

Choosing the right hair is the backbone of your entire look. This chapter shows you how to separate premium hair from pretenders, avoid counterfeits, and buy smart with confidence.

The Quality Pyramid: From Everyday to Elite

| Tier | Type | What It Means | Pros | Cons | Best For |
|------|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Non-Remy / Mixed Fiber | Mixed cuticle directions, often silicone-coated or blended with synthetic/animal fibers | Low cost, trendy colors | Tangles after a few washes, dulls as coating wears | Short-term looks, experimental colors |
| 2 | Remy | Cuticles aligned in same direction; often lightly processed for color/texture | Smooth, less tangle, heat-styleable | Quality varies by source; some processing | Everyday wear, moderate longevity |
| 3 | Virgin | Human hair with no chemical processing (color/perm) | Natural movement, strong cuticle, takes color well | Higher price, limited color range (usually natural black/brown) | Long-term installs, custom coloring |
| 4 | Raw/Unprocessed Single-Donor | Minimal to zero steam/chemical processing; consistent from one donor | Maximum longevity, best for repeated installs | Premium price, limited supply | Pros, frequent wearers, investors |

Quick Rule: If the price is unbelievably low for “raw” or “virgin,” it’s probably not.

Cuticle Alignment, Draw Level & Wefting

- **Cuticle Aligned (Remy):** Reduces friction → fewer tangles.
- **Single-Donor vs. Multi-Donor:** Single-donor = uniform texture/response to color; multi-donor can still be great if well sorted.
- **Single-Drawn vs. Double-Drawn**

- *Single-Drawn*: Natural taper toward the ends (more realistic, slightly less full).
 - *Double-Drawn*: Fuller from root to tip (premium look; expect higher cost).
 - **Weft Types**
 - *Machine Weft*: Durable; seal wefts to reduce shedding.
 - *Hand-Tied Weft*: Thinner, flatter, ideal for fine hair (do not cut the wefts).
 - *Clip-In/PU Weft*: Pre-assembled for DIY convenience.
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Lace, Closures & Construction Details

- **Lace Types:**
 - *HD/Film Lace*: Most invisible; handle gently.
 - *Swiss Lace*: Balance of realism + durability (great daily choice).
 - *French Lace*: Strongest, slightly more visible.
 - **Closures vs. Frontals**
 - *Closure (4×4/5×5/6×6)*: Easiest maintenance; ideal for protective installs.
 - *Frontal (13×4/13×6)*: Maximum styling/parting; needs more skill & upkeep.
 - **Knots & Hairline**
 - *Pre-Plucked*: Natural density gradient.
 - *Bleached Knots*: Reduces “dot” look; babysit with protein sprays to preserve.
 - *Sealed Knots*: Helps limit shedding.
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Processing & What’s Acceptable

- **Steam Texturing**: Common and safe when done properly; should retain pattern after washing.
 - **Color Bath/Coating**: Heavy silicone shine = slippery at first, then dull/feedback tangle later. Light sericin/silicone can be okay; avoid heavy coating.
 - **Chemical Smell/Test**: Strong odor or dye bleeding = red flag.
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Ethical Sourcing & Transparency

- Ask for **country of origin**, **collection method** (temple hair, salon cuttings, donor program), and **labor standards**.
- Reputable vendors share **QC steps**, **sanitation processes**, and **wage/fair trade commitments**.
- Beware of false labels: many “Brazilian/Peruvian/Malaysian” names are **texture marketing**, not actual origin.

Questions to Ask Vendors

1. What is the **origin** and **processing** (steam/chemical) of this texture?
2. Is it **Remy**, **Virgin**, or **Raw**? Single donor or multi?
3. What is the **draw level** (single/double)?
4. Which **lace type** is used? Is the hairline **pre-plucked**?
5. What **warranty/return policy** do you offer after the hair is washed?

6. Can I purchase a **sample bundle** or **color ring** first?
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Authenticity & Quality Checks (At Home)

- **Strand Test:** Run fingers from root to tip; slight resistance root→end is normal; end→root should feel more resistant.
- **Wash Test:** After a gentle shampoo, good hair should **retain** texture and not bleed excessive dye.
- **Dry-Down:** Air-dry results show true texture and frizz level.
- **Shedding Check:** 5–10 strands during first brush is normal; handfuls are not.
- **Heat Test:** Low-to-medium pass should not give off strong chemical odor.

Avoid “burn tests” indoors—they can be hazardous and inconclusive.

Warranty, Returns & TCO (Total Cost of Ownership)

- **Fair Policy Signals:** 7–30 day returns on **unused** hair; exchanges for manufacturing defects; responsive support.
 - **After-Install Reality:** Many brands won’t accept returns after cutting or coloring; test **before** install.
 - **Longevity Benchmarks** (with proper care):
 - Remy: 6–12+ months
 - Virgin: 12–18+ months
 - Raw: 18–24+ months
 - **TCO Math:** Premium hair reused across 4–6 installs often beats budget hair replaced every 6–8 weeks.
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Price Ranges (Typical, Will Vary by Market)

- **Remy Bundles (14–18"):** \$\$–\$\$\$ each
- **Virgin/Raw Bundles (18–22"):** \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$ each
- **Lace Wigs:** 130% density, shoulder length: \$\$–\$\$\$; 180% density, 20–24": \$\$\$–\$\$\$\$

Extremely low pricing + “raw single-donor” claims = proceed with caution.

The Buyer’s Checklist (Print This)

Before Purchase

- Texture photos and in-motion videos reviewed
- Verified lace type and size

- Confirmed Remy/Virgin/Raw + draw level
- Origin + processing disclosed
- Return/warranty policy saved
- Color ring/sample ordered if unsure

On Arrival

- Inspect wefts/knots; photograph unboxing
- Strand & wash tests performed
- Minimal shedding verified
- Lace tone checked against skin (use lace tint/spray if needed)

Before Install

- Deep condition (if human hair)
 - Seal machine wefts (optional)
 - Customize hairline (pluck/bleach/contour)
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Case Studies

- **The Everyday Professional:** Invests in one raw 16" straight unit with Swiss lace, wears 4–5 days/week, restyles 10+ ways → 18 months wear with quarterly refresh = low cost per wear.
 - **The Color Chameleon:** Keeps a natural base unit for work and two pre-colored Remy wigs for weekends; avoids coloring her bio hair entirely → maximal versatility, minimal damage.
 - **Fine-Hair Client:** Chooses hand-tied wefts (double-drawn is too heavy), uses tape-ins only at the crown; reports zero traction issues and seamless blend.
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Vendor Outreach Template

Hello [Brand],

I'm interested in [texture/length/density]. Can you confirm:

- Hair origin and whether it's Remy/Virgin/Raw
- Processing (steam vs. chemical)
- Draw level and weft type
- Lace type and knot treatment
- Return/warranty terms after a wash test
- Availability of samples or color rings

Thanks! — [Your Name]

Chapter 3 Summary: Quality is a system—cuticle alignment, thoughtful processing, ethical sourcing, and honest policies. When all four align, you'll enjoy hair that looks luxe, styles easily, and lasts.

Chapter 4

Installation & Styling Mastery

“I wear wigs all the time on shows, and every day when I'm in public, at Dollywood. People say, 'How many wigs do you have?' And I say, 'Well, at least 365 because I wear at least one a day.’”
~ Dolly Parton

This chapter gives you step-by-step installs, pro blending, maintenance rhythms, and troubleshooting so your look stays flawless in real life—not just on day one.

Tools & Prep (Universal Kit)

Tools: Rat-tail comb, wide-tooth comb, paddle brush, alligator clips, shears, heat protectant, blow-dryer with concentrator, flat iron/curling wand, edge brush, alcohol wipes, scalp oil/serum, wig cap, elastic band, bobby pins, mousse, holding spray, lace tint/spray, adhesive (if using), adhesive remover, silk/satin scarf/bonnet.

Prep: Start with clean, dry hair and scalp. Clarify if you've used heavy oils. Do a quick **tension check**—nothing should pull.

A) Clip-Ins (DIY Friendly, 10–20 min)

Best for: Events, quick volume, first-timers.

Longevity: Daily on/off for 6–12 months with care.

Step-by-Step

1. **Section:** Create a horizontal part above the nape; clip the rest up.
2. **Backcomb (optional):** Lightly tease the root for grip.
3. **Attach:** Snap clips into teased roots; start with the widest weft at the back, then sides, then crown.
4. **Blend:** Curl or straighten your hair and the extensions together.
5. **Finish:** Light mist of holding spray; check from all angles.

Pro Tips

- Stagger lengths for a natural cascade.
- Use a 1–1.25" wand for soft waves that hide tracks.
- For 3C–4C textures, **kinky clip-ins** blend best; twist-out both together.

Common Fixes

- **Slippage:** Add a light spritz of texture spray or tease roots more.
 - **Visible weft:** Move the weft lower or add a smaller piece above to veil it.
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B) Tape-Ins (Lightweight, Seamless)

Best for: Fine to medium hair, natural movement for 4–8 weeks.

Step-by-Step (Pro Recommended)

1. **Section in “sandwich” zones:** Thin, clean subsections (no oils).
2. **Apply:** Place one tape under a thin slice of hair, another on top—align precisely.
3. **Clamp:** Use a tape-in plier or fingers to press evenly for 5–10 seconds.
4. **Rows:** Work from nape upward, staying ½–1" from hairline and partings.
5. **Style:** Wait 24–48 hours before washing; avoid oils near tabs.

Pro Tips

- Clarify beforehand; residue weakens adhesion.
- Angle pieces at the temples to follow natural fall.
- Use a tail comb to keep subsections ultra-thin.

Removal

- Spray alcohol-based remover along the seam; peel gently; cleanse and reinstall with new tape.
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C) Sew-Ins (Protective, 4–8 Weeks)

Best for: Long-wear, minimal daily styling, protective goals.

Foundation

- **Braid Pattern:** Choose based on part (middle/side/leave-out vs closure). Keep tension **light-to-moderate** to protect edges.
- **Net (optional):** Adds support and even distribution.
- **Closure/Frontal:** For zero leave-out, use a closure; frontals require more upkeep.

Step-by-Step (with Closure)

1. **Prep:** Braid down; moisturize scalp lightly (tea-tree/peppermint for itch).
2. **Anchor:** Sew wefts starting at the nape; fold (don't cut) to reduce shedding.
3. **Placement:** Space tighter near crown for fullness; avoid stacking too close to hairline.
4. **Closure Install:** Sew closure flat; align part; use minimal adhesive or mousse + elastic band to set.
5. **Blend & Style:** Hot comb the part area; curl or press for finish.

Pro Tips

- Double-drawn hair gives fullness with fewer tracks.
- Seal machine wefts to reduce shedding.
- Switch parting by using a **5×5** or **6×6** closure for more real estate.

Removal

- Snip only the thread—*never* the braids or wefts. Detangle wefts before washing for reuse.
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D) Microlinks / I-Tips (Move Like Your Hair)

Best for: Medium-thick hair; 8–12 weeks with maintenance.

Step-by-Step (Pro Service)

1. **Section:** Clean, brick-lay pattern; keep beads ½–1" off scalp.
2. **Thread:** Insert I-tip strand; clamp bead with pliers—firm, not crushing.
3. **Rows:** Follow head shape; avoid hairline/part stress.
4. **Blend:** Trim and layer to merge with natural hair.

Maintenance

- Tighten/slide-up every 4–6 weeks.
 - Avoid heavy oils at roots; focus mid-lengths to ends.
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E) Lace Front / Full Lace Wigs (Glueless & Adhesive Methods)

Best for: Versatility, quick changes, protective styling.

Glueless Install (Beginner-Friendly)

1. **Prep:** Braid or slick back; cap optional.
2. **Position:** Place wig; adjust ear tabs and elastic band.
3. **Melt Illusion:** Mousse along hairline; tie elastic band for 10–15 min.
4. **Finish:** Hot comb the front; add a dab of powder or lace tint in the part.

Adhesive Install (Advanced)

1. **Skin Prep:** Alcohol wipe; scalp protector if sensitive.
2. **Mark:** Dot guide at hairline (avoid natural edges if possible).
3. **Apply Adhesive:** 2–4 thin layers, clear between coats.
4. **Place Lace:** Roll lace forward into glue; press with comb handle.
5. **Set:** Elastic band 10–20 min; detail baby hairs if desired.

Removal

- Use adhesive remover; saturate lace edge; lift slowly—no ripping. Clean lace and re-apply later.

Pro Tips

- Trim lace **in small zigzags** for an undetectable edge.
 - Use **HD lace** for events; **Swiss** for daily durability.
 - Concealer on the part + root spray at knots = scalp realism.
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Blending Like a Pro (All Systems)

- **Heat Together:** Always style your hair and the enhancements **at the same time** for uniform pattern.
 - **Elevation & Layers:** Point-cut into ends; add face-framing layers to remove bulk.
 - **Shine vs. Glow:** Use lightweight serum on ends only; matte root spray at the part to avoid wig-shine.
 - **Edge Work:** Less is more; soft strokes with an edge brush and flexible gel.
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Style Playbook (Fast Looks)

- **5-Minute:** Middle-part sleek; tuck behind ears; mist holding spray.
 - **15-Minute:** Loose wand waves; shake out with paddle brush.
 - **Event-Ready:** Deep side part + glam curls; tease crown lightly; add hair jewelry.
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Maintenance Rhythms

- **Daily:** Detangle ends → mids; wrap or bonnet at night; ventilate wigs on stands.
- **Weekly (or every 7–10 wears):** Gentle wash; condition; air-dry; reset part.
- **Monthly:** Check beads/tapes; tighten as needed; trim ends; clarify product buildup.

Safe Heat: Keep 300–350°F (150–175°C) for most human hair; lower for fine textures. Use heat protectant every pass.

Troubleshooting & Quick Fixes

- **Lifting Lace:** Dab alcohol, dry, tiny layer of gel/glue, press with band 10 min.
- **Itchy Scalp:** Oil dropper along parts; avoid flooding. Try tea-tree/peppermint blends.
- **Tangling at Nape:** Switch to low-friction tops; carry a travel brush; use a light detangler.
- **Shedding:** Seal wefts; avoid brushing when wet; detangle gently from ends up.

- **Visible Tracks:** Add a mini weft above/below; increase layers; change part depth.
 - **Adhesive White Cast:** Wait until glue clears before placing lace; tap with warm blow-dryer on cool setting to clear haze.
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Safety & Hair Health

- Rotate installs; give your natural hair/scalp **off weeks**.
 - Monitor edges; if tension or soreness persists, remove and reset.
 - Patch-test adhesives; avoid latex if allergic.
 - Keep hot tools away from synthetic fibers unless labeled heat-safe.
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Chapter 4 Summary: With a clean foundation, the right tools, and these pro-level sequences, you'll install faster, blend cleaner, and keep styles photo-ready day after day.

Chapter 5

Confidence & Standing Out — Your Entrance Strategy

“I’m in love with wigs. I get them custom-made, and I have my hairstylist shape them to my head. I can go from short to long in less than a minute!” ~ Kelly Rowland

Hair turns heads, but **presence** holds attention. This chapter blends styling tactics with mindset, posture, and performance so you don’t just look amazing—you *feel* unshakable.

The Confidence Engine (Mindset in 3 Moves)

1. **Decide the Character:** Are you Classic Glam, Soft Romantic, or High-Fashion Edge? Let this drive hair, makeup, outfit, and accessories.
 2. **Anchor Phrase:** A 5-word mantra you can repeat (e.g., *“I belong in every room.”*).
 3. **Mini Rehearsal:** Put the unit on, play your walk-in song, practice 60 seconds of smiles, turns, and hair placement.
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The Entrance Formula: First 30 Seconds

- **Posture:** Lengthen spine, shoulders down/back, chin parallel to floor.
- **Pace:** Slow by ~10% versus your normal walk; it reads confident.
- **Eye Line:** Soft focus to mid-distance, then brief, warm eye contact.
- **Hair Moment:** One deliberate tuck behind ear, or a subtle head turn to show layers. Avoid constant touching.

Doorway Drill (practice at home): Step → pause half-beat → small smile → angle body 30° → glide.

Signature Silhouette: Match Hair to Outfit

- **Sleek Middle Part + Minimalist Dress** → Architectural, luxe.
- **Deep Side Part + Old-Hollywood Waves** → Glamour; pair with statement earrings.
- **High Pony/Bun + Structured Suit** → Power profile; clean neckline.
- **Big Curls + Flowing Fabrics** → Motion on motion; perfect for dance floors.

Balance Rule: If hair is **high-volume**, keep outfit lines clean. If outfit is highly detailed, choose **sleek** hair.

Face Framing & Camera Secrets

- **Cheekbones:** Ask your stylist for face-framing layers starting at the hollow of the cheek.
 - **Jawline:** Curtain bangs soften strong angles; sharp bobs emphasize them.
 - **Photos/Video:** Part line slightly off-center; tilt forehead toward camera; drop near shoulder 1–2 inches.
 - **Flash-Proof:** Tap translucent powder along hairline and part to reduce shine.
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Event Playbooks (Plug-and-Play)

Red Carpet/Prom

- Hair: 180–200% density waves, deep side part.
- Styling: Set with 1" wand, brush out for luxe S-waves.
- Accessories: One hero piece (drop earrings or crystal clip).
- Entrance: Half-turn reveal; pause for photos at 3 points.

Wedding Guest

- Hair: Soft chignon or half-up with extensions.
- Styling: Leave face-framing tendrils; spray flyaways.
- Etiquette: Elegant, not competing with the bride; avoid towering headpieces.

Interview/Panel

- Hair: Neat, movement-friendly; pony, lob, or sleek unit.
- Styling: Keep front strands away from mouth; nothing to fiddle with.
- Presence: Sit tall; hands visible on table; speak with a smile you can *hear*.

Night Out

- Hair: High pony or glam bob; secure well for dancing.
 - Styling: Flexible hold; travel brush & mini hairspray.
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The Stand-Out Toolkit

- **Shine & Scent:** Add a **light** hair perfume or mist—memorable but not heavy.
- **Color Pop:** One bold element—lip, liner, or hair accessory.
- **Texture Contrast:** Pair sleek hair with satin, curls with leather/denim.
- **Movement Test:** Do the head-turn and shoulder-sweep; the hair should rebound, not snag.

Micro-Accessories That Read Luxe

Pearl pins, minimalist cuffs, fine chains woven into braids, velvet ribbon at pony base.

Social-Ready in Minutes (Content Flow)

1. **Check Light:** Face a window; avoid overhead shadows.
 2. **Angles:** 45° body turn; chin slightly down; eyes up.
 3. **Hair Placement:** One side forward to show density, other tucked for jawline.
 4. **B-Roll:** 5–8 sec clips—placing the wig, brushing out curls, clasping an earring, the final turn.
 5. **Signature Shot:** Slow-mo hair flip or shoulder look-back.
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Pre-Event Run-of-Show (60-Minute Countdown)

- **T-60:** Final hot-tool pass (low heat), lace melt check, part perfect.
- **T-45:** Makeup set; blot T-zone and hairline.
- **T-30:** Outfit on; lint roll; jewelry fasten; fragrance last.
- **T-15:** Walk-through your entrance; recite anchor phrase.
- **T-5:** Hands wiped (no product transfer); breathe 4-7-8; go.

Emergency Kit: Mini hairspray, bobby pins, root spray, travel brush, blot papers, safety pin, stain stick, mints.

Handling Comments & Camera Nerves

- **Deflect & Shine:** “Thanks! I’ve been having fun with new textures.” (Smile, bridge to a new topic.)
 - **If Anxiety Spikes:** Ground—name 5 things you see, 4 you feel, 3 you hear.
 - **Own Your Choice:** Hair is fashion. You’re allowed to change it as often as you like.
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Confidence Conditioning (7-Day Reset)

- **Day 1:** Mirror posture drills (3 minutes AM/PM).
 - **Day 2:** Record a 20-sec walk; adjust stride and smile.
 - **Day 3:** Try a new part or tuck; assess face shape balance.
 - **Day 4:** Accessory experiment—one bold, one minimal.
 - **Day 5:** Photo practice in three lightings (window, indoor, flash).
 - **Day 6:** Speak your anchor phrase while styling; link confidence to routine.
 - **Day 7:** Full dry run in outfit + hair; celebrate one win.
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Chapter 5 Summary: Presence is a practiced skill. Pair a strategic hairstyle with posture, pacing, and a simple plan, and you'll command attention the moment you step in—and keep it while you enjoy the night.

Chapter 6

Care & Longevity — Routines, Schedules & Troubleshooting

“I’m a black woman who loves hair. I enjoy changing my hair, having fun with it - just hair! I go from braids, to weaves, to wigs, to natural hair.” ~ Tasha Smith

Great installs deserve great maintenance. This chapter gives you simple, repeatable routines that keep hair soft, movable, and photo-ready for months.

Golden Rules (All Systems)

1. **Friction is the enemy:** Sleep on silk/satin (bonnet or pillowcase).
 2. **Hydrate smart:** Moisturize mids→ends; keep roots/tapes/knots dry.
 3. **Low heat, slow passes:** 300–350°F (150–175°C) for human hair; no heat on synthetic unless labeled heat-safe.
 4. **Comb from ends up:** Wide-tooth or detangling brush only; never yank.
 5. **Clean product buildup:** Clarify monthly if you use gels, sprays, or lace adhesives.
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Wash & Care by System

Wigs (Human Hair)

- **Frequency:** Every 7–10 wears or when dull.
- **Wash:** Detangle dry → soak in lukewarm water → sulfate-free shampoo at roots through lace; squeeze through lengths.
- **Condition:** Mid-lengths to ends; avoid knots/lace. Rinse cool.
- **Dry:** Towel-blot, air-dry on wig stand; blow-dry on low only at the cap interior if needed.
- **Style:** Heat protectant; minimal serums on ends.

Wigs (Synthetic/Heat-Safe Synthetic)

- **Frequency:** Every 10–15 wears.
- **Wash:** Synthetic shampoo; no hot water.
- **Condition:** Use synthetic conditioner or fabric softener dip (optional) → brief, light.
- **Dry:** Pat dry; never wring. Air-dry on stand; do **not** brush when wet.
- **Style:** Only if labeled heat-safe, stay **below manufacturer max**.

Sew-Ins (with Closure/Leave-Out)

- **Frequency:** Every 2–3 weeks.
- **Scalp:** Nozzle bottle to shampoo between tracks; rinse thoroughly.
- **Wefts:** Smooth shampoo downward; condition mids→ends.
- **Dry:** Hood dryer or diffuser until **100% dry** at the base to prevent odor/mildew.

- **Edge Care:** Low-tension wraps; limit tight ponytails.

Tape-Ins

- **Frequency:** Every 1–2 weeks.
- **Rules:** No oils at roots; only light leave-ins on mids→ends.
- **Dry:** Cool setting at the tabs; press flat with fingers after drying.

Microlinks / I-Tips

- **Frequency:** Every 1–2 weeks.
- **Maintenance:** Slide-up/tighten at 4–6 weeks.
- **Care:** Brush with a loop brush; hold at the bead and brush below first.

Clip-Ins / Halos

- **Frequency:** Wash every 15–20 wears.
- **Storage:** Brush, braid loosely, store in silk bag.
- **Care:** Spot-clean; full wash only when needed.

Product Playbook (What to Use & What to Skip)

Cleansers

- *Use:* Sulfate-free, low-foam shampoo or co-wash for human hair.
- *Skip:* High-sulfate, clarifying more than 1×/mo (can dry hair).

Condition/Mask

- *Use:* Silicone-light conditioners; protein mask 1×/mo if hair feels mushy.
- *Skip:* Heavy butters at roots, especially with tapes/microlinks.

Styling

- *Use:* Lightweight serums on ends; heat protectant; flexible-hold sprays.
- *Skip:* Alcohol-heavy sprays daily; thick oils on lace/knots.

Scalp

- *Use:* Tea-tree/peppermint diluted oils for itch; witch hazel on cotton swab for sweat/salt.
- *Skip:* Direct castor/coconut on adhesives or beads.

Night Routines (By Hair Pattern)

- **Straight/Body Wave:** Brush, center part, **two low loose braids**; bonnet.
 - **Curly/Coily:** Apply leave-in + light curl cream; **pineapple** or chunky twists; bonnet/diffuser cap.
 - **Kinky Straight/Blowout:** Wrap with a silk scarf; secure ear-to-ear.
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Weather, Gym & Travel

- **Humidity:** Anti-humidity spray; choose wave/curl textures that thrive with moisture.
 - **Gym:** Elastic band for lace; sweatband to protect edges; blow-dry cool at hairline after.
 - **Swim:** Braid hair; wear a cap; rinse with fresh water **immediately**; chelating shampoo after chlorine/salt; deep condition.
 - **Travel:** Hard case or wig box; pack a travel brush, mini root spray, and satin scrunchies.
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Storage & Rotation

- **Wigs:** Ventilated stands away from sunlight; net over curls.
 - **Extensions:** Label lengths and textures; keep in breathable silk bags.
 - **Rotation:** 2–3 looks in rotation prolongs lifespan and keeps styles fresh.
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Preventive Calendar (Print-Friendly)

Weekly

- Detangle ends→mids
- Quick refresh curl/press (low heat)
- Scalp check (tightness/itch/dry)

Bi-Weekly

- Wash & condition (per system)
- Reset part; lace tint as needed
- Trim flyaways; dust ends

Monthly

- Clarify (human hair)
- Deep condition/mask
- Tighten microlinks / move up tapes
- Inspect wefts/knots; seal if necessary

Quarterly

- Professional refresh (tone/color/shape)
- Replace elastic bands/combs if stretched

Troubleshooting Index

- **Tangling/Nape Matting**
 - *Causes:* Friction, product buildup, synthetic fiber fatigue.
 - *Fix:* Detangle with slip (leave-in + water), work in sections; trim if needed; switch to low-friction collars.
- **Dry/Crunchy Ends**
 - *Causes:* Heat abuse, sun, hard water.
 - *Fix:* Chelating wash → deep condition → pea-size serum on ends; reduce heat.
- **Lace Discoloration/Makeup Build-Up**
 - *Fix:* Gentle shampoo with toothbrush on lace underside; lace tint refresh; avoid heavy foundation in part.
- **Shedding**
 - *Causes:* Unsealed machine wefts, rough brushing, bleach on knots.
 - *Fix:* Seal wefts; use loop brush; protein spray on knots.
- **Adhesive Lift/White Cast**
 - *Fix:* Let glue go clear before placing; if lifting, clean with alcohol, reapply thin coat, set with elastic band.
- **Scalp Itch/Odor (Sew-In)**
 - *Fix:* Targeted shampoo between tracks; dry base thoroughly; witch hazel swipe; light tea-tree mix.

Rescue Protocols (When Things Go Left)

- **Over-Plucked Hairline:** Create micro baby hairs; use root spray + powder to fake density; add a thin veil weft behind lace.
- **Heat Damage on Human Hair:** Cut back to healthy length; use bond-building mask; press on low heat only.
- **Synthetic Wig Revive:** Soak 10 min in cool water + synthetic conditioner; blot, air-dry; trim ends; fabric-softener dip sparingly if frizzed.
- **Tape-In Slips:** Remove oil at root; re-tab with fresh tape; clarify before reinstall.
- **Microlink Bead Slip:** Replace bead; check section size; avoid oils at roots.

Quick Reference: Heat & Tool Guide

- **Flat Iron:** 300–350°F human hair; 250–280°F for fine/double-drawn ends.
- **Curling Wand:** 280–320°F; allow curls to cool before brushing.
- **Hot Comb at Lace:** Low setting; keep tool off the knots directly.

Chapter 6 Summary: Consistent, gentle care beats occasional “hair emergencies.” Follow the calendar, respect adhesives and roots, and your styles will look fresh longer—and save you money over time.

Chapter 7

Hair Toolkit, Resources & Bonuses

“When I perform, I usually wear wigs because I love them.” ~ Rita Ora

Round out your guide with the gear, templates, and references that make execution effortless. Treat this chapter like your glovebox—everything you reach for lives here.

A) Ultimate Hair Toolkit (What to Own)

Foundations

- Wig stands (ventilated), collapsible travel stand
- Wig caps (nude + brown), wig grip band
- Elastic band (adjustable)
- Silk/satin bonnet + pillowcase

Tools

- Rat-tail comb, wide-tooth comb, loop brush (for extensions)
- Paddle brush, boar-bristle edge brush
- Shears (hair-only), thinning/point-cutting scissors
- Hot tools: blow-dryer (nozzle), flat iron, 1–1.25" wand, hot comb (low setting)
- Alligator clips, duckbill clips, sectioning clips

Chemistry & Care

- Sulfate-free shampoo, slip-rich conditioner, deep mask
- Heat protectant, lightweight serum, flexible-hold spray
- Clarifying/chelating shampoo (monthly), leave-in detangler
- Scalp drops (tea-tree/peppermint diluted), witch hazel

Lace & Install

- Lace tint/spray or powder, small makeup sponge
- Adhesive (if used), scalp protector, adhesive remover
- Mousse for melt/lay, root spray (to shadow knots/part)
- Weft sealer (optional), thread/curved needle for sew-ins
- Microlink pliers + beads (pro use), tape-in tabs (replacements)

On-the-Go Kit

- Travel brush, mini hairspray, bobby pins, safety pins

- Blot papers, oil-absorbing powder, mini root spray
- Satin scrunchies, lint roller, mints

B) Product Matrix (Choose Fast, Choose Right)

| Goal | Wigs | Weaves | Extensions |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Daily Natural | Swiss lace, 130–150% density | Closure sew-in, body wave | Tape-ins (fine/med) or microlinks (med/thick) |
| Event Glam | HD lace, 180–200% density waves | High-density install | Clip-ins stacked; halo + clip combo |
| Protective | Glueless full lace / 360 | Sew-in with closure, low tension | Minimal use; halo/clip on occasion |
| Color Play | Human-hair lace fronts, pre-colored | Virgin bundles to custom color | Clip-ins in fashion shades |
| Gym/Active | 360 lace with elastic band | Braidless sew-in | Microlinks; avoid heavy oils at roots |

Pair this with Chapter 2’s lifestyle matrix for fast decisions.

Pro tip: If you sweat often, prioritize **glueless** and **elastic-band** security over adhesives.

C) Budget Planner & TCO (Fill-In)

1) One-Time Costs (purchase & install)

(Fill numbers in your currency; leave blank if DIY.)

- Unit/bundles: _____
- Customization (plucking/bleaching): _____
- Install (sew-in / microlink / tape-in / wig): _____
- Color services: _____
- Tools purchased this cycle (shears, hot tools, clips): _____
- Lace products/adhesives: _____
- **Subtotal (One-Time) =** _____

2) Recurring Costs (maintenance & products)

- Shampoo/Conditioner/Mask (per month): _____
- Heat protectant/serum/hold (per month): _____
- Salon maintenance (tighten/move-up/refit): _____ (frequency: every ____ weeks)

- Remove & reinstall (if applicable): _____ (every ____ weeks)
- **Monthly Care Subtotal** = _____

3) Replacement Cycle

- Expected lifespan this choice (months): _____
- Recolor/refresh frequency (months): _____
- Move-up intervals (extensions): _____ weeks
- **Projected replacements this year:** _____

4) Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) – 12 Months

- One-Time Subtotal: _____
- (Monthly Care Subtotal × 12): _____
- Replacements/Move-ups (annualized): _____
- **TCO (Year)** = _____

Rule of thumb: If $TCO \div \text{wear-days}$ stays \leq **your daily coffee budget**, you chose well.

D) Maintenance Calendar (Print-Ready)

Weekly

- Gentle detangle from ends → roots
- Co-wash or light shampoo; air-dry on stand
- Re-tint part/knots if needed (powder)
- Edge refresh (mousse → set → silk wrap)

Bi-Weekly (or per install)

- Clarify (extensions: avoid bonds)
- Deep mask (mid-lengths to ends)
- Check tension at anchor points
- Trim flyaways; dust ends

Monthly

- Full lace cleanse (adhesive remover)
- Heat-tool audit (temp stays $< 375^{\circ}\text{F}/190^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Replace tape tabs / tighten microlinks
- Inventory restock (serum, protectant, caps)

Seasonal (Quarterly)

- Professional shape/trim
- Color refresh or gloss
- Replace elastic band / wig grip
- Sanitize tools (barbicide/alcohol) & oil shears

E) Fit & Melt Quick-Start Cards (Templates)

Glueless Wig — 6-Step

1. Braid hair flat / cap on
2. Tint parting (powder)
3. Place unit; adjust elastic
4. Mousse hairline; comb back
5. Wrap with melt band 10–15 min
6. Final press (low heat), serum ends

Tape-Ins — Daily Care

- Sleep in silk bonnet; low pony or braids
- Brush roots → ends (*avoid tugging at tabs*)
- Dry roots thoroughly after workouts
- Clarify monthly; condition mid-lengths only

Microlinks — Move-Up Checklist

- Scalp check for tension/redness
- Replace slipped beads
- Dust ends; refresh layers
- Photograph before/after for tracking

F) Troubleshooting Flow (Mini Flowcharts)

Frizz / Puffiness → Humidity? → *Yes*: Anti-humidity spray → Diffuse cool → Satin wrap overnight

No: Clarify → Deep mask → Reduce heat temp next style.

Lace Lifting → Sweat/oil? → *Yes*: Switch to glueless band days → Clean skin + scalp protector → Light mousse set.

No: Excess product on lace → Alcohol wipe → Re-melt with mousse + band.

Shedding → Over-brushing wet? → *Yes*: Detangle only damp with slip → Wide-tooth first.

No: Wefts unsealed → Seal wefts next wash → Avoid root-pulling.

Tangling at Nape → Friction from collars → Silk scarf under coat → Serum mid-lengths → Low bun during workouts.

G) Stylist Hiring Checklist (Keep/Share)

Credentials & Fit

- Portfolio with installs similar to your texture/goal
- Reviews with photos (3+ months post-install outcomes)
- Sanitation practices explained
- Clear pricing menu (install, maintenance, removal)

Technical Skills (ask directly)

- Knot bleaching vs. tinting (pros/cons)
- Low-tension braiding patterns for your density
- Microlink bead types & removal protocol
- Tape-in placement mapping for your lifestyle (helmet/gyms/hats)

Policies

- Hair sourcing guidance (see Section H)
- Redo/repair window & fees
- Cancellation policy in writing
- Aftercare sheet provided

Test Run

- Book a small service first (trim/tone)
- Communication speed & clarity good?
- Salon timing honored? (overbooking red flag)

H) Smart Sourcing Guide (Human Hair)

- **Terms to know:** “Remy” = aligned cuticles; “Virgin” = unprocessed; “Single-donor” often marketing—request proof.
 - **Ask sellers:** origin transparency, cuticle-aligned confirmation, return policy after gentle wash test.
 - **Do at home:** strand burn test (hair smells like keratin, not plastic), shed test (gentle tug), tangle test (nape rub).
 - **Ethics:** prefer suppliers disclosing collection practices and fair-trade standards.
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I) Mini Glossary

- **Density (wig):** fullness relative to standard; 130–150% = everyday; 180–200% = glam.
 - **Closure vs. Frontal:** closure ~4×4/5×5 parting; frontal ~13×4 hairline ear-to-ear.
 - **Chelating:** deeper than clarifying; removes mineral buildup/hard water.
 - **Melt:** process to lay lace edge seamlessly using mousse/elastic band/heat.
 - **Move-up:** repositioning extensions as natural hair grows.
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J) Printables & Trackers

Wash-Day Card

- Pre-detangle (oil/serum)
- Shampoo → Condition → Mask
- Cool rinse, towel blot
- Heat protect → Style
- Notes: _____

Install Log

- Style/Method: _____ Date: _____
- Stylist: _____ Cost: _____
- Products used: _____
- Next maintenance: _____ Notes: _____

Inventory Tracker

- Caps: ____ | Adhesive: ____ | Remover: ____
 - Protectant: ____ | Serum: ____ | Mousse: ____
 - Tabs/Beads: ____ | Elastic/Grip: ____
 - Replace by (dates): _____
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K) Quick “Good, Better, Best” Kits (Optional Shopping Blueprint)

- **Good (Starter):** wig stand, nude cap, wide-tooth comb, serum, heat protectant, elastic band, satin bonnet.
 - **Better (Daily Driver):** + loop brush, paddle brush, mousse, flexible-hold spray, tint powder, remover.
 - **Best (Pro-ish):** + quality shears, hot comb (low), weft sealer, scalp protector, clarifying + chelating duo, travel kit.
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L) Safety & Care Reminders

- Patch-test new products behind ear or inner arm.
 - Keep adhesives/solvents away from eyes; ventilate.
 - Heat with intention; low and slow beats high and crispy.
 - If tension, redness, or headaches persist → **remove/adjust**.
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M) Your 60-Second Decision Script (bookmark this)

1. **Goal today?** Natural / Glam / Protective / Color / Active
2. **Lifestyle constraints?** Sweat / Helmet / Swim / Travel
3. **Budget window?** \$ _____ now + \$ _____ monthly
4. **Skill/Support?** DIY / Stylist
5. **Pick combo** from Matrix B + Kit level (K) → schedule maintenance (D).