
Wigs

Everything you need to know about wigs and hair pieces. Information, guidance and tips on what wig will best suit you and how to care for your new wig.

What kind of wig would suit my face?

Different faces suit different hairstyles - here is a guide

- Oval - As its name implies, the Oval Shaped Face is longer than wide, with a jaw that's narrower than the cheekbones. Because the oval shaped face has no dominant areas and is so proportional, this face looks good with just about any hairstyle, length or texture.

- Round shaped face - a wide hairline and fullness below the cheekbones. These faces look very good with a geometric or linear style. Add height, when possible, and long, wispy side areas to make the cheeks look narrow. Comb hair close to the head on the side and at the nape.

- Square Shape Face - comprises of a wide hairline and jaw. Square shaped faces need height on top and narrowness at the sides. Comb the hair off the forehead to add height to the face. Curly texture and wisps of hair around the face break the wide, straight lines common to the square face.

- The Diamond Shape Face - is characterized by a narrow chin and forehead with wide cheekbones. Diamond shaped faces need narrow sides and fullness at the chin. Bobs work very well for this shape. Avoid wearing height on top or volume on the sides. Use some fringe or bang to cover narrow forehead.

- The HEART Shape Face - has a wide forehead and a narrower chin. Bring some hair onto the forehead to disguise its width. Keep hair close to the head at the eyes but make it slightly full around the jaw, and below and in front of the earlobes.

- PEAR Shape Face - is characterized by a small or narrow forehead and a rather large pouchy-appearing jawline. Comb hair to add width from the eye level through the crown of the head. Set and comb hair close to the head on the

sides and at the nape.

- The OBLONG Shape Face is characterized by a very long and narrow bone structure. The client who has an oblong facial shape often has a long, thin neck. Use a fringe or half-bang across the forehead by creating soft waves or curls in the crown and nape areas. This helps to create the illusion of an oval.

What colour wig will suit me?

Often eye colour helps us select a wig colour. We know that red is opposite to green and blue and as such, sets up a beautiful contrast. Blue eyes are a standout when framed with a red wig. Once we decide to go to red, we look at complexion to select the proper red, with fair complexions favoring the light reds, such as Irish Red, and dark complexions favoring the auburns.

Complexion is also a very important guide in selecting hair colour. A strong contrast such as a pale complexion with jet black hair, is great for making people notice your face, but you'd better have a Snow White clear complexion as well. Strong contrast causes the eye to see complexions very clearly, and if that is a good feature for you, you should consider toning down the contrast a bit. You can go too far when toning down contrast. With no contrast at all, your face gets lost completely, like a painting without a frame. We often see this at our salon very often. It can be an interesting effect, but it's not one you normally would want to live with day in and day out.

Dark Complexions and eye colours can still benefit from some contrast with hair colour. Often a dark brown complexion will be set off with light chocolate hair, or jet black. Then light brown complexions get contrast with dark brown hair. It's a vice-versa sort of thing, with the big idea being to get some contrast. The amount of contrast is up to you, remembering that strong contrast causes the eye to focus and pay attention. After the eye is done paying attention, the brain makes decision as to whether or not it likes what it has seen, based on myriads of reasons which include believability. But even the unbelievable can be beautiful. That's one of the great things about wigs. They allow you to change, without really changing.

What size wig should I order?

Men and women tend to have similar sizes of heads. In fact a lot of women have larger heads than some men. So

gender isn't really a factor in head size. The wigs do adjust and are meant to fit snugly. Many men can wear the women's styles of wigs. Just like clothing and shoes, they are slightly different in shape and size even though they are sized as "average".

The only other "size" besides average, is "petite" and these do have a much smaller size cap. If your head is unusually small, then you can wear a petite although not many wigs come in petite. If you are looking for petite sized wigs, type the word petite in the search box.

How do I put my wig on?

Firstly secure your hair.

Turn your wig partially inside out. You will see two little tabs about where a man's sideburns would be on the wig. Those tabs end up over your temples and are what you use to tug the wig on. Hold the tabs and put the wig across your forehead. Pull in on the best you can and gently pull the back down over the wig cap. Re-center the wig using the tabs... push the wig back a bit... don't have it too far down.

Fit on the wig cap can sometimes be adjusted just by adjusted the tabs at the bottom of the wig cap... are there little bits of elastic and hooks or Velcro there??? Adjust the edges so it feels comfortable. Determine in advance how much stress you're putting on the wig before you wear it for the day.

If you are going to be wearing a wig all day or while doing strenuous things (like larp or all day at a faire). Be sure to pin the wig down securely. The wefts of the wig can be hair pinned in. For all day strenuous wear... recognize that it is going to be like wearing a very warm cap. Don't get overheated

Sometimes the cap might fit, but the wig might be too full and need to be trimmed down. It is a good idea to have the wig cut at a salon so that the hair length fits the face of the person wearing it. If your hair is short, the wig will just fit over it and you can tuck in anything that may stick out. If your hair is long, it is quite likely you can fit all your hair in without a lump. I have seen long curly hair flatten down enough to wear a very short pixie. It just takes some practice. It will need to be put up and flattened-- preferably with a wig cap--so that it doesn't "pouf out" and make lumps in the wig. Do NOT make a bun.

The wig should fit snugly, with the bottom of the wig all the way down to the nape of your neck, and the front of the wig up to your front hairline, somewhat like a swim cap. There may even be ear tabs on the sides that fit in front of your ears and help you to get the wig on straight. If it is too loose or too tight, take the wig off, adjust the tabs at the nape, and try it

on again. The wig will need to be brushed or "finger combed" into place once it is on your head. You may secure the wig to your own hair with hair pins. Or if you do not have hair, you may use toupee tape.

Do the wigs come styled like in the picture? Do I have to style them myself?

All our wigs are designed to be easy to wear and require the minimum of effort to style.

How long will my wig last?

Human and synthetic can last about the same amount of time. A wig can last from a few months to several years. Like clothing, it depends on how well you treat them and how often you wear them. On the average, a wig lasts about 6 months if worn everyday.

What makes a wig more convincing?

If you find a basic style that you like but think it is too full or too long, it is best to keep the wig instead of returning it, and having it trimmed to fit your individual face.

Remember just because you have bought an expensive wig, that does not mean the style it is going to look good on you.

Will wearing a wig ruin my natural hair?

Hair grows on the average about a half an inch a month. Pressure does not keep hair from growing. The only thing that will stop hair from growing is lack of circulation or clogged pores. Stay away from "wax" conditioners (like cream rinses).

Also, your scalp does need to be stimulated. I highly suggest massaging your scalp vigorously about 15 minutes daily. This can be accomplished by brushing your scalp maybe before you go to bed or while watching TV or reading. It will keep the

hair follicles clear and the blood flow going to the roots. I also suggest using our human hair leave-in detangler. It contains a conditioner that helps the skin and hair follicle.

How do I care for my wig?

Storage - when you remove your wig, keep it on a wig stand (or "head form") to maintain the shape. Smooth out straight hair or fluff curls with a wire brush or pick. Cover with a hair net that holds the style without matting. Avoid leaving your wig near heat (radiators, vents), humidity (showers), or dusty areas.

Wearing - once you have become accustomed to your wig, it's easy to go about your daily activities. Just remember to avoid blasts of heat - such as quickly opening an oven door - on synthetic wigs. When cooking, please be sure not to open the oven while wearing your wig. Also, try not to expose the wig to any other heat source, such as a blow dryer, curling iron, clothes dryer, etc.

You can use regular mousse daily on synthetic and human hair wigs for extra body and a more natural look and feel.

Can I wash my wig?

If you are washing a synthetic wig use shampoo and conditioner made specifically for synthetic wigs (do not use a mild shampoo as it will cause the hair to oxidize).

Remember to:

- Put the wig on a styrofoam head or wig saver after washing (do not use cans, lamps, etc.)
- Use hairsprays made specifically for synthetic wigs.
- Do not use any form of human hair mousse, gels or spritzers.
- Any type of heat will cause wig fibres to frizz (lamps, ovens/stoves, heat from body).
- Do not attempt to cut the wig or hairpiece as it must be professionally done.
- Do not use any form of curling irons, hot rollers or blow dryers.
- We recommend using a Silicon spray to protect the synthetic hair from frizzing, drying out and fading.

Shampooing frequency depends on wearing frequency. Generally, a wig should be washed after every 6-8 wearings in warm climates or after every 12-15 wearings in cooler ones. However, if you're especially active, use heavy hairspray, or live in an especially humid or poor air quality climate, you should wash about once a week to remove excess perspiration and dirt.