

A Guide To

WIG CARE & APPLICATION

CARING FOR YOUR WIG

If your wig is has a lace front, you should avoid putting too much strain on the lace as it can damage it – creating holes and tears which can lead to the wig falling apart. Before doing anything with the wig, you will need to pin it to a wig block.



 Pin the lace flat to the "head" part of the wig block using galloon (the technical term for wig ribbon) and small pins (large ones will make holes in the lace). If there's only a small amount of lace you can pin directly through without galloon.

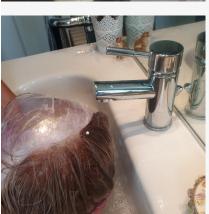
Using bigger pins, pin the nape of the wig on the "neck" (underneath the hair).

WASHING

- Cover the entire block in cling film to protect it.
- Pin the wig to the block
- Make sure you have combed the wig through, removing any tangles and if it's very long, plait the hair into several loose plaits.
- Fill up a sink or bath and carefully shampoo & condition the wig,
 then using a sweeping motion rinse in the water.
- If synthetic allow to air dry. If human hair, you can use heat to dry the wig.
- If you have a synthetic wig and its starting to look a little unnaturally shiny then try soaking in fabric conditioner for an hour or so.
- To clean the lace on your wig you can use a soft brush (even a toothbrush will work!) and acetone (nail varnish remover) to remove any product build up such as glue and makeup.

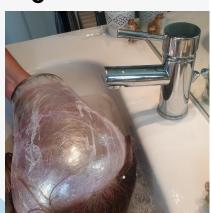
NEVER apply latex to wig lace as it is very difficult to remove without completely damaging the front of the wig.













PUTTING YOUR WIG ON

Think of your wig as a ship (stick with me here) that needs anchoring.

You have many options with this - you can either;

- Pin curl your own hair to your head as flat as you can. Then, place a Wig Cap over the top and then using small wiggly pins, "Pin" the wig into the curls through the wig and wig cap.
- You can also buy many "bands" that go around the head that allow you to pin the wig into.
- An old theatre trick is to use self adhesive bandage to use as a base for pinning. Tightly (but comfortably) wrap it the whole way around your head like a headband, ensuring it goes down to the nape of the neck.

Using your wiggly pins, secure at the temples and nape ensuring to go through the wig and under the bandage/headband/wig cap.

To place the wig so it looks natural, using the area where your ears would be on the wig, pull over your forehead slightly lower than where it needs to be and thinking of where your hairline is, use this a guide when pulling the wig backwards from the back of the wig into place. If you have a lace front wig, it's very important not to pull the lace itself, ensure you are only moving it using the foundations (cap area).

GLUING YOUR WIG

We recommend using spirit gum (Kryolan is excellent) to glue the wig to your face. However, if you have skin prone to allergic reactions we can help find a more suitable glue for you!

Use small dabs no bigger than a 5p piece near your temples, allow the glue to get tacky before sticking the lace down. Only glue once you are happy with the placement of your wig.

When removing your wig, if it is still glued down and not lifted you will need to use a glue remover to dissolve the glue. Kryolan MME Spirit Gum Remover is best (in my opinion). Never pull the lace away from your face as it will damage the wig as well as your skin!

STYLING

You will need to "block" the wig to a wig block to ensure you don't damage the lace and you get a better idea of exactly what it is going to look like! Attempting to style an unblocked wig is an uphill battle you will lose.

Make sure you don't use too much heat on a human hair wig or it will damage the hair. Try not to over use heat tools on the hair.

Most synthetic wigs are not heat safe and therefore you should not use any heat tools whatsoever or the fibres will melt. You should be cautious when using heat on 'Heat Safe' synthetic wigs.

You can use rollers on the wig by rolling up the hair onto the roller and pinning the roller to the block by pushing the pin through the hair and into wig block.