

WHAT ARE HAIR EXTENSIONS, AND ARE THEY FOR YOU?

Hair extensions are lengths of either real or synthetic hair that can be affixed close to the scalp through a number of systems adding length and/or thickness to the person's own natural hair. When well matched in color, texture and professionally applied by a competent Stylist Hair extensions mix in and move naturally with your own hair, making it difficult to tell you are wearing them. They can provide volume, add length to hair, and add highlights or lowlights without the harshness of coloring your own hair. Some extensions can be worn continuously for up to 3 months before requiring maintenance.

Hair extensions come in many colors, textures, styles and lengths to match any hair type. Natural or human hair extensions are more expensive because they can be colored, set, curled, treated and reused. Synthetic hair will melt if exposed to the high temperatures of a curling iron or a hot blow dryer. Synthetic extenders are available widely at department stores. Human hair extensions are generally purchased through salons that provide extension services.

The decision to get hair extensions is a financial commitment of approximately \$150.00 up to \$2,000 initially, depending on how many extensions, what type and the method you decide to get etc. it is recommended that professional products are used to keep the extensions and your own hair healthy with regular trips to the salon for maintenance. Since there are many methods of applying hair extensions (and many types of hair extensions) it's to your advantage to find a professional who has experience in several different methods, and not just one. The Stylist should know how to carefully test your hair for strength so that it is not taxed by the method used. Cutting, placement and many other factors come into play to get a natural, great looking head of hair.

Here is a quick look at the different methods of applying hair extensions and some tips:

Braids, Cornrows, Twists, Locks - Integrates extensions in a visible way that the braided attachment is seen but blends into the hairstyle. It depends on your life style how long theses will last.

Weaves - Tiny braids like cornrows hold the hair extensions against the scalp with the use of thread, except these are hidden. With care it can last up to six weeks.

Bonding - The extensions used for this method are glued to your own scalp for short term use. Because this method is fast it's also inexpensive. However, to remove extensions, oil must be used to dissolve the bonding agent. If not removed with care the latex can pull your own hair out, so it is recommended to be done by a professional stylist. With care it can last up to two weeks.

Micro links - Uses a metal tube clamped over the real hair to attach extension hair. Experts don't recommend this method for fine hair. These can last up to 5 months with care.

Fusion -There are two types of fusion. The first method is done with the aid of a heating device; the glue is heated to a temperature that is warm enough for your hair to withstand it without damage and then added to the extension. The extensions are added in very small sections of the hair with the aid of this melted glue. The other method is done with the use of a keratin glued tip already attached on the extensions. With the aid also of a heating device the glue is melted and firmly attached to the hair while using yours fingers to roll and hold the glue in place on to your hair. Fusion is easy to maintain and does not damage your natural hair. This method can withstand both heat and chemical treatments. With care it can last up to five months.

Tape-in Hair Extension- Tape-in extensions are comfortable because the panels are micro thin, flat and soft against the head, not hard round and bulky. Tape in extensions are the most natural because the micro thin wefted panels housing the 100% human hair closely assimilates the scalp hair pattern and growth; unlike small clusters of hair attached in clumps. Tape-in hair extensions are safe because they distribute the extension weight over a greater area displacing the weight evenly.

Note that as your own hair grows out the extensions need to be redone. For best results, the Stylist should be a licensed Cosmetologist.

To find out which method best suits your life style call and schedule your FREE consultation now or for more information call ECLIPZE HAIR DESIGE AND DAY SPA at 945-1188 / 9167274.