

How to Choose the Best Hair Extensions

Hair extensions have been giving us the added hair volume, length, and versatility we needed to enhance our beauty for decades. We dare say they are a super important addition to the beauty industry. I'll say it! Not only do they enhance our outward appearance, but they've also added to our confidence. It's also safe to say of all the possible feel-good things, nothing quite compares to MORE HAIR.

Clip-ins and wefts have been the most popular hair extension methods over the years, but thanks to advancements in the hair world, newer methods have been introduced.

That doesn't take away from the efficiency and beauty of wefts and clip-ins. It simply means you now have an array of options to choose from! There are several factors to consider when selecting hair such as lifestyle, hair routine, and your hair history. Let me tell you, there's nothing worse than getting hair that is not comparable to your lifestyle or simply not the dream hair you envisioned.

In this blog, we will learn all about the best and most popular hair extension methods. It is my hope, you will walk away with a clearer understanding of each type and with the knowledge to decide which type(s) will work best for you.

Grab your pen and pad girl because we are getting INTO it!

The Best Permanent Hair Extension Methods

K-Tips

Keratin extensions are the most durable hair extension method with a lifespan of 3-4 months. K-tips are a strand-by-strand method bonded to the hair with a heat tool. Although they are not reusable, you will enjoy how lightweight and undetectable K-tips are once you have them.

They are perfect if you're looking for something with low salon maintenance and long-term wear. If you have an active lifestyle, k-tips would do you justice for both styling and durability. K-tips require no in salon maintenance and take on average 2-3 hours to apply. They are great if you're wanting to fill in sparse areas or have flowing locks down your back.

This is the most customizable hair extension you can get, so you don't have to worry about style restrictions, you can rock your ponytails, your side parts, your half-up ponytails, bangs, and all your hot girl Instagram-worthy natural looks. The style versatility of K-tips makes them one of our top choices of hair extension methods for you.



I-Tips

I-tips are also a great extension option for women looking for more styling versatility. I-tips are strand-by-strand hair extensions applied to the hair with a copper bead without heat or adhesive. The great part about this method is that you can reuse the extensions and it works for all hair types!

Similar to what you read above about k-tips; I-tips also give you the endless styling options. The in-salon maintenance appointments require every 6-8 weeks to have them tightened which works perfectly if you're already in to touch up those stubborn grays or refreshen your blonde.

It takes about 2-3 hours to apply and with great care the hair can last 6-8 months.

It's a great durable option if you're wanting a long-term option which is great for growing out your hair or just want to keep a consistent slay.

Tape-ins

Tape-ins are a hair extension method that lays extremely flat and creates a very seamless look. They are very efficient and require no heat and adhere with a medical-grade adhesive.

Tape-ins take about one hour to apply and can last for as long as 6-8 weeks with good maintenance. This method is reusable which is also great for long-term wear. With proper maintenance the hair could last 6-8 months. Similar to I-tips, tape-ins work well for most hair types to give you a full and beautiful look. Although they're not as versatile as other extensions, tape-ins can blend short layers seamlessly. They're easy to remove, with no damage to your natural hair.



Wefts

Wefts are not strangers in the world of beauty. They've been saving hair since before we can remember. Wefts are extensions that are machine-tied or hand-tied. The differences in the two is how the weft is sewn and the weight. If you have finer hair, the hand-tied are the lightest of the two while the machine tied will be heavier and create a more voluminous look. There are various ways wefts are applied and by the end of this blog another technique would have been created. The most common ways they are applied are using

micro-beads and the other is sewn onto a row of beads in 1-2 hours.

Wefts have the most reusable capabilities since it isn't bonded to the hair. If you are using great products and brushing properly, your wefts can last you 8-12 months.

Wefts offer great coverage for your hair and work for all hair types. Although the styling is not as versatile, it's an excellent option when you're looking trendy hairstyles or getting a thick healthy hair look.

The Best Temporary Hair Extension Methods

Clip-ins

Clips-ins are a temporary hair extension method that can be removed and reapplied. They are great because of the ease of use and require zero in-salon maintenance.

Clip-ins are great for special occasions and when you're looking to add color, volume, or length to your hair. With this temporary option you can change your look as often as you'd like. Great quality clip-ins could last up to 12 months and more.

Halos

Halos are the game-changer in the temporary hair extension game. The halo is a weft of hair secured with an invisible wire. Although you remove this extension daily, it is by far the easiest and user-friendly temporary extension on the market. The halo gives you volume/length in a matter of seconds. They do not cause any damage to your hair, so you can wear them every single day if you like.

Halos are very durable and natural looking and tend to be favored over clip-ins because of its ease. With proper maintenance, you can rock your halos for at least 12 months.

Fall Toppers

Fall toppers add fullness to the crown of the head. The fall is comfortably secured by silicone-coated clips which attach to your natural hair. People with thin or short crowns use fall toppers to cover the area and create a natural-looking full, longer look.

Toppers can be styled in different ways and are offered in various textures.

Hair Time

Believe it or not, you're ready! You have learned of the best hair extension methods out there and can confidently consult with your stylist. Your hair is the accessory you never take off and deserves to be your something that makes you feel good while walking through life. Gone are the days of just dealing with your fine, short, or just hair you don't love. Hair extensions can be used in so many ways to give you that little umph to your look. Rather it be simply for special occasions or an everyday slay, I say buy the hair!

NOW you're ready to conquer the hair extension world, go have fun getting the hair of your dreams!

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