

Hair Tutorial

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Tutorial #5 Mohair tips

A great place to buy mohair and how to work with it.

I agree that pearl moon doll hair is the best! Actually you can order it on-line. They have an option of an on-line order form. I use it all the time! =)

They are wonderful and ship the hair out to you really fast.

A couple of hints about using it...

I order the hair in bundles at \$16.00 per hair color. If you select the curly option then beware! It is VERY curly!! I usually order the wavy hair and curl it myself. It makes loose curls beautifully. Not much work is required either.

I take one of the bundles, split it in half, brush it to get any loose fibers out, then dip it into a cup of water. After it is completely soaked I lift it out of the cup, squeeze excess water out of it, and spread a liberal layer of gel over it. I use aloe vera gel on it because the normal hair gel will leave small white flakes on the hair after it dries. Then I brush the wet hair again. This separates the hair into strands. Then I scrunch the wet hair bunch and lay it on a towel to dry. To make it more curly, take the scrunched hair and place it on the towel straight down. Letting the bunch fold in on itself. It looks like a mound of hair. I did this and achieved the curly hair look of my fairy that was sold on ebay.

To make the hair wavy, not as curly, lay the wet hair loose scrunched out on the towel in a straight line. To make the wavy hair even straighter, don't scrunch the hair at all. Lay the wet hair on the towel in a straight line keeping it taught as you place it on the towel and pressing hard with your fingers. To make the hair EVEN straighter (grin), brush the hair out when you first get it, then iron it. =) It will get very straight!

Further Instructions ~

Lay a towel on a hard surface. Thoroughly saturate the mohair with water and brush it to get the snarls out after you dip it in the water. I would suggest twisting the top of the mohair bunch and holding it very tightly as you brush it. This will eliminate the chance of half of the mohair being brushed out. =) Also, I use a brush that has less spikes than a full brush.

Douse the hair with gel then lay it on the towel pulling it taught as you do so. Press your fingers against the hair rubbing it as straight as you can. The wet hair is pretty pliable and almost "grabs" onto the towel, keeping it into place. After it dries, it is straight with a slight ripple, wavy look. I think the towel drying method would work. If it is still too wavy, then yes, you can iron it to get a more straight/ripple look too.

To iron the hair you can control the level of straightness by the pressure that you place on the hair with the iron. If you press the iron hard on the hair, pulling the hair taught as you do so, keeping the hair taught as it cools, then you can get a VERY straight look. The very straight hair is harder to manage when you place it on smaller dolls because it tends to stick out. It doesn't form to the dolls face as well. I have still used it though and have gotten a really nice effect. Here is a picture of one of my fairies that I used the straight hair on. Notice the very slight wave ~ I didn't press as hard on the hair. Also, the thicker the bunch of hair you are trying to iron, the less straight it will be, as it is harder for heat to penetrate a thicker bunch versus a smaller one.



Also, this picture shows the different methods I've used on the hair ~



The hair on the right I scrunched and let it dry more loosely. The middle hair I bought white, then dyed it with koolaid. It came out too bright so I haven't used it. Anyway... I ironed this hair to make it straight. The hair on the left is the wavy hair that I ordered from pearl moon and this is what it looks like fresh from the package. This is one bunch of the 3-4 that come in a package. Sometimes I don't do anything to the hair and just use it like this. =)

Anyway....I hope I helped and feel free to pass this email on to anyone else it may help. =)

Take care!

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