

### **Maintenance instructions**

# Washing the hair

- Keep the hair clean. When dirt and sweat accumulate, hair tangles.
- Prior to washing your wig, make sure you comb it out thoroughly when the hair is still dry.
- Wash the hair under running water. To maintain the rich color use cold water. The colder water is, the better! <u>Never use hot water.</u>
- Avoid washing with shampoos containing SULFATES, as sulfates can be very harsh on hair and cause dryness.
- Pour a small amount of shampoo into your hands. Rub your hands together to distribute the shampoo along your palms. Apply the shampoo to the wig hair by stroking your hands along the length of the hair and dunk it up and down. Do not rub or apply any friction. Gently rinse the shampoo out using the same technique.
- Repeat the step with conditioner. You can gently finger comb down the length of the hair to distribute conditioner and detangle. <u>Do not use any conditioner, hair mask, oils etc.</u> <u>on the wig base, apply it only from the mid-length to tips.</u> Let the conditioner sit on the hair for a few minutes.
- After rinsing conditioner from the wig, carefully squeeze out excess water with a hand towel. Do not briskly towel dry. Wrap the towel around the length of the hair and press to remove excess water. Do not twist or wring the hair. After removing as much water as you can, place it on the wig stand to air dry.

#### Sleeping

• It is better not to sleep with the wig, but if you decide to, make a couple of big braids or buns when going to sleep with a wig, or make a silk wrap. Make sure the hair is completely dry before going to bed. <u>Never sleep with wet hair</u>.

# Styling

- Brush the hair gently with wide-toothed comb. <u>Always brush the hair from the bottom</u> <u>working your way up</u>. This will help to prevent breakage while detangling.
- You can do with your wig whatever you would do with your own hair. You can cut it, style it, dye it, perm it, etc. However, it is important to note that any extra chemical treatment damages the hair and lowers its quality and lifetime.
- Any hair products can be used on wigs, such as hair spray, mousse, gel, etc. since the wigs are washable and reusable. However, it is advisable to avoid hair products that contain alcohol. Alcohol makes the hair dry.
- Please keep in mind that the hair for your wig has been cut, and so it will not be moisturized by a human body anymore. <u>Therefore, it is advisable to apply some leave-in</u>

conditioner on the hair ends to prevent the hair from dryness. Never apply it on the wig base, especially not on a silk top.

- More is not always better. Avoid overusing leave-in hair care products. Too much of it will create a buildup and will cause the hair to tangle faster. Therefore, keep the hair clean by washing it regularly. If the hair feels dry or heavy with buildup, wash it.
- It is best to air dry the hair but you can also blow-dry with low to medium heat. Be sure to use heat protection before using heat tools (e.g. curling iron/flat iron). <u>Too much heat</u> may damage/dry out the hair, just like it would do with your own hair.
- If you want a wavy look with absolutely no damage, try styling damp hair into a French twist on both sides and let it sit overnight. When unraveled, the hair will have a nice soft wavy look.
- When brushing hair at the roots, avoid using fine-tooth type of combs that don't have tiny balls at the bristles. Spikey comb teeth can catch on the wig's knots and loosen them, causing shedding.

### Shedding

- ALL lace wigs shed. Shedding from here and there is normal, but if you notice a
  particular shedding pattern, such as patches of baldness, this is the sign that hair is not
  rinsed enough when washing the wig.
- To avoid shedding in the silk top area, <u>it is crucial to rinse the silk area very well when</u> washing the hair that no product residual is left between the layers. If you do not rinse the silk top enough, the buildup of products between the layers might cause the hair knots to loosen, and therefore shed.
- Do not roughly brush your wig when it's completely wet. To avoid hair breakage, use a wide-tooth comb, rather than a brush, to remove tangles after washing your hair. Always work tangles out starting from the hair ends.
- Avoid scratching your scalp through your wig, as this will cause shedding. Instead, remove your wig and treat your scalp with an anti-itch shampoo and conditioner, and then moisturize your scalp with oil to prevent itching.
- Please be aware that <u>adhesives (glue or tape) and solvents, that contain alcohol to</u> <u>remove adhesives, significantly shorten the lifespan of a wig</u>, especially if a wig is blond or has bleached knots.

### Swimming, spa, exercise

- <u>Always wash the hair immediately after swimming, spa, exercise, etc.</u>, with shampoo and conditioner. When dirt and sweat accumulate, hair tangles.
- When swimming, always wear a cap to prevent long exposure to chlorine or salt water which causes the hair to tangle. When going to the spa, the hair should be brushed out completely and should be wrapped in a cold wet towel.

### Storage

• While wig is not in use, it may be stored in a hair net, wig stand or mannequin head. When traveling, a styled wig may be carried in a box to prevent from flattening.