

Tried & Tested HAIR EXTENSIONS

We sent *OK!*'s Fashion & Beauty Director, Sally Nolan, and Beauty Editor, Sharon Goldstein, to trial two different kinds of permanent extensions...

GREAT LENGTHS BEAD EXTENSIONS



Sally's experience:

After an initial five-minute consultation to select the correct colour, I headed back to the salon to let the transformation begin. Individual strands of remy hair were attached using cold fusion to small sections of my own hair during the hour and a half process. Cold fusion is the technology where the bond is attached using vibrations, rather than heat, for a result that is smoother and more natural.

Sally's verdict: I've never had more compliments on my hair, leaving me to wonder what it looked like before! My primary goal was to gain volume, as having naturally thin hair meant I couldn't do wavy bedhead styles. Now I can, and while it does take longer to blowdry, I wouldn't change it – in fact, I'm addicted!

Great Lengths extensions range from \$300 to \$1000, depending on the amount required. Log onto greatlengths.com.au to find out more.

AMAZING HAIR TAPE EXTENSIONS



Sharon's experience:

My stylist colour-matched my extensions, then placed them by sandwiching sections of my natural hair at the roots between two pieces of extensions with tape on them. It took an hour and a half and, when I finally looked in the mirror, I had long, voluminous hair!

Sharon's verdict: Incredible – I was an instant Kardashian! My friends were astonished at how thick and natural it looked (some didn't even realise!), I had endless 'appreciative glances' out in public and I even had a stranger yell out that I looked amazing – none of which ever happened with my old bob-length hair! The only major downside was that they required a lot of styling and maintenance to keep them looking polished, which was hard for a low-maintenance person like me. I kept the extensions for six weeks, which is about the time when you would need to go back to the salon to have them re-fitted.

Amazing Hair extensions start from \$500. To find a salon in your area that offers them, phone (03) 8360 7324.



Hair Extensions Volume & Length 45cm in Golden Blonde (1pk)
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LADY JAYNE



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Temporary hair extensions

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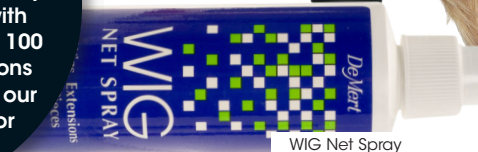
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Tip!
The girls in the *OK!* office are loving Showpony clip-in extensions. Made from a mix of Indian and European remy hair (high-quality hair with the cuticles intact), these 100 per cent natural extensions blend in seamlessly with our natural locks. Perfect for instant va-va-voom!

CLIP-IN EXTENSION CARE

Caterina DiBiase from Heading Out Hair & Beauty Day Spa (headingout.com.au) gives us her top maintenance and styling tips:

- * When placing clip-in extensions into the hair, start from the back of the head and work upwards.
- * Before clipping in the extension, tease the natural hair and spritz with hairspray for traction.
- * Synthetic extensions should not be heat styled or they'll melt!

* If the extensions are made from real hair, always use a heat-protection product on them before heat styling.

- * Hair extensions do not need to be washed as regularly as your own hair. When washing, be careful and wash gently, then lay flat to dry.



Hair Extensions Travel Case
\$19.95
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