

# FIBRE HAIR WASHING GUIDE



Washing your wig is so important, and with the right products designed for wigs. You want your wig to be in the best condition for as long as possible so no fairy liquid, baby shampoo, or even fabric conditioner please. Using these products will not give your wig the TLC it most definitely deserves. Washing your wig in the right way will replenish your style and help to maintain its original loveliness.

## WHICH PRODUCT SHOULD I BUY

All of the wig shampoos, wig conditioners and wig balsams that we sell have been tested by our clients (the wig wearers) and have been given the thumbs up on giving their wigs and hairpieces the best lustre restoration.....what do you do now?

Before you wash your wig or topper, make sure you carefully detangle the hair using a wide tooth comb. Start from ends and work toward the root to decrease shedding, Use lukewarm water and rinse from roots to ends, with a shower or tap running the water in the same direction as the hair.

Then follow these simple steps on how to wash it:

## SHAMPOOING

1.Fill a basin or sink with lukewarm water, add about a 50p size of Synthetic wig shampoo to the water and gently swirl the product until you have the desired shampoo/water mix.

2. Then fully submerge your wig, gently dip and swirl the wig to clean. Do not wring, twist, or scrub your wig and leave it to soak for about 5 mins.

\*An alternative method, particularly if your wig has a hand-tied cap construction and its best not to submerge, but to loosen shampoo in your hands and work through the hair, making sure that the hair is travelling in the same direction. DO NOT rub hair as this may cause tangling.

3.After 5 mins, remove from the water and rinse either the under the tap, or shower head using cool water, making sure the water follows the direction of the hair, until water runs clear, but do not rub or agitate the hair. Make sure you have removed all of the shampoo thoroughly as a build-up of left over shampoo can create a bit of a matted, greasy look.

***now to the Conditioning...***

## CONDITIONING:

You can decide if you want to use wig balsam or wig conditioner, or both. A rule of thumb is that you don't rinse the balsam out of the wig. At Parrucche we generally use a conditioner that can rinse out, and a Conditioning Spray in addition, and if needed, that can be left in. We can provide more information on the correct products for your individual wig.

1. Re-Fill your bowl or sink with warm water (but not too warm). Always read the instructions on your Wig Conditioner or Balsam bottle, but again normally a cap full or two, about a 50p size, of the conditioner/balsam to be swirled into the water until you have the desired conditioner/water mix.

2. Submerge your wig or hairpiece into the now, lovely smelling water and gently swish and swirl it about. Do not wring, twist, or scrub your wig and leave it to soak for about 5mins.

\*If your wig has a hand-tied cap construction, its best not to submerge, but to gently lather the hair with a small amount of Synthetic Conditioner paying particular attention to the ends of the hair & taking care not to go to near the handtied knots on the base of the cap, also making sure that the hair is travelling in the same direction. Do NOT rub hair as this may cause tangling.

3. After 5 mins, remove from the water..

- if using Conditioner rinse either the under the tap, or shower head, making sure the water follows the direction of the hair.
- if using Balsam then no need to rinse out

4. Gently pat out any excess water with a towel, but NO rubbing, give it a shake and pop on a wig stand in a warm room with good ventilation and let it dry naturally; at night is probably best and leave until the morning.

Gently does it is the key here and no brushing or combing while its wet - yes it may look a bit unruly - but only comb once its dry.

Please **NO heat on a fibre wig** unless it is a Heat Defiant synthetic wig, if so follow thes guidelines carefully for the maximum heat temperature your Heat Defiant wig can take.

\*yes your wig will bounce back to its original style so don't worry about that first wash!

As an approximate guideline, we suggest normally washing if worn daily, every 4- 6 wears, perhaps more often if you use a lot of spray or product on it, and shorter wigs may not need washed as often as longer wigs. Every wash shortens the life of your wig, so our advice is try not to use excessive styling products on it, and don't wash your wig until it looks like it needs to be washed.

We usually say use your own judgement because no one knows your wig better than you, But we are happy to provide some more guidance if needed.