

A close-up photograph of a person's head, focusing on the hair system attachment. The hair is brown and styled in a short, textured cut. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the hair.

Step-by-step guide on how to attach a hair system



Attaching a hair system can seem daunting at first, but with the right instructions and a little practice, you can achieve a secure and natural-looking result. Here's a basic guide to help you through the process.

Before you start:

- Ensure your scalp is clean, dry, and free from oils.
- Have your tools ready: scalp protector, adhesive or tape, scissors, mirror, and a clean workspace.

Step 1: Prepare your scalp

- Shave any hair from the area where the hair system will be attached to ensure a smooth surface.
- Clean your scalp with an alcohol-based skin cleanser to remove any oil or residue.
- Optional - apply a scalp protector to create a barrier between your skin and the adhesive.

Step 2: Prepare the hair System for attachment

Depending on the type of hair system base you have, the preparation process will vary slightly. Here are detailed instructions for both skin (polyurethane) and lace bases:



For Skin (polyurethane) bases:

Clean the base:

- Gently clean the bottom of the skin base with a designated adhesive remover to get rid of any residual adhesive or debris.
- Follow with an alcohol swab to ensure the base is completely clean and ready for the new adhesive.

Applying the adhesive:

If using liquid adhesive:

- Apply a thin, even layer of adhesive to the base. Be careful not to overapply as this can lead to seepage which might become visible once the system is attached.
- Wait for the adhesive to become tacky according to the product's instructions before proceeding to attach the hair system.

If using tape:

Select the correct type of tape for skin bases. Transparent tapes are often recommended for their invisibility.

- Cut the tape to the shape of the base if not using pre-cut contours.
- Apply the tape smoothly to avoid creating bumps or ridges.



For Lace Bases:

Preparing the lace:

- Start by gently brushing away any hair that might be caught in the lace.
- Use a designated lace cleaner or alcohol swab to clean any adhesive residues. Be gentle to avoid tearing the lace.

Applying the tape or adhesive:

If using tape:

- Choose a tape that's specifically designed for lace systems.
- Lay the tape onto the lace base around the perimeter, or position strategically to suit your requirements. Press firmly in place.

If using liquid adhesive:

- Apply a thin layer of adhesive to your scalp where the lace will sit, **rather than applying it directly to the lace itself.**

Step 3: Attach the hair system

Carefully position the hair system on your head. Start from the front, aligning it with your natural hairline, and then gently lay it down over the scalp. Avoid stretching the hair system to prevent unnatural tension or misalignment.



- Press down gently on the edges of the hair system to secure it in place.
- If using liquid adhesive, wait for the recommended time for the adhesive to become tacky before placing the system onto your scalp.
- Once in place, press firmly around the entire perimeter to ensure a strong bond.

Lace front bonding:

This method of attaching a lace front hair system is often used for ensuring a precise and natural-looking hairline. It involves initially placing the hair system on the head without securing the front, then carefully bonding the lace front afterwards. Here's how to do it:

1. Initial fitting:

- Place the hair system on your head using your chosen attachment method (tape or adhesive), but leave the front lace hairline unbonded.
- Some clients will anchor the system in place with a piece of tape in the centre and then bond the system after fitting the hairline. Using this method facilitates easier attachment, as you can adjust the hair system position easily with one piece of tape, to ensure perfect alignment prior to actual bonding.



2. Tracing the hairline:

- Once you are satisfied with the placement, using a make-up pencil, trace the outline where the lace front meets your forehead. This will be your guideline for applying the adhesive, ensuring it matches your hairline's contour perfectly.

3. Preparing for adhesive application:

- Carefully roll the lace front back and secure in place with a hair clip.
- Clean the skin around the hairline with a suitable cleanser to remove any oils or residue that could prevent the adhesive from bonding properly. We recommend isopropyl alcohol.

4. Applying the adhesive:

- Apply a thin, even layer of liquid adhesive directly onto the skin, following the traced contour line.
- Allow the adhesive to become tacky. You can also apply multiple layers of adhesive for a more secure hold - follow the manufacturer's recommended waiting time.

5. Securing the lace front:

- Once the adhesive is tacky, gently unfold the lace front onto the adhesive. Be meticulous to ensure that the lace aligns accurately with the traced contour.



- Press down along the lace front, starting from the centre and moving out towards the edges. This gradual method helps to avoid air pockets and ensures a seamless, secure attachment.
- Once the lace is securely in place, remove the make-up pencil marks with cotton wool soaked in isopropyl alcohol.

By bonding the lace front last, you can achieve a flawless, undetectable hairline that blends seamlessly with your skin. This method requires a steady hand and a bit of practice, but it yields a professional-level attachment that is worth the effort.

General tips for both skin and lace bases:

Test for reactions:

Before using a new adhesive or tape, do a patch test to ensure you do not have an allergic reaction to the materials.

Application technique:

For precision, use an applicator or a small brush when applying liquid adhesives. Also, ensure your hands are clean and dry when handling tapes to avoid compromising their adhesive quality.

Adhesive drying time:

Be patient and allow the adhesive to become properly tacky; this can vary depending on the brand and type of adhesive.



Step 4: **Styling & washing**

- Wait for the adhesive to fully set according to the product's instructions before styling.
- Style the hair as desired, being careful not to pull too hard on the newly attached hair system.
- Allow 24 hours before showering to allow the adhesive to fully set.

Additional Tips:

- Always follow the specific instructions provided by the adhesive manufacturer, as some products may have unique requirements.
- When applying liquid adhesives, use a brush or applicator for a more precise application.
- For your first few times, it may be helpful to have a professional guide you through the process or do it for you.

By following these steps, you can achieve a secure and natural-looking hair system attachment. Remember, practice makes perfect, so don't be discouraged if it takes a few tries to get it right.

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