

Tape-in Hair Extensions



WE RECOMMEND:

3–5 packs of Extensions

Tail Comb

Vapon Dbl-sided Tape

Small Pliers

The above items are available at Abantu instore and online.

YOU MAY ALSO NEED:

Liquid Gold Clarifying Shampoo

C-22 Solvent

All additional products mentioned in this guide are perfectly suited to Tape-in extensions, and available at Abantu instore and online. Please confirm suitability before using any substitute products.



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PREPARATION

Wash hair with **Liquid Gold Clarifying Shampoo** to remove all oils, then dry as usual.



DO NOT use any conditioner

APPLICATION

- Depending on natural hair thickness, 3–5 bags (15–25 sandwiches) are needed to do a full head of tape-in extensions. Tape-in extensions lay very flat and can be worn higher on the head than most systems.



To hide taped areas, leave a min. 1” between the hairline and front edge of the extensions. Leave a min. two-finger space between the top of the ear and the extensions. This allows you to wear glasses and make a ponytail

- Part hair with a tail comb. Take a strip of hair almost as wide as the tape extension strip but slightly thinner so that there is an adequate amount of tape on either side to create a secure seal.



To ensure a lasting hold your natural hair strip should be thin enough to see through but thick enough to carry the weight of extensions. Extensions should not pull on the scalp. Tape must be a min. 1/4” away from the scalp to allow extensions to pivot freely up and down. Extensions placed too close may cause discomfort and damage natural hair

- After parting, use a tail comb to separate hair strands by weaving in and out — essential because tape attaches better to tape than to hair. Then comb away stray hairs.



Remove backing tape from hair extensions to expose adhesive. DO NOT touch the tape surface





For the longest hold possible, add a second layer of Vapon double-sided tape over the existing tape

APPLICATION

- Pull hair straight down and lay extensions directly on top with adhesive side down. Gently tap hair against the tape with the back of the tail comb. Before sandwiching with second extensions, ensure all hairs that are not stuck are pulled away. Stray hairs will cause discomfort.
- Remove tape backing from the second extension. Natural hair will be sandwiched between first and second extension strips. With adhesive side facing up, align second strip directly under the first, pressing firmly together with fingers.

 *Ensure extensions are sealed tightly at either edge to prevent corners from lifting*

 *Use pliers to squeeze strips firmly together, removing air pockets and creating a better seal. Many professionals clamp a straightening iron on the bond to warm the adhesive for extra hold. CAUTION: DO NOT apply heat to the bond for more than a few seconds*

 *After application is complete, avoid washing hair for 2–3 days to allow adhesive to set and bond together properly*

REMOVAL

- Apply C-22 Solvent to top edge of extension and allow to soak in for a couple of minutes. Use your finger to separate extensions, then gently pull out of hair. If the extension does not slide out easily add more remover, wait to soak in then try again.

HAIR LOSS DON'T PANIC!

Some loss is normal as with natural hair. A person's average hair loss is 50–150 hairs per day. A full head of extensions covers approx. 1/3 of the head. You can expect to see a small quantity of naturally-released hairs trapped in the taped attachment, after some time. This is normal and should not be interpreted as hairs being pulled out of the scalp.

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RE-TAPING

- After removing extensions also remove the original tape from the extensions.
- Before applying new tape, wash extensions (incl. the tape area) with clarifying shampoo to remove oils. Hair may be conditioned but DO NOT get conditioner on the tape area.
- The extension has a shiny and dull side. Lay with shiny side up, apply new tape and cut along edge. Extensions are now ready for re-use.
- Depending on your activity and maintenance, extensions can last 6–8 weeks. Minor touch-ups may be required during this time.



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