A Better Bun

WHEN YOU WANT YOUR HAIR OFF YOUR NECK BUT ARE GOING FOR SOMETHING MORE POLISHED THAN USUAL, MAKE THIS YOUR GO-TO.

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Brush dry hair to create a smooth base. Make a deep side part, and then sweep hair into a ponytail, smoothing out bumps with a brush or your fingers. Ace the placement by imagining a diagonal line from your cheekbone to the top of your pony. Secure with an elastic that blends in with your hair color. Goody Ouchless Forever Hair Ties (\$4 for 10; target.com) won't stretch or snap.



With your fingers, twist your ponytail into a coil. Hold the end with one hand and use the other to gently tug at the sides of the coil to loosen it and create a bulkier shapethe key to taking your bun from wimpy to wow. Mist on a texturizer, like Together Beauty Sugar Wave (\$27; sephora.com), for hold and body.





Wrap the coil around the base of your ponytail, forming a messy bun. Don't stress if pieces pop out-an imperfect shape looks more sophisticated. Slide in bobby pins to secure loose hair to your scalp, and nix flyaways by running a Tresemmé Anti-Frizz Smoothing Sheet (\$5 for 6; target.com) over the sides.



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