

# PETER COPPOLA®

## PROFESSIONAL PROCESSING INSTRUCTIONS a-KERATIN EXPRESS SMOOTHING & REFINISHING TREATMENT



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### ITEMS NEEDED:

- Chemical Cape
- Protective Stylist Apron
- Tail Comb
- 4 Non-Metallic Duckbilled Clips
- Round Brush
- Hair Dryer
- Flat Iron
- Wide Tooth Comb (optional)
- Wet Brush (optional)
- Curling Iron (optional)

NOTE: Before beginning your process  
- lay out your tools for easy access  
during application and processing.

**1. CLIENT CONSULTATION:** We always recommend that you begin with asking questions about the client's desired outcome and utilizing the Peter Coppola® Curl Key to help you determine the best steps in moving forward with your treatment service.

**2. CLARIFY THE HAIR:** Using the Peter Coppola® a-Keratin Clarifying Shampoo, gently cleanse the hair, then, gently towel dry, leaving the hair slightly damp.

\*For Virgin and hair with heavy product build up shampoo first with a retail shampoo like the Peter Coppola® a-Keratin Smoothing Shampoo, for all other hair types shampoo once with the Peter Coppola® a-Keratin Clarifying Shampoo.

\*For detangling prior to sectioning and treatment application - you can use a wet brush or wide tooth comb to detangle the hair.

**3. SECTION THE HAIR:** Section the hair into standard 4 quadrant sectioning. This will allow for complete control in your application.

**4. APPLY THE TREATMENT:** Starting in the back, lightly mist into each quadrant aiming towards the mid-shaft (be mindful not to oversaturate compromised ends). Once spray application onto all sections is completed, release all quadrants and comb through with a fine tooth tail comb for even distribution of the Express Smoothing Treatment.

**5. PROCESS:** Utilize the Peter Coppola® Curl Key as your timing guide. Process all hair types and textures for 20 minutes. Comb the hair every five minutes with a fine tooth tail comb while processing; this will evenly distribute the product throughout the hair and ensure the smoothest results.

**6. RINSE:** Rinse the product completely from the hair with lukewarm water, ensuring a minimum of 5-7 minutes rinsing. No shampooing is required. If needed, following 5-7 minutes of rinsing - lightly condition the hair utilizing the Weightless Smoothing Mask - gently massage a quarter sized amount onto hair focusing on ends. Leave on for 3-5 minutes and then rinse off thoroughly.

**7. BLOW DRY:** Section the hair, and blow dry the hair 100% into desired shape with a round, vent or paddle brush depending on hair type and texture. For more coarse, curly or resistant hair types and desired results, round brushing may be more suitable for finishing.

PRO TIP 1: We highly recommend using a round boar bristle brush on ¼ inch sections while using heavy tension when blow drying, to stretch the cuticle into a smooth position.

PRO TIP 2: For clients with gray, resistant or heavily highlighted hair - allow the hair to completely cool prior to flat ironing or curling to avoid color shift or lift.

**8. FLAT IRON OR CURL:** Flat iron or curl the hair depending on the client's desired results. Section and flat iron or curl at a heat setting of 350-430 degrees Fahrenheit, using ⅛-inch – ½-inch horizontal sections - depending on the client's hair type and texture.

Always perform a strand test to assure heat will not lift color. If color is lifting, lower the flat iron or curling iron to the lowest setting to minimize color change. Gradually increase temperature to minimize lift and obtain the smooth, shiny results your client desires.

PRO TIP 1: When using the flat iron, it is recommended to make between 3 - 8 passes, or until the hair is silky and smooth.

PRO TIP 2: Pay close attention to the root area during ironing as it often has more texture or frizz. If the client's hair is compromised, fine, or heavily processed, keep the iron temperature setting low. If the client has virgin, coarse, very dense or heavily textured hair, raise the temperature gradually up to 430 degrees.

**9. FINISHING (Optional):** After Flat Iron work is complete, to add moisture and smooth any fly-aways, you may add a few drops of the Peter Coppola® a-Keratin Smoothing Serum for a polished finish.

