General FAQ for Beginners

Q: What is Sisterlocks?

A: Sisterlocks is a natural hair management system that creates tiny style-able locks. It allows women with tightly textured hair to take advantage of a wide range of today's hairstyles without having to alter the natural texture of their hair or add any products or heat.

Q: Can I get Sisterlocks if I have relaxed hair?

A: Yes. Though the transition will take more time, your hair care professional who is trained in Sisterlocks techniques can help you make that transition. Your styling options will increase as your natural texture grows out.

Q: Do I need to have 'fine' hair for Sisterlocks to work?

A: Not at all! In fact, the coarse, thick 'nappy' hair is best for Sisterlocks. Your natural abundant texture adds body and makes styling easier.

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A: Yes! Sisterlocks is a lot less limiting than extensions because it is your natural hair. You can curl it, braid it, wear a ponytail, cut it, spray or mousse it, wear bangs and parts - You name it!

Q: Can Sisterlocks be taken out?

A: Technically, yes, though the procedure is so tedious, you will not want to get Sisterlocks with that intention. Anyway, once you discover the range of freedom with Sisterlocks, you won't want to go back! Finally, there is a way of celebrating the natural beauty of our hair with Sisterlocks!

Q: How long does it take to do Sisterlocks?

A: The initial locking process takes about two thirds as long as getting extensions of comparable size. For medium length hair this means about eight to twelve hours (maybe longer!). The beauty of Sisterlocks is that tightening them as your hair grows out is extremely simple, since there are no extensions to remove and re-set.

Q: Can I do the locks myself?

A: This is not advised. Not all hair types require the same locking technique. Your hair care professional is the best trained to give you locks that will be best suited to you. Also, many hair care professionals are trained to give you cuts, styles and grooming tips that will ensure the lasting beauty of your locks. By the way, once your Sisterlocks are well established you can take a Retightening Class to learn how to maintain your own hair. This is great for when you travel, or when you have to miss an appointment, or if you just want to save money on long-term maintenance. Caution: We strongly recommend that you see a Consultant 2-3 times a year for to keep your Sisterlocks looking beautiful!

Q: Will Sisterlocks cause my hair to break or thin?

A: Just the opposite! Sisterlocks is a gentle technique that requires no chemicals, no excessive tightening, and causes no damaging abrasion to the hair or scalp. You will find that with regular care, your locks will grow and grow, and your styling options will increase.