

By Paul Pina



"Straight" Story

When you have your hair blown out at a salon, it looks frizz-free and shiny. But then you try to recreate the style at home, and the results are often less than stellar. There's no real "secret," it's just a matter of knowing what to do and practicing a little patience. Follow these few simple steps and blow your natural curls and waves into smooth submission.

Prepare

After towel drying your hair, lightly coat strands with a styling product (i.e. mousse for a soft hold or gel for a stronger hold). Save any silicone serums until the end.



Practice a little patience

Rather than reaching for the blowdryer the second you step out of the shower, let your hair air-dry for a few minutes. If you start when your hair is too wet, you'll just get tired and end up rushing through to the end.

Prioritize

Start by blowing out the hairline. If you have bangs, comb them forward and hold them tightly with your fingers as you blow them dry, directing the nozzle from the roots to the ends. Then repeat for the entire hairline.

Divide and conquer

Separate your hair into four or five clean sections, detangling each with a wide-tooth comb before clipping up all but one section. Blowdry the loose section by pulling it taut toward the floor with a large round brush and rolling it either under or out at the ends. Repeat with the other sections.

Seal the deal

Silicone serums and creams can give your hair a healthy shine and help protect against frizz — just make sure to use sparingly (no more than a drop or two on the ends once you've completed styling, otherwise, hair can look greasy). **HB**

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