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Hair: A Book Of Braiding And Styles

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Synopsis

A gorgeous book of hairstyles and braids designed for teens and beyond, with styles ranging from formal elegance to casual flair. Comes with three dressy scrunchies in a keepsake floral box.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I never was able to French-braid my hair and had despaired of ever being able to learn until I got this book. It gives clear, concise, step-by-step instructions not only on how to make the braid (and many other styles) but where exactly to place your hands while doing it. The more complicated styles have two sets of instructions: a short one for those who are more experienced at hairstyling, and another that breaks it down into easy steps that even a klutz (like me) can follow. It also provides numerous hints and tips on general hairstyling, and tells what types of hair work best with each style. Since I got this book, I’ve been trying a new style from it every day, and have gotten many compliments from co-workers. There are special-occasion styles as well as everyday ones. The book is geared towards adults, unlike many of the other similar ones I’ve seen which are aimed more at little girls. Take it from a klutz -- if you’ve been trying unsuccessfully to learn to French-braid or trying to find a new look, this book is a must-have!

Part of the Klutz series of books and originally intended for older children and young teens, Hair has gained a following among long-haired women of all ages because it is simply the best book out there for attractive long hair styles. When I grew my hair out after many years of wearing it short, I went looking for a nice book of hairstyles for long hair. I looked everywhere I could think of with little success -until I found Hair in a bookstore’s children’s section. Don’t be put off by the Klutz label or
the fact that there is a box of ugly hair accessories physically attached to this book. It provides excellent illustrations and easy-to-understand directions for 32 hairstyles, by my count. The styles are for medium length to long hair. Some styles would be better suited for thinner hair and some for thick. The illustrations and directions are given for doing the hairstyles on yourself, not on someone else. If you are doing someone else's hair, some adjustment can be made. Covered in the book are various types of twists and rolls, tucks and buns, braids, French braids, inverse French braids (cornrows), herringbones, and ropes. There are casual styles, styles suited to work, and many that could be quite formal. Page layouts are attractive and well-designed. The book is spiral-bound so it will lie flat while you are fiddling with your hair. Highly recommended for long-haired girls and women, ages about 10 and up. Makes a great gift! There is a cardboard protrusion on the bottom of this book to which the box of accessories is adhered. This prevents the book from being stood up on a book shelf. You can cut it off with a razor blade and a ruler. Then your book will sit perfectly on your shelf.

My hair hasn’t touched my collar since 1983. Over two decades of military experience. A masters degree. Over twenty years of training with any weapon I could get my hands on, or fighting with empty hands. Just to be a six year old girl’s hairdresser (among other things). Such is fatherhood. Dignity and machismo be d******, if I going to do it, I’m going to do it as well as I can. This book was a huge help. Before this excellent Klutz Press publication, I was limited to pony tails and simple variations on the theme. Now, I can braid, herringbone, and twist with the best of them. I’m not so good at french braids, but the girl’s hair is very fine and I understand it is hard to do a good french braid in extremely fine hair. The instructions are clearly laid out and easy to understand. The techniques are basic, but provide a “vocabulary” that can be expanded into a wide range of styles for even the most unpleasant mornings when nothing is quite right. The mysteries of the rat-tail comb have been revealed to me, and I won’t attempt anything harder than a pony-tail without it again. The single strongest point has to be the clarity of the instructions. Everything is described in simple words and clear pictures that even I could grasp. Several reviewers commented on the difficulty of doing these techniques by yourself. I will defer to their experience as I never tried to do any of these on myself. The only downside to this book is that I have been blacklisted by a number of fellow dads after their wives said “Van can do a Victorian twist, why can’t you do anything other than a pony tail?”

My first french braid turned out great! The instructions are so easy and the pictures are very helpful.
There are styles for all types of hair - thin to think, straight to curly, and medium to long lengths. The instructions are so easy to follow, my husband can do them :-) And ladies, what is better than having your hubby play with your hair???: The scrunchies are sophisticated. The pearl one is very pretty, however, mine fell apart after a few weeks. The book is loaded with pretty pictures and is bound nicely with wire so as to lay flat while styling. I wish I had this book when I was a teen. Did you read that review from the girl who got three invitations on a date after she read this book? LOL! You go, girl :-)