

# WIG STYLING TUTORIAL

How to pimp out a wig in 5 steps...dig it.

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## Mithos

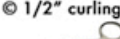
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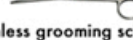
## The Supply List



Wigo © jade flat iron



Riva © 1/2" curling iron



Stainless grooming scissors



Stainless thinning shears



Dove © Define & Shine styling gel

## BASE MODEL WIG

Helena, in 24h613

by Lady Hannah's Club



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## STEP 1: WASH

- Washing your wig -

So you've got your new wig. It probably smells a little funky, perhaps a little chemically. Fear not, you can rid your wig of the factory funk in a few easy steps.

- Fill your sink basin with lukewarm water and saturate the wig.
- Clean it with mild shampoo and swish it back and forth. Do not twist it. Rinse.
- Apply conditioner. Rinse.
- Shake excess water off and blot dry with towel.
- Let the wig air dry.



As you can see, the wig will take some manipulating to prep it for cutting and styling.

At the moment it's too wavy. A fair amount of straightening was done when I washed the wig, brushed it as straight as possible, and let it dry.

The next step is sort of illegal, a big no-no, but if you're careful and patient you should be able to do this without much trouble.

## STEP 2: STRAIGHTENING

Next I straightened the wig using the lowest setting possible. The solid jade plates transfer less heat as compared to ceramic or metal hair straighteners thus there is less damage to the hair with the same results.

I carefully straightened the wig in this step. Take your time and only straighten small chunks of hair at a time.

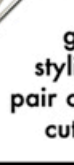
Low heat applied a bit at a time won't melt your wig

BREAKIN' THE LAW



## THE RESULTS!

smooth like buttahl



It's very important that you use sharp scissors when cutting hair, it will yield better results and make the job easier! I used my dog grooming shears. If you're going to make wig styling a frequent thing, I recommend you buy a pair of good scissors and dedicate it solely to hair cutting. Use on other crafts will dull the blades.

## STEP 3: CUTTING

I was able to straighten the wig and it will be easier now to cut and style. Many hair stylists only cut hair that's wet. I find it doesn't matter. I cut this dry.

The first thing I did was determine what length the wig needed to be, pulled the hair back into a ponytail, and cut the ponytail off. It's always better to leave the wig longer than you think. You can always trim it shorter.



## STEP 4: THINNING

Thinning is an essential step. I took my thinning shears and worked on blending the hair lengths. Thinning is different from trimming or cutting hair. In this step you use your thinning shears and make a series of small snips. The teeth on the shears will thin the hair out and give a blended appearance. This is a good way to add the look of layers in half the time.



## STYLING RESULTS



## STEP 5: BREAKING THE LAW

again...

In this step, I applied a bit of styling gel to the wig. Meanwhile my curling iron was heating and set at low.

I curled the ends under to give the wig some additional style and a cleaner appearance. I left the hair in the curling iron for a 10 count and it seems to keep its curl well.

Just remember to watch for signs of melt-ages!



## DONE FOR NOW!



## BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE!!!

The last step is to add Mithos' swooshy bangs. To do this I am adding wefts to stitch into the wig cap...

COMING SOON