

Real vs Synthetic Hair

I am a first time wig wearer, would I be best buying a fibre hair wig to start off with?

It is normally recommended for your first wig to be fibre hair due to it being less expensive compared to a real hair wig. They are more low maintenance and it gives you the chance to decide whether a wig is the right option for you without the added cost of a real hair wig.

Can I use heat on and style my wig?

On human hair wigs, yes you can. Like our own hair, real hair wigs can be styled using the same appliances: hairdryers, curling tongs, hooded dryers, ceramic irons and heated rollers. But it is advised that with the lighter shades of blonde, not to exceed 180° on the temperature gauge. If you were to curl your real hair wig and then go out in the rain, the wig would revert back to its natural state.

With flexi-fibre wigs, they can still be styled but only with temperature-controlled appliances, of heat up to 140°.

Finally, heat should never be used on synthetic hair as it will burn the fibres.

We've created this table below to help you in your decision of which hair type would be best suited to you.

Advantages		
Human Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural appearance and texture – look, feel and act like your own hair Styling versatility Heat resistant 	Flexi-Fibre Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feels like human hair Good colour retention Heat up to 140° can be used Able to change style 	Fibre Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has appearance of human hair Lightweight Dries quickly Colour does not fade Lower maintenance Style retention
Disadvantages		
Human Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour fades Porous – dries slowly Heavier than fibre hair Needs to be styled Expensive 	Flexi-Fibre Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prone to friction frizz Same life span as fibre hair Can become stubborn and hard to change style if straightened 	Fibre Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prone to friction frizz Prone to heat damage Cannot be re-styled

Something else to remember is that if you were to purchase a high quality synthetic wig, it can be hard to even distinguish between that and a real hair wig. Whereas, if you were to buy a budget synthetic wig, there may be an unnatural shine to it.

Can you guess which one of these two wigs is Real Hair and which is synthetic?



Diamond (left) is Real Hair.
Jaden (Right) is Synthetic Hair.