

## Blending Hair Extensions

Once the hair extensions are installed, it is imperative that they are then blended with the rest of the client's hair. Hair extensions may be installed correctly, but until the hair has been polished, the hair extensions won't look natural and beautiful. Blending allows for hair extensions to look like a natural extension of the client's hair.

### There are four points of interest when blending:

1. Determine Length. Does your model want the entire length of the hair extensions to be the longest point of her hair? Identify the length that she would like to wear her hair, and cut the hair according to that length.
2. Face Frame. Trim and contour the hair according to your model's face to create a nicely-framed look.
3. Connect Layers (not focusing on blending). Comb through your model's hair and notice the disconnection between her own hair and the extensions. With a razor or thinning shears, stagger the hair so that the disparity of the hair is not so obvious.
4. Polish and Detail. The ultimate step to the blending process is to meticulously blend and pay attention to the finer details of polishing your work: ensure that your model's hair flows seamlessly into the hair extensions. At this point, you can decide to take the extra step of styling your model's hair with a curling iron, a flat iron, or whatever styling tool you'd like to use.

Voila! Your client's hair is a showcase of your patience and hard work!

## Blending Tips

- You may want to consider using a hot razor. The heating, vibrating razor slices through the hair with very little effort. In some cases, the blade seals the hair's cuticle after cutting, preventing split ends.
- Allot some time for blending when you calculate the number of hours your hair extension appointment will take. Prepare to be on your feet for a good number of hours!