

## How to Make a Perfect Bun

### **What you Need:**

- Brush with natural or nylon bristles
- Thick, covered elastic
- Spritzer bottle filled with water
- Hairspray (non-aerosol kind works best)
- Plenty of heavy-duty bun hairpins ( these are the open variety as opposed to the closed bobby pins. We carry light-weight and heavy "Bunheads" pins in The Boutique)
- Bobby pins to match hair colour (it helps to bend the curvy side of the bobby pin slightly, so as to keep it closer to the head and to provide a better hold)
- Mesh hairnet to match hair colour (we carry various colours in The Boutique)

### **Procedure – Long Hair**

- 1) Brush hair to remove all tangles
- 2) With one hand, gather hair into a "bunch" at the back of your head. With the other hand, lightly spray hair around head with water.
- 3) Neatly brush hair into a light ponytail and secure with covered elastic. Ponytail should be no lower than the middle of the back of your head.
- 4) Use the side of brush bristles (or a comb) to smooth hair towards ponytail.
- 5) Spray hairspray evenly around head.
- 6) Twist ponytail and begin to coil hair around elastic. Insert hairpins every inch or less with some hair from ponytail and some from head in each pin. Coil hair into a bun a bit at a time, insert pins, coil a bit more, insert more pins, etc. until all of ponytail is wound around to make a "snail coil" that is as flat against head as possible.
- 7) Wrap hairnet around bun, doubling to tripling net according to size of bun.
- 8) Add a few extra hairpins to ensure that bun is closely attached to head.
- 9) If needed, insert bobby pins on top or sides of head, or below bun, to secure wispy pieces in place.
- 10) An additional, very light spritz of hairspray may be used if needed.

### **Procedure – Shorter Hair that will fit into a short Ponytail.**

- 1) Follow steps 1-5 for Long Hair Procedure.
- 2) Braid ponytail as far as possible, then secure end with another covered elastic. Fold end of braid under and press it flat against head. Secure in place with hairpins.
- 3) Follow same pinning procedure (Steps 6-10) as for Long hair.

### **Procedure – Very Short Hair**

- 1) Put a circular, black or pink fabric hair band around head to keep hair off face.
- 2) If possible, make a small ponytail low at back of head just above hair band.
- 3) Insert one bobby pin behind each ear to hold hair band in place.