

Katie Bair's Wig Care Tips

With proper care and storage, your wig should faithfully serve you for years to come.

Here is some information about your wig, and some guidelines for care.

Basic Guidelines:

Avoid heat and flame:

Your wig is made from flame-retardant synthetic fiber (Kanekalon). However, I don't recommend smoking while wearing her, or being in close proximity to heat sources. While the wig won't catch on fire, the fibers will melt and singe much like normal hair. (But even faster!)

Wear and Tear:

How well your wig holds up depends on what you put her through. Many cosplayers perform on stage in their wigs, dancing, fighting, and beating up the fanboys. However, unless you specifically requested a dance-hardy design (Like for Sera-Myu cosplay) don't expect your wig to put up with this rough treatment.

Washing and Storage:

If your wig ever needs washing, dunk her in a sinkful of cold water with a drop or two of wig shampoo or baby shampoo. Hang to dry, or dry on the form. **DO NOT BLOWDRY!**

Some wigs are not washable. If your wig is not washable, but is appearing dull, mist her with a bit of baby oil in rubbing alcohol, and gently smooth it over the hair.

When not in use, always place your wig back on her wig form in a cool, dry place. Avoid dusty locations, as this will make her appear dull pre-maturely.

KATIE'S RULE OF WIG STYLING #1:

"Wigs are not hair."

Many things you can safely do to hair will *ruin* your wig:

- **Never comb or brush a wet wig.**
- **Never use a curling or crimping iron on a wig.**
- **Never use petroleum based styling products on a wig.**

Make a homemade wig stand:

Some wigs are short enough that the styrofoam wig form is enough to keep it in place, but for those longer or heavier designs, you should place the form on a wig stand. (You can find them for about \$5 at your local beauty shop.)

OR

You can make your own using a 2-liter bottle filled with water or sand. The hole at the base of the wig is just big enough for the cap of the bottle. Additionally, if you place the stand on the edge of a shelf or table, you can allow the long parts of the wig to hang free and relax.

