

Please practice common sense while using this method of hair restoration. If you do not do a strand test first and ruin your doll, it is completely the fault of the stylist (that would be you). I will not accept fault if you are the one that ruins your doll. You are receiving this information on good faith, that you will be careful and work slowly and methodically, per the directions below. Please keep hot irons away from children.

I've been preaching this point for years--human hair products are for human hair, which CAN absorb the beneficial ingredients. Nylon is a type of plastic...it can't absorb cetyl, cocoamides, stearic, and dimethicone products (yes I'm a hair dresser by trade).

But you all have something in your laundry rooms that DOES benefit nylon and other synthetic fibers! Snuggle! or Downy!

Sooooo....

Get a beater doll out

Brush her dry ponytail hair as smooth and tangle-free as you can get it (this can be quite a stretch for some dolls -we all know)

Put about 3 or 4 cups of water in the sink, temperature makes no difference

Add about 1/4 cup of fabric softener

Swish her ponytail around in it without tangling it

Lightly wring it out-don't rinse

Place a very wet dish towel on your ironing board

Put the doll on the board with her 'tail on the wet towel

Place another very wet towel on the hair, sandwiching it

Okay, there's the modus operandi

Now we have to fine tune the process:

You need to only do a small section at a time

STRAND TEST FIRST-duh!

What does that mean? It means take a small amount of hair and do the process to it first. If it melts, sorry Charlie, do NOT proceed. You WILL ruin a perfectly good doll. If it doesn't melt or shrivel, then you can proceed.

Set iron on the setting just before "steam"

Press down on the iron, over the towel-hair-towel sandwich, no need to move it around alot and pull the doll away from the towels, slowly pulling her out from between the wet towels about 2 inches out per second

Her hair should be very wet

Do the entire 'tail in small amounts

Add another completed section to another and do those together

Add another section to that

Eventually you will have done the entire 'tail as one instead of in sections

I can't figure out why the Snuggle works so well, but I do love the results

Brush the hair smooth as it's drying

You'll see it start to shine and it's stick straight

I've been doing this to all incoming wounded as they've arrived for a couple years. I still love the results.

However, YOU are the responsible one here... please strand test first to make sure that your doll can handle the heat. Crissy family dolls are all different. Some can and some can't endure it.