

History of My Hair

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I was born with curly hair.

When I look at pictures of myself when I was a little girl and see my curly hair, I can't help but put a smile on my face. Then I see a picture of myself when I was a teenager and my hair looked straight. I remember that I used to iron my long curly hair on the ironing board. I placed a brown bag on top of my hair and the iron on top of the brown bag with my hair under it. I loved the way my hair looked straight. I also remember that I used to put rollers on my hair. In the morning after taking the rollers off, my hair came down loose with bigger curls than my natural curly hair.

I always liked to do my hair in different styles. I used to corn-braid my hair, and braid my hair, put my hair in a ponytail, and sometimes two ponytails, one on each side of my head. Sometimes I would put a ponytail on one side of my head and do a lot of skinny braids at the end. I would put a ribbon on it and bring it up to the top of my ponytail and tie it to look like a bow. So pretty.

I continued to do these hairstyles, and new ones as I got older. Then when I was in my early forties, I wanted to dye my hair. What a big mistake! I used hydrogen peroxide to lighten my hair. It looked okay, but I was not happy with it. Then I dyed my hair back to dark brown, but it didn't come out dark brown. It was a light color, so I tried to dye it black, and it looked better.

Then, when summer was near I decided to put yellow highlights on my hair. I read the directions, so I thought I read it right. I read: you don't need to put aluminum foil on your hair, just put lines on your hair. So I did. Oh boy, what a mistake! Now my hair was blonde. Oh no. Then I tried to get it back to dark brown. I tried another color, and now I had red hair. Oh no, was I to do? I went to the hair salon, the hairstylist bleached my hair, and colored it dark brown, and my hair did look so beautiful. I learned my lesson--let the professionals do my hair. My hair never again has been as beautiful as it was when I was a teenager.