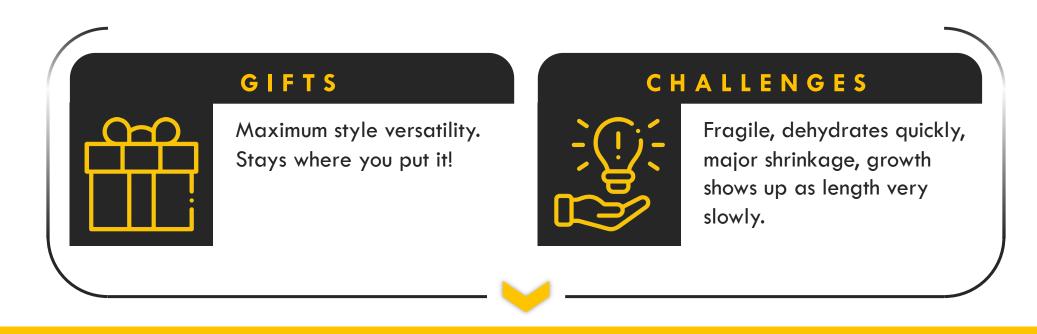


Gifts and challenges of having curls



4B/4C hair usually has high porosity, is fine and loves steam, natural oil, braids, twists and locks.

Styling

Protective styles promote length and mitigate shrinkage. Braids, twists, bands and retexturizing are all options.



Products

Mild sulfate-free shampoos





Humectant rich leave-in conditioners

Instant conditioners with lots of slip to reduce friction





Castor Oil, Shea Butter

Use intensive conditioners that don't contain silicone





Styling: Opt for gels over foams and mousses

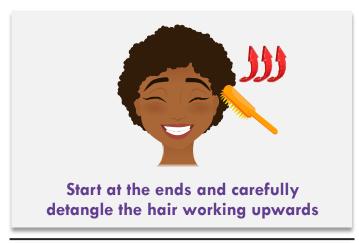
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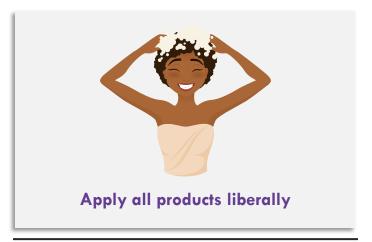


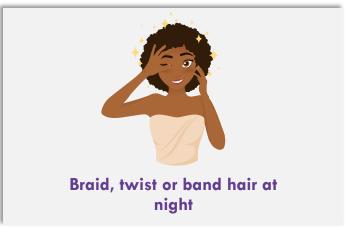


Use fingers first to distribute product, then a Denman or detangling brush









Tools

Use duckbill clips and a water bottle keep sectioned hair wet as you work.





Acrylic Combs (rattail, fine tooth, Krest 613)

Detangling Brush or Deman Brush





Bonnet Steamer

Tools

Diffuser and blowdryer



Satin cap, scarf or pillowcase

Boar Bristle Round brushes (for silky blowdrys)



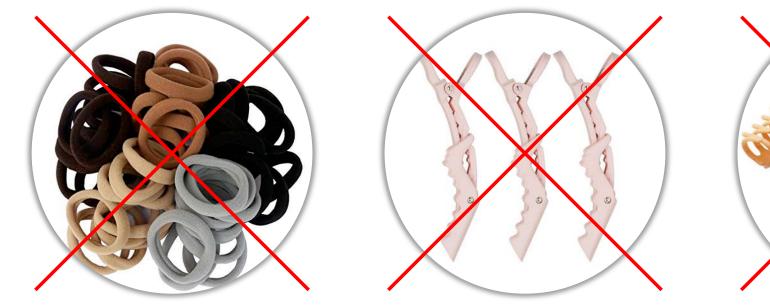


Scrunchies for stretching and elongating

Type 4 hair is both dynamic and fragile! The right tools and handling make all the difference.

Tools

Avoid accessories that pull or tug on the hair (Anything stronger than the hair easily breaks the hair)





Limit heat styling (4-6 times per year, 380 – 400 degrees F)

More Styling Options

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