

Making "No-Sew" Wefts. By Katie Blaire. <http://www.katieblaire.com>

The wefts I make to add length or thickness to wigs are made completely without sewing. They are much easier to make than sewn wefts, hold just as well (if not better!), and don't require any special tools. All you need is some loose wig fiber, a tube of adhesive caulk, some masking tape, and a smooth surface. Also, since they aren't as perfectly parallel as manufactured wefts, they look more natural when used to add length.

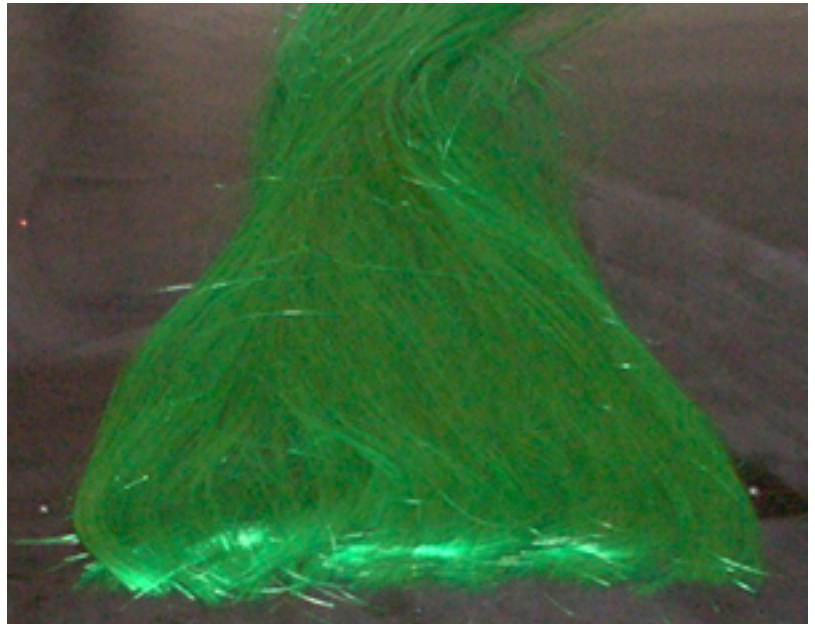
In the examples below, I am using my melanine coated craft table as my work surface, but a piece of cardboard with wax paper taped to one side will work just as well.

Once you've got the above three items and a surface to work on, just follow the simple instructions below.

Step 1: Lay the fiber flat.

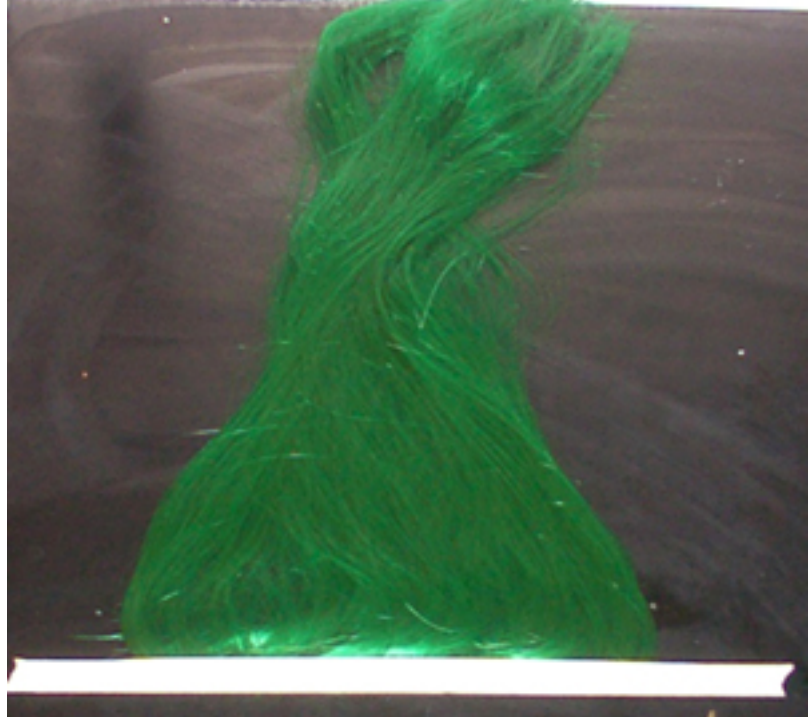
Lay the fiber out on your surface with one edge lined up. They do not need to be perfectly smoothed out or even. In fact, if you can't get a clean edge, just put something heavy and square (like a book) on the fiber, and use some sharp scissors to cut a line.

In the example, I am using one pack of "silky" loose extensions from Dr. Locks, but this method will work with any type of loose wig fiber.



Step 2: Tape the fiber in place.

Using plain old masking tape, tape the flat edge down to the surface.



Step 3: Add the caulk.

Squirt a line of caulk along the edge of the tape. The line doesn't have to be pretty or perfectly straight, but you should make sure there aren't any breaks in the line. (If there are, just add more on top.)



Step 4: Smoosh the caulk.

Wet your finger, then starting from one side, mash the caulk down into the fiber. As long as your finger is wet, the caulk won't stick to it, so make sure to keep it wet. It's ok if the caulk overlaps the tape.



Step 5: Allow the caulk to dry.

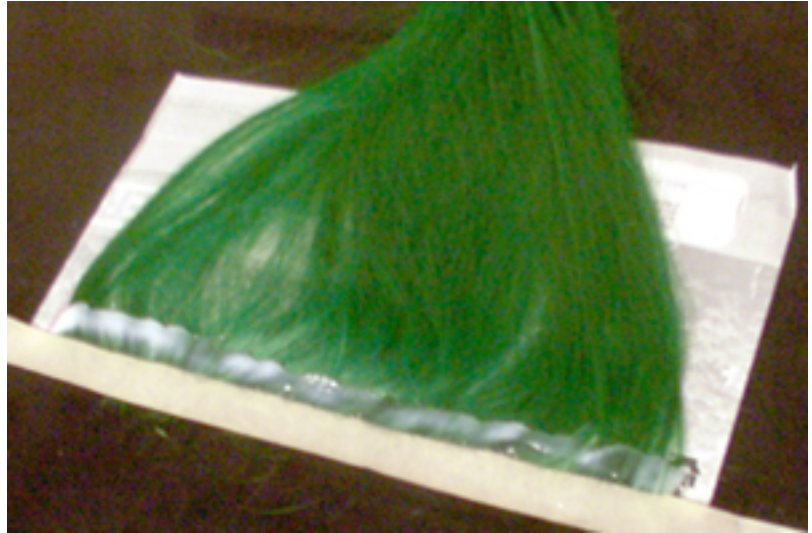
Give the caulk at least an hour or two to dry. Go make a sandwich or work on your costume or something.

If you got the clear-drying kind, it will start to look clear in about an hour, but you shouldn't move it for two.



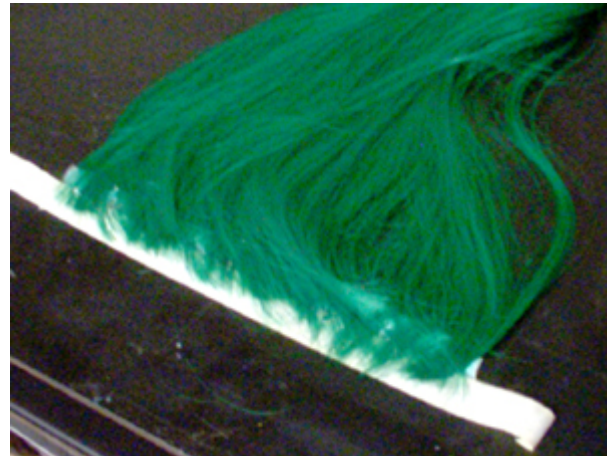
Step 6: Get ready to flip!

We'll need to repeat steps 2 through 5 on the other side of the weft, so we have to flip it over. To do this, just slide something flat and rigid (like a priority mail envelope, or a piece of cardboard...) under the fiber.



Step 7: Now the other side!

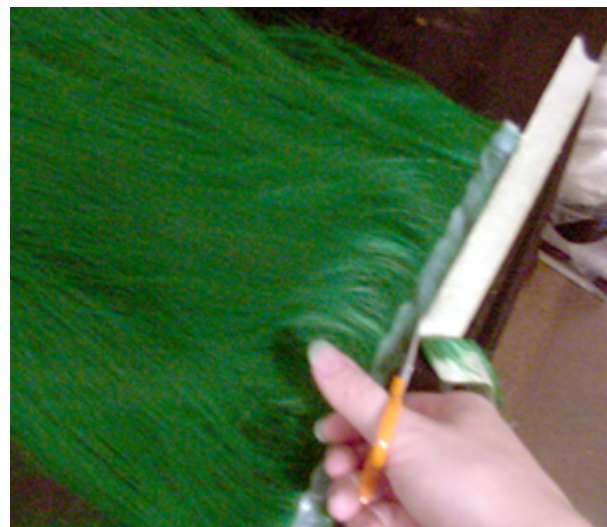
Pull up the tape, and flip the weft over. Do not remove the tape from the fiber yet. Repeat steps 2 through 5 on the other side of the weft, then go to the next step.



Step 8: Trim off the tape.

Using small snips, trim the tape off of the weft.

Congratulations! The weft is now ready to add to your wig! ^_^



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