

Color Theory

Carla Gentry Osorio and her Styles New York Salon team prove that fun, temporary hair hues aren't just for kids

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Want to know the tricks to pulling off bubblegum-pink hair? Subtle placement, a great cut and a sleek blowout. To transport these Halloween-friendly clip-ins into a chic, grown-up zone, look for human hair options that allow you to manipulate the texture with heat.



COMB KEY

Gauge the level of difficulty with this helpful guide:

1 = supereasy
4 = you'll need a friend to help

HAIR

HAIR: CARLA GENTRY OSORIO, VIKKI CHAMBERS WILLIAMS, KHADINE CHALLENGER-CANNOTT, BIANCA BOWMAN/STYLES NEW YORK, MAKEUP: JEN NAVARRO/JUMP MANAGEMENT AND COLBY SMITH/EXCLUSIVE ARTISTS, MANICURE: ANA-MARIA/BRIP.COM, STYLIST: RENEESE FRANCIS.

HAIR : TINTED LOVE



HairUWear Human Hair Color Extensions in Light Purple (\$10, ulta.com).

Snazzy Lites Color Clip-in Human Hair Extensions in Playful Pink (\$12, snazzylites.com).

CAMO CHIC

If primary colors aren't your thing, try this fresh spin on ombré. We created a wide bronze band by dusting a shimmering eye shadow three quarters of the way down from the crown, followed by two inches of golden hair chalk on the ends. Fair warning: This look has the least amount of staying power. The hue rubs off easily, so wear a sleeveless shirt and be prepared either to wash it out before bedtime or to cover your hair to avoid ruining your sheets.



TINT Hair Chalk in Golden Girl (\$20, finefeatherheads.com).

MAC Eye Shadow in Antiqued and 138 Tapered Face Brush (\$15 and \$53, maccosmetics.com).



TRUE BLUE

Liquid tints can deliver a more vibrant payoff, but they can dry stiff and tangle strands. Instead of air-drying, pass a blow-dryer over locks after applying. The heat keeps them soft and crunch-free. Or brush air-dried colored hair softly and dab with leave-in conditioner to soften.



Rita Hazan
Pop Color in Blue
(\$18, ritahazan.com).



AQUA COOL

Spray formulas can get messy, so use a sheet of paper as a barrier to prevent pigment transfer onto your clothes or other parts of your hair. The upside is once it's on, the shade will stay put until you wash it out—a little bit of work for a whole lot of pretty.



L'Oréal
Professionnel HairChalk in Blue Ocean Cruise (\$24, lpsalons.com for salons).

