Lammily Doll Hair Restoration Tutorial

BEFORE

AFTER
What You Will Need:

- Sturdy Comb
- Decent Brand Shampoo And Conditioner
- Boiling Water
- Hair Dryer

I apologize for picture quality.
For this tutorial, I am using a World Traveler Lammily doll whose hair is certainly not the worst, but still in need of a little restoration.

She has been played with, and loved, and as a result of all the fun, her hair has been a bit knotted, frizzy, and unmanageable. So, let's make her look and feel new again!

The first thing you are going to want to do is to remove all of her clothing, and any hair bands or barrettes that may be in her hair.
For washing, and conditioning doll hair, you want to use a decent brand. The better the product, the better the turn out, the same as with human hair!

-Today, I will be using Pantene

(The "Repair And Protect" do not matter)
Wet, and shampoo the doll's hair generously. Scrub down to the scalp, and also, use this opportunity to wash the doll's body.
Now, Rinse all shampoo away!
Next, Add a generous amount of conditioner. There is no such thing as "Too much" for this step! Rub it in, and leave on. Do not rinse!

Find a clean work area where you can begin to comb out the hair. I use a counter in my kitchen. I would not recommend combing the dolls hair on a towel, because the comb grabs and pulls the fabric, ripping, and ruining your towel.
Now, hold your doll upside down with one hand, and begin combing with the other.

Always start at the ends, and as they become free of snarls, move up higher, and higher until you reach the scalp, and are able to comb the doll's hair smoothly without snags.
You may lose some hair while combing, but this is normal.
Once All snags and snarls are removed, rinse your dolls hair thoroughly!
Sometimes, with some doll hair, these steps are enough. But sometimes, if the hair is badly damaged, your doll may require a few more steps.

With this doll, she is in need of more work!

As you can see, I combed through her hair, and she still has a lot of damage to her ends, and her hair is still quite wavy.

So, first, I will fix her ends.
Close up of her ends.

They are very matted, frizzy, and uneven.
First, comb all of her hair together, and hold it with two fingers, attempting to get all of her ends together to prepare for trimming.

Determine how much must be cut off, or if you are going for a shorter hairstyle, determine where the length should be cut.

I would like her to have long hair, so I am going to only cut what NEEDS to be removed due to damage. This is about a quarter inch.
Move your fingers down to the lowest point you feel comfortable with to hold while cutting.

And, Cut!
You can see that after cutting the hair in a straight line, she now has straight, flat ends. This is unrealistic. The ends of hair should be thinned, and jagged.

For this look, you can follow these steps, or if you have hair thinning scissors, those are best to use!
Hold the hair at the ends, and begin snipping, while pulling away.

Imagine the hair is a strip of paper, you would be making cuts in that paper that resemble grass, or shreds.
This is the result. Jagged ends, instead of a straight line.

Please note, sometimes the front of the hair may be longer than the back because you are cutting from the back. So, some adjustments may have to be made.

If this is the case, simply even the hair with the same method.
Now, her hair is looking much better.

But, I would still like it to be a bit straighter.

So here is what you do:
It sounds odd, but in order to get straight hair, you must boil it.

Doll hair is made of plastic, so the heat helps reform the hair.

So, I stick her hair directly into the boiling water for 5-10 seconds.
I then quickly pull her out, and lay her hair on my counter.

As you can see, she still has wavy hair. So, I must comb, comb, comb until straight and smooth.

Make sure that you do these steps while the hair is hot!
Comb, comb, comb!!!
As you can see, her hair is a lot straighter, but, I think she could use another round.

You want to repeat the boiling steps as many times as it takes until your doll's hair is as straight as you would like!
So, in she goes for round two!

Boil, 5-10 seconds.
Comb, comb, comb!!!
And check her texture.

I think her hair is straight enough, so I will be moving on to the next step!

Blow Drying!
First, find the part in your dolls hair. Her part is in the middle. So, I combed her hair in the exact way that I would like it to dry.

-It is impossible to change a dolls hair part. If it was made in the middle, or on the side, this is the way it must stay or you will have balding.
Now, this is important!

When blow drying, first, you want to have the heat coming from the top, or the back. This helps the hair stay flat on the sides of the head so that your doll looks more realistic. If you dry from the front, or while the hair is spread out on your work area, her roots will stick up!

-The other important thing is that you must constantly move the heat around the dolls head. Staying on one spot for too long will melt the hair.

I use High heat because I like for the hair to dry quickly!
Remember to always BLOW and BRUSH! Every couple of seconds, blow dry the hair while moving the hair dryer, and even the dolls head around in order to avoid melting. And then, stop to comb!

BLOW AND BRUSH, BLOW AND BRUSH, BLOW AND BRUSH, BLOW AND BRUSH!!!
Once dry, check the doll’s hair. If it looks smooth, and feels soft, it’s now time to prepare for styling!
I personally love this hair style on the Traveler Lammily dolls. I think its simple, yet shows her pretty face, and gives her that innocent look.
Ready For A night on the town!
That concludes this Lammily Doll Hair Restoration Tutorial!

I hope you enjoyed it!

Have Fun!

And, Good Luck!