



Every girl with fine, thin, straight hair needs tricks up her sleeve – and here are six awesome ones you can use to get GREAT HAIR TONIGHT.

And the best part? None of these require any new products or tools!

Now who's looking hot?

1. Pass the salt...

Go into your kitchen and grab your saltshaker. Know how your hair gets stiff and crunchy at the beach? Well, the same principle... used for the power of good, not evil. Mix 1-2 teaspoons of good, old regular salt into some tap water. You use this as a leave-in rinse after you shampoo. Either run the salt water over your head in the shower or spray it from a regular old spray bottle. This tip works wonders. Practice with the solution until you get the right amount for your hair. If its too much, just wash it out!

2. Ponytails aren't just for ponies (or four-year olds)

Before you go to bed (or an hour or so before a big date), wash your hair as usual. After detangling and adding a drop of volumizer or mousse comb all of your hair into a scrunchie and make a ponytail on top of your head. Yes, I know scrunchies are very uncool to wear in public but you can get them cheap and it will be our little secret. Sleep with your hair pulled up this way or use the blow-dryer to hasten the drying process. Unwind and presto – volume! Use some hair spray to hold it. You can also divide the hair into multiple smaller ponytails for the same effect.

3. Braids for sexy maids

Similar to the tip above, you can get great volume tonight by braiding your hair instead of putting it in a ponytail. This gives a great wavy look and can be finished off when you undo it by curling under the tips and running your

fingers through for a tousled, natural and sexy look. Multiple braids dry faster and the more you put in your hair the tighter the wave.

4. Is that a toothbrush, or are you just glad to see me?

Toothbrushes make your teeth gleam, but did you know they are also a great tool for your hair? Old ones are usually soft and can provide gentle, concentrated teasing at points that frame your face. Worried about the mess? Don't be. A quick way to clean your old toothbrush is to first rinse it in hot water and then soak for about 15 minutes in a cup of vinegar. They work best when they are completely dry again so if you want to use this tip tonight, get your old toothbrush cleaned up now!

5. I flip for you

Easy as pie: style your hair as usual with the part on the other side. Set it, let it dry and cool. Wait a few minutes (the more the better) and then flip all your hair back to the "usual" part. Adjust with additional combing and set it finally with a bit of hairspray.

6. I heart a conditioner-free day

Know those famous "I Heart New York" tee shirts? Here's another simple, yet often overlooked styling tip for straight, fine, thin hair the night of a big event. Skip the conditioner. That's right. Don't go near it! Yes, you'll need to be extra-gentle with detangling... but skipping conditioner every now and then can keep your hair from being weighed down. And who wants to be weighed down?

Okay, girlie – go get 'em, and knock 'em dead!

Here's to great hair days!

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