

HAIR REPLACEMENT OPTIONS: THE CHOICE IS YOURS

No matter which option you decide on, whether it's a hairpiece or a true custom prosthesis – no matter how it is made, or by whom – it is still only a substitute for your growing natural hair.

With this in mind, you can choose with an awareness that it will take some adjusting on your part. Choosing a qualified professional will help the transition be an easier one for you. They will guide you in making your decision and insure that the end result is one you are happy with.

Machine-made Hairpieces



Purchase at: Hair replacement centers, department stores and wig shops

Price Range: \$60.00 to \$300.00

Machine-made hairpieces (or what most people commonly refer to as wigs), are made for individuals who have hair. They come in sizes ranging from petite to large, and are available in a wide variety of color selections. This type of hairpiece is constructed of cotton wefts to which the hair is sewn, and the hair is usually made of a synthetic fiber which has a "set-in" style. Although this type of fiber

retains its original style well, it has limitations should you wish to style it differently. For the most natural looking style in a machine-made piece, look for one that has the wefts close together and a hairline that has a slight extension in the sideburn area rather than straight across over the ear.

Pre-custom Hairpieces



Price Range: \$350.00 to \$700.00

Pre-custom hairpieces, (cranial prostheses) are made for individuals with little or no hair. They are made by hand instead of machine, and the hair is hand-tied with 2 to 3 hairs per knot in order to duplicate the way natural hair grows. The hairline has built-in recessions and sideburns, that can accommodate the needs of men and women, as well as children. Pre-custom prostheses are made of a soft, cool polyester net for a comfortable fit and the nape area hugs the neck without the use of elastic. Added security in attachment is possible with this hair replacement option because of built-in areas for application of tape and/or comb-type barrette clips. Different

types of synthetic fibers are blended together in the pre-custom hairpiece to match hair textures ranging from coarse to fine and to increase style flexibility.

Full-custom Hairpieces



Purchase at: Hair replacement centers

Price Range: \$900.00 to \$1800.00

Full-custom hairpieces (true cranial prostheses) are made by taking a mold of the head. The hairpiece is then hand constructed from those measurements for an exact fit. A variety of materials (nylon, polyurethane, monofilament etc.) are used in its construction depending on the needs of each individual. The hair, (usually human but it can also be synthetic) can be matched to your hair texture and color. The front hairline is virtually undetectable and security can be a maximum with the use of a medical adhesive, in addition to the other types of tape and clip attachments.

Alternatives to Full Cranial Hairpieces

There are some other options you may want to explore that will provide the coverage you need. They are shown on the following page.