

If You're Not Wearing Hair Accessories, We Don't Know What to Tell You

They've officially entered their main character era.

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WHEN YOU WANT
YOUR HAIR...

Half Up

Check your feed—decked-out hair is having a resurgence. But here's what the pics *don't* tell you: Those ornate headbands and dainty pins and clips are just for show. One strong gust of wind—or too-strong marg—and your half-up becomes a whole-down by evening. The unseen hero here is a base of clear elastics that covertly anchors your style in place. If you don't already have natural texture (hi, braids and curls), rake some texturizing paste through your ends for a finish that feels defined and purposeful—versus just thrown together while leaving the house (even if it probably/definitely was).

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Your Tool Kit



Kitsch No-Snag
Clear Elastics, \$6 for
100, mykitsch.com



Pureology Style +
Protect Texture
Paste, \$29, ulta.com



Petit Moments Claw
Clip in Trend, \$15,
petitmoments.com



Scunci Elite Mixed
Glam Bobby Pins,
\$10 for 6, ulta.com

WHEN YOU WANT YOUR HAIR...

All Up



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Amika Perk Up Plus
Dry Shampoo, \$29 for
5.3 oz., sephora.com



Insert Name Here
INH BB Pins, \$10 for 25,
inhhair.com



The Hair Edit Sleek
Chignon Pin, \$10,
thehairedit.com



Emi Jay Big Effing
Clip in Brownstone,
\$34, emijay.com



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KRISTIN ESS HAIR

Perfection is the enemy of a great updo. What you actually want is controlled chaos: major texture, some loose ends, casually placed accessories, etc. The easiest way to re-create IDGAF vibes is with dry shampoo (especially if you have slippery, too-clean hair) and bobby pins. Blast your hair with dry shampoo for grit; twist, twirl, and smash up your hair; then pin the hell out of it to lock the "chill" in place before adding your clips and barrettes.

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WHEN YOU WANT
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Down

All accessories need a little TLC to keep them from sliding or peacing out entirely. Enter: hairspray—but not in the “duh” way. Before styling, spray the backs of your pins and barrettes to add some grip that’ll keep them adhered to your hair. Working with slippery fabrics like silk? Mist your hair with hairspray until it’s slightly tacky, then layer on your bows and wraps. And don’t worry about looking stiff all over—a dab of oil smoothed through your hair will dissolve any hairspray crunch and replace it with a natural, polished shine.

Your Tool Kit



Fekkai Clean Stylers Flexi-Hold Hair-spray, \$26 for 6.6 oz., fekkai.com



NatureLab Tokyo Perfect Shine Oil Mist, \$17, naturelab.com



Kristin Ess Hair Bow Barrette, \$20, ulta.com



France Luxe Cutout Oval Tige Boule Barrette in South Sea, \$16, franceluxe.com



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