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# Disney Princess Hairstyles



## Synopsis

Want to create hairstyles like Disney's most popular princesses? Whether your hair is long or somewhat shorter, curly or straight, the step-by-step instructions in the beautifully photographed book, *Disney Princess Hairstyles: 40 Amazing Princess Hairstyles With Step by Step Images*, will make it possible for you to recreate the gorgeous looks of eleven of Disney's beloved princesses - from Ariel to Mulan, Cinderella to Snow White, and Tiana to Pocahontas. *Disney Princess Hairstyles* details forty hairdos, including braids, updos, buns, waves, twists, and ponytails. Among the variety of styles are options that are ideal for both straight and curly hair, as well as for a variety of hair textures. Each hairstyle is created on a real child and meticulously photographed in full color to make even the most complicated coiffure easy to achieve. The princesses and their accompanying hairstyles include:

- Ariel: Locks of the Ocean - A free-flowing style with two tightly woven braids holding it in place
- Aurora: Aurora's Waves - A cascade of pretty waves
- Belle: Belle's Bow - A distinctive style accented by a charming bow created with your own hair
- Cinderella: Buns and Braids - A pair of beautifully twisted buns highlighted by braids
- Jasmine: High Ponytail - An unusual ponytail perched high on the head
- Merida: Rough and Tough - A tumble of curls balanced on the crown of the head
- Mulan: Mulan's Bun - A lovely bun accessorized by an intertwined ribbon
- Pocahontas: Pocahontas' Hidden Braid - A unique look in which a French braid peeks out from twisted locks of hair
- Rapunzel: Rapunzel's Full Braid - An exquisite variation on the traditional fishtail braid
- Snow White: Braid of Braids - An attractive concoction of braids gathered at the nape of the neck
- Tiana: Tiana's Bun - A gorgeous but easy-to-create topknot

*Disney Princess Hairstyles* also features "Braidschool," an invaluable section that shows how to construct the basic braids that are fundamental to the Princesses' looks as well as so many other hairstyles. Braidschool includes detailed directions and illustrations for creating traditional, French, Dutch, rope, and fishtail braids. Try as many hairstyles as you can and use them as inspiration to create your own look. Offering hairdos perfect for special occasions - from parties and proms to weddings - as well as everyday styles, *Disney Princess Hairstyles* makes it fun and easy for anyone to create looks inspired by Disney's cherished heroines.

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## Customer Reviews

This colorful book exceeded my expectations (no white pages anywhere--even the backgrounds are pink or pale blue, green, lavender, etc. all color coded by chapter, so easy to return to any "princess style" that you were working with). It is really a beautiful full color paperback--with a mixture of animation-style illustrations, well explained diagrams and full page photographs of real life little girls showing how the final hair style looks. The eleven "princesses" whose hairstyles you can copy are: Ariel, Aurora, Belle, Cinderella, Jasmine, Merida, Mulan, Pocohontas, Rapunzel, Snow White and Tiana--and each one of these has 3 or 4 different hairstyles listed and shown. The book begins with a nice overview of braiding ("Braidschool")--very useful taken alone and also one of the building blocks for so many of these styles. Here you see easy-to-follow line drawings of the steps for a: traditional braid, French braid, Dutch braid, rope braid, traditional fishtail braid, and a French fishtail braid. This is an especially nice section because girls can follow the steps and easily braid each others' hair. I love these kinds of activities for children where they are having fun. Some, like Aurora's waves, are a bit more difficult, requiring sectioning the hair and using a curling iron. But others, like many braid variations, give pretty results with simple steps that don't require much, if any, adult help (depending on the age of the girl). Belle's styles of twists and mixed braiding look so pretty for typical activities like a dance recital. For girls who like ponytails, several of Jasmine's add fun and varied looks. They show how to get Merida's look with a curling iron, but girls with naturally curly hair might enjoy seeing styles that use what nature gave them rather than always trying to straighten it. Mulan incorporates several kinds of buns and Pocohontas shows five different braiding styles to incorporate into free-flowing straight hair. Many long-haired girls will enjoy the five Rapunzel styles with curls or full braids and Snow White shows how to include a ribbon into braided

hair. There are three styles for Tiana--a bun, a "braid without braiding", and using a twist to make an up-do. I like the multi-ethnicity of the book, too--blondes, red-heads, brunettes, African Americans, Asians, Native Americans, --40 styles in all. Very nicely done, easy to follow and lots of fun.

Heads up, one thing I noticed as I looked through this book for the first time is that almost all of the models all have extra-long hair (mid-back to waist length). At the beginning of the book is a "Braidschool," teaching you how to do the six basic braids that most of the hairstyles in the book are based on. These are line drawings (rather than actual models) showing the basic steps in each braid. Then the book shows actual little girl models for each of the eleven princesses whose hairdos are shown. Each princess has 3 - 5 different hairdos shown. These little girl models, for the most part, did NOT look happy in the demonstration photos. Sad, mad, little sourpuss faces. In the final pictures, they had big smiles. I don't know what's up with this. The demonstration photos were pretty clear and well lit but the final pictures in some of the cases were dark and I couldn't see the hairstyle very well. My favorite of all the hairstyles was "Rapunzel's Full Braid" - very classy looking. Also, there are different pieces of equipment that are needed for some of the hairdos. These include: Elastic bands Bobby pins Curling tongs Topsy Tails Hair doughnuts Ribbon, headband, artificial flowers, and other hair decorations If you have a Disney fan or a little princess of your own (mine is my twin granddaughter), this is a cool book to have. I don't know whether I'm coordinated enough to do many of the hairstyles but the pictures at least give me a starting point, OR something I can show my hairdresser friend so SHE can do the hairstyle. NOTE: There aren't any of the FROZEN hairdos in this book. They rate a book all for themselves -Â Disney Frozen Hairstyles: Inspired By Anna and Elsa.

This is a wonderfully big book of how-to hairstyles for little girls based on Disney princess characters. For each princess, there are 5-6 hairstyles. One page has step by step photos, with instructions underneath, the opposing page is a full page shot of a child with the finished hairstyle. I do have a couple of complaints about this book though: 1. The quality of the photography falls short. The sittings seem poorly lit, with very little if any post-processing to improve brightness and contrast so you can better see what's going on. Even on the full-page sittings, the lighting is dim and low-contrast, making the hairstyle difficult to appreciate. 2. Although it's nice that each hairstyle fits on two pages, I would like to see the steps broken out with one picture with instruction beneath, and variance in the size and framing of the shots as needed to best illustrate individual steps. 3. The typography for instructions also is low-contrast and relatively small.

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