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# Vintage Hairstyling: Retro Styles With Step-by-Step Techniques



## Synopsis

The #1 bestselling tutorial book on recreating vintage hairstyles from the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s. Learn how to do 33 retro hairstyles with over 700 full-color photographs with directions explaining each step in detail. The book includes the basics of styling, a breakdown of the techniques used in the past and easy modern equivalent styling options. Learn how to do retro hairstyling techniques like: Pin Curls, Finger Waves, Victory Rolls, Marcel Waves, Retro Pompadours, Bumper Bangs, Page Boys, Beehives, And more... There are certain classic hairstyles that withstand the test of time. They remind us of a time of elegance and femininity. With these techniques and a little practice, you can emulate beautiful women of the past too.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Reasons I love this book: 1. Every single hairstyle in this book is beautiful. 2. Instructions are clear and concise. Pictures compliment the steps. 3. Packed with useful advice, including the descriptions of a variety of rollers, what kinds of products one may need, and step-by-step instructions on pin curls. Tips to prevent frizzy curls actually work! 4. Tutorials for makeup, manicure, and accessories, including a tutorial to make a flower hair pin. These are actually "icing on the cake," and make take the book over the top. 5. The author encourages the reader to combine techniques to make variations of the hairstyles. The only thing I did not like about this book is that it isn't spiral bound (but what book is these days?). I took it to an office-supply store and had the spiral bound inserted. Either way, I would rate this book more than 5 stars!

I am a professional hairdresser and I found this book immensely helpful when coming up with ideas

for "retro" styles. I've had many girlfriends barrow it for an evening when I have been too busy to style their hair, the looks still came out amazing even when they were done by a non-stylist. I took my copy to kinkos and had them rebind it in spiral form to help the book lay flat for easier handling. It only cost me five extra dollar!

While some other vintage hairstyle books (e.g. Turudich's 1940s Hairstyles) may use original source material and are true to authentic techniques, I couldn't interpret them well enough to know what to do and ended up not using them. This book demonstrates traditional techniques, like pin curls, but also covers how to set your hair using curling wands and hot rollers. Using multiple photographs of a mannequin head with hair allowed for clearer instructions than black and white line drawings ever could. It also covers a wider range of decades, so if you're wanting to experiment across an array of decades, rather than accurately recreate a hairstyle from a particular year or decade, this book lets you try that.

I'm a licensed cosmetologist in the State of Washington, and I can honestly say that this book covers all aspects of wet hairsetting better than a lot of cosmetology textbooks I've seen. I was so glad to see these techniques revived so beautifully in the pages of this book. Because it would be such a shame to see this type of hairstyling become a "Lost Art". It is definitely worthy of being called a text book - and if I were a cosmetology instructor, I'd be using it as a supplemental text to the assigned book. The author covers all the basics and gives thorough lessons and tips on how to set the hair, each step beautifully photographed. She also covers products and tools to use, consideration for achieving the correct silhouette, and even includes a section on accessories and makeup. Most of her techniques are tried and true as they would have originally been done. But she also has a few techniques that are great for achieving some of these styles a little bit more easily than they might have been originally. For example, her beehive technique is clever and, while it does involve some backcombing, appears to require far less than the original version from the 60's (which was basically almost solid backcombing!). And then the bang technique for the 40's look pictured on the front cover is also pretty clever I thought - because you actually don't have to have cut bangs at all to achieve that look! Over all, this book is an excellent investment for anyone interested in vintage hairstyling.

I think this is a beautiful book, with lots of great ideas, and helpful tips throughout. The only reason I did not give it 5 stars is because it is a little pricey for a paperback, and if it was a hardcover, or

ring-bound book, it would have made it much easier to leave open, while I try to work steps on my own hair (while my hands are covered in pomade). I hate to bend it, or ruin any of the beautiful pictures, and I can't wait to build the confidence to try some of the more complicated styles, I almost have the victory rolls down, I've tried a few times since I got this for christmas. Overall, I think that the book is wonderful, it has given me great tips that I never found or understood anywhere else, and the pictures and step by step guide is incredible.

As a hair stylist I am always purchasing books, dvd's and going to classes to improve my work. This book was purchased on that reason. Vintage Hairstyling is the be all end all refresher in pin curls, rolls, finger waving etc. The tips and tricks in from this book has helped me behind the chair with both modern and vintage styling. Are you NOT a stylist? That's great! This book is a SIMPLE beginner book for those who want to learn how to style hair. It had straight forward instructions, with step by step pictures. Anybody who is interested in the basics of hair styling should pick this book up. I love this book! One blog review enthusiastically said "this book has transformed my curls". I have to say that I TOTALLY agree. This book, Vintage Hairstyling, has made my up do's more beautiful, my curls curlier, and my waves go Va Va Voom! This is always a good thing.

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