

## Contour Measurement

Your head contour is the measurement of the largest circumference of your head, in centimeters. This measurement is a very important factor in the construction of your hair system. While it doesn't determine the dimensions of your base, it does control how well your hair system fits the curvature and shape of your head. Please measure accurately.

If your contour measurement is larger than you need, your hair system could have gaps, folds or wrinkles when attached. Conversely, if the measurement is smaller than you need, it will create a “bubble” effect at the top of your hair system, because it won't fit snugly against your head.

This step-by-step guide shows you how to get an accurate measurement.

### *Supplies*

***Flexible tape measure showing centimeters***

***Wall mirror***

***If you don't have a growing front hairline, you will also need a makeup pencil or washable marker***

## Step 1: Locate your front hairline

If you don't have a growing front hairline, your first step is to find where your front hairline should be.

To begin, raise your eyebrows as high as you can without tilting your head back. Next, gently run your fingers up the center of your forehead, until you reach the area where the soft facial tissue meets the harder tissue. This is where your natural front hairline begins. Lay your index finger horizontally on your forehead, so the bottom of your finger sits on top of the soft tissue.



To find the center point, turn your finger to align vertically with your nose. Use your makeup pencil or marker to mark a small center point above your finger.



## Step 2: Find your contour measurement

*For this step, make sure the tape measure fits snugly around your head, but is not extremely tight. You should be able to slide the tape measure up and down the back of your head, but it should not be very loose.*

Locate your occipital bone at the back of your head. To do this, place your hand on the back of your neck and slide your hand up towards the crown of your head. The bony protrusion is your occipital bone. Touch that spot and make a mental note of it.



Starting at the back of your head, wrap the tape measure around your head, staying on the occipital bone and just above your ears. The tape should wrap around the front of your head and be positioned halfway between your growing front hairline – or your front hairline mark – and your eyebrows.



Note the measurement. Return to *Gather*, then go to the **Menu** under **Manual Measurements** and choose **Contour**. Enter the measurement, in centimeters.