



Eyelash Extension Artistry 1

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Welcome New Lash Artists!

- Curriculum is designed to help you succeed in applying **SINGLE STRAND SEMI-PERMANENT** eyelash extensions
- Focus of training is on natural lash health, proper application and styling, not on a single brand
- Encourage you to keep growing and discovering fresh techniques and training to keep yourself up to date and competitive

History of Lashes

- Believed that the invention and use of false eyelashes began in 1916 with director D.W. Griffith's film, Intolerance. He wanted Seena Owen to have lashes that brushed her cheeks. False eyelashes were made of human hair woven through fine gauze by a local wig maker.
- 1917 Maybel Laboratories created a product that became the first cake mascara.
- 1930's and '40's eyelash curlers became a staple in women's beauty routines
- 1960's Twiggy and Brigitte Bardot make artificial lashes a huge fashion trend
- 2003 Korea popularizes single strand lash extensions to enhance our eyes.



FAQ's

- What are Lash Extensions?**

Lash Extensions are a revolutionary new product that lengthen and thicken eyelashes. Semi-permanent single strands of synthetic or real mink lashes that are curved to replicate natural eyelashes.

- How Long Do Eyelash Extensions Last?**

When applied properly, semi-permanent lashes can last from 2 weeks to 1 month, depending on the natural growth cycle of the client's lashes and the expertise of the technician applying your extensions.

- Can I Wear Make-up, Shower, Exercise, or Swim While Wearing Eyelash Extensions?**

Yes. After the initial cure time of 24 hours, the formulated adhesive allows you to wear make-up, shower, exercise, swim, and sleep. However, careful to be mindful and gentle when doing this activities and also wearing when applying and removing make-up. These activities can affect the length of their wear.

FAQ's Cont.

- **Can I Apply Mascara to My Eyelash Extensions?**

Yes, but use a water-based mascara and do not apply waterproof mascara. Be mindful that the more touching and handling of the extensions, the quicker the extensions will fall.

- **How Do I Take Care of Eyelash Extensions?**

Do not wash eyes or shower 24 hours after your lash application; avoid humidity and do not swim or use a spa for 48 hours after lash application. Avoid rubbing your eyes or using aggressive back and forth movements. Cleanse daily or every other day with baby shampoo.

- **What Are CONTRAINDICATIONS for Eyelash Extensions?**

Contraindications include ANY type of eye infection including oozing, crusting, redness, itching, styes, etc. Very weak and thin lashes with a diameter of less than .07-.10mm thickness. People with heavy seasonal allergies, or sensitivities. Clients with metabolic disorders may experience hair loss more easily, lash extensions could exacerbate this issue.

Lash Extension Misconceptions

PROPERLY APPLIED EYELASH EXTENSIONS DO NOT CAUSE DAMAGE TO NATURAL LASHES!!

- Damage usually occurs under these circumstances:

-Unqualified professionals. Application process is very meticulous and precise. A qualified lash artist will isolate and use the correct amount of glue to adhere a one to one application. When lashes are glued together they can pull and break natural lashes.

-Clusters of lashes glued as shortcuts. Flares, clusters and strips consist of minimum 3-8 blunt-end lashes, often with a knot at the end. Some technicians use these with lash extension adhesive because it takes much less time to apply. However, the weight of these lashes is too much for a natural lash. They can break lashes and also inhibit the growth of future lashes.

-Inappropriately sized lashes. Lashes are too often applied without considering the length, thickness, strength of the natural lash. Lashes that are too heavy can cause natural lashes to shed prematurely, known as traction alopecia (which is a form of gradual hair loss, caused primarily by a pulling force being applied to hair). Repeated premature shedding of the hair from the follicle may cause scarring of the hair follicle. Scarred follicles will not regrow. How do you know if this is happening? Be mindful of the amount of natural lash shedding at the client's fill appointment. If the client seems to have excessive shedding or thinning, go for shorter and thinner lash extensions.

Proper Lash Application

- Lash extensions placed 1mm away from natural lash line
- Lash extensions “laced and locked” or placed along side of natural lash
- Lash extensions are all facing the same direction
- Lash extensions are staggered in length and have a style
- Lash extensions with just the right amount of glue, not too little, not too much (no pooling and lash is airtight adhered to natural lash)

Proper Lash Application



Improper Lash Application

- Placed more than 1mm away from lash line
- Too much glue causing lashes to stick together or pooled at bottom of lash near base
- Lash extensions pointing in several different directions
- Multiple natural lashes sticking to one or more lash extensions
- Lash extensions that are all the same length across lash line
- Lash extensions that are longer than twice the natural lash length/thicker than twice the natural lash thickness
- Lash extensions glued on top of the natural lash (will fall off quickly)

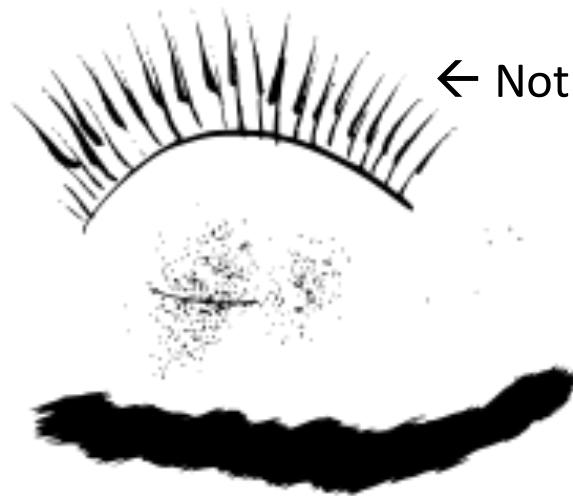


**Improperly applied
lash extensions.
Clumped and glued to
multiple real lashes.**



**Properly applied lash
extensions. One to one
application separated
neatly.**

Improper Lash Application

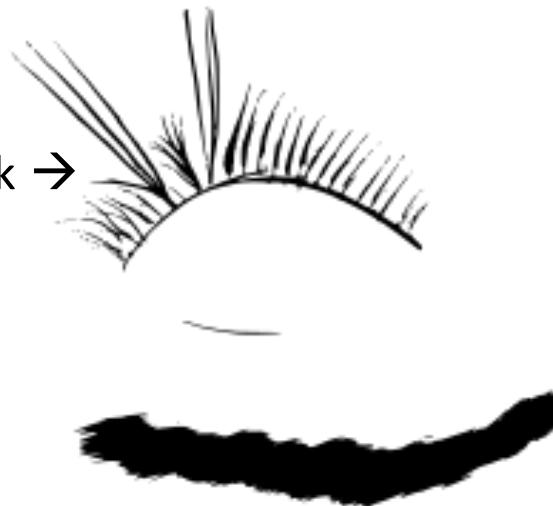


← Not close enough to the base

Proper distance to base →



Too much glue used.
Several natural lashes stuck →
together



Placement Steps

Steps	Left Hand	Right Hand
Step 1	With Tweezers, Comb Through and Isolate Natural Lash	With Tweezers, Comb through and Isolate Natural Lash
Step 2	Hold Isolated Natural Lash	Pick Up Lash Extension & Apply with “Lace & Lock” method to Isolated Natural Lash
Step 3	Hold Isolated Lash with Applied Extension to Dry for Several Seconds	

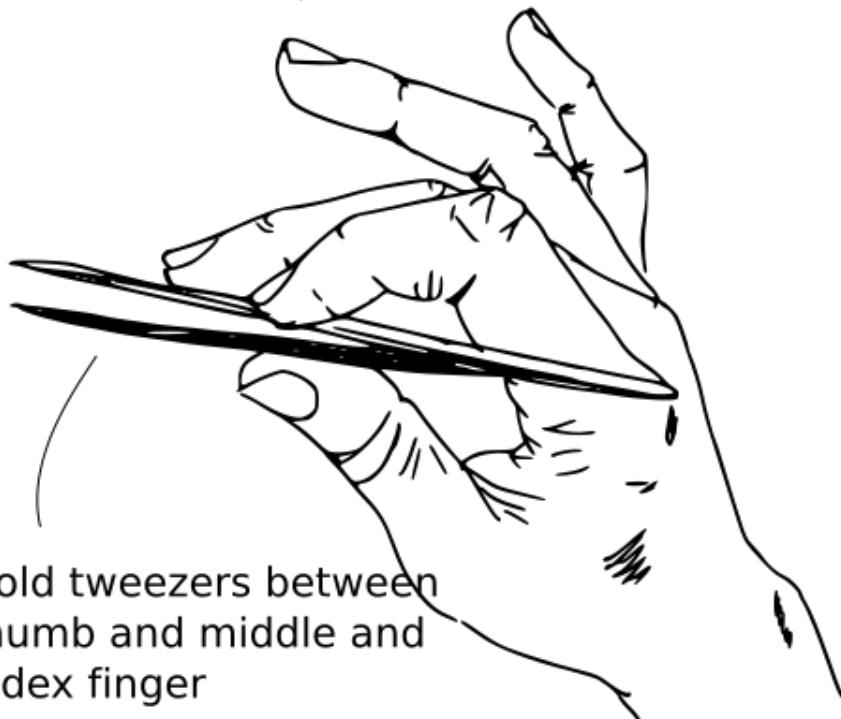
Hand Positioning

- Tweezers are designed to be held with straight tweezers in dominant hand and curved ones in the other. Straight tweezers pick up lashes and the curved separate the natural lashes. Play around with what works for you and feels most comfortable. Try out different types of tweezers.
- Movement in the wrists are important for angling lashes.
- Try angling wrist at 45 degrees for corner lashes
- 90 degrees for middle lashes
- Move wrists back and forth angling for different curls (the curlier such as D or U require to move your wrists backwards to help line up the curl of the lash with the curve of the natural lash)

Hand Positioning

Use ring finger to help manipulate lids and skin

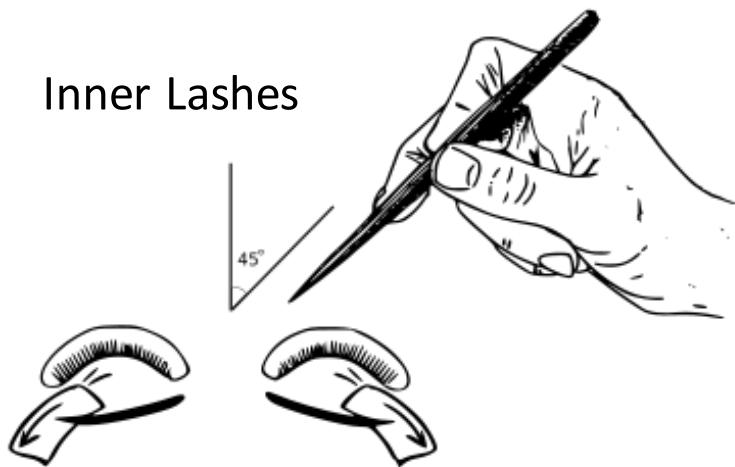
Use pinky fingers to balance and rest on client's head



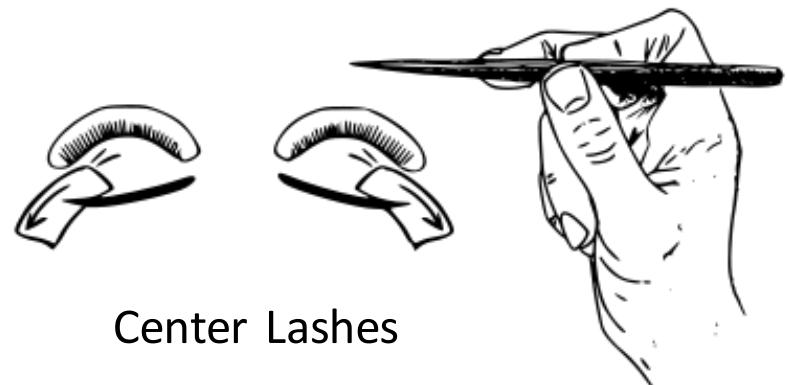
Hold tweezers between thumb and middle and index finger

Hand Positioning

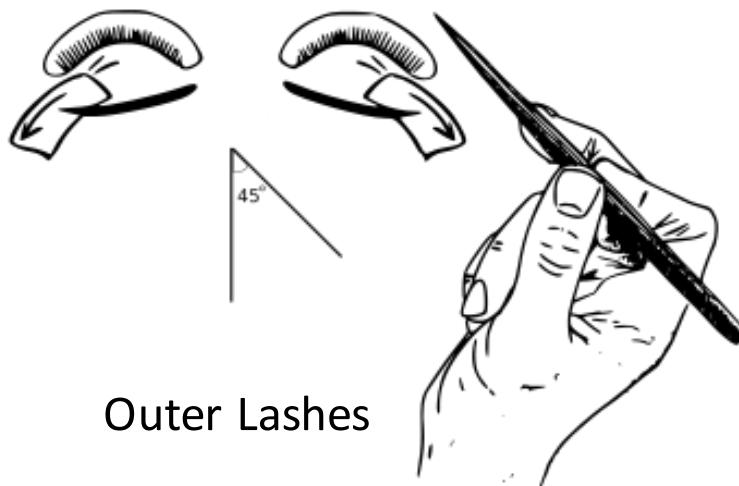
Inner Lashes



Center Lashes



Outer Lashes



Safety and Sanitation

- Disinfection is **EXTREMELY** important when performing any aspect of the lash extension procedure
- If client shows any sign of infection including oozing, crusted eyes, redness of the eyes, itching, watering, or swelling DO NOT apply extensions
- Cleanse client's eyes with an oil-free makeup remover before starting each service
- Always clean your stainless steel tweezers with acetone to remove adhesive residue, then follow your standard disinfection procedures
- Follow manufacturer's directions regarding your lash products
- Be careful when applying lashes as you are working around your client's eyes!

Perfect Lash Set Steps

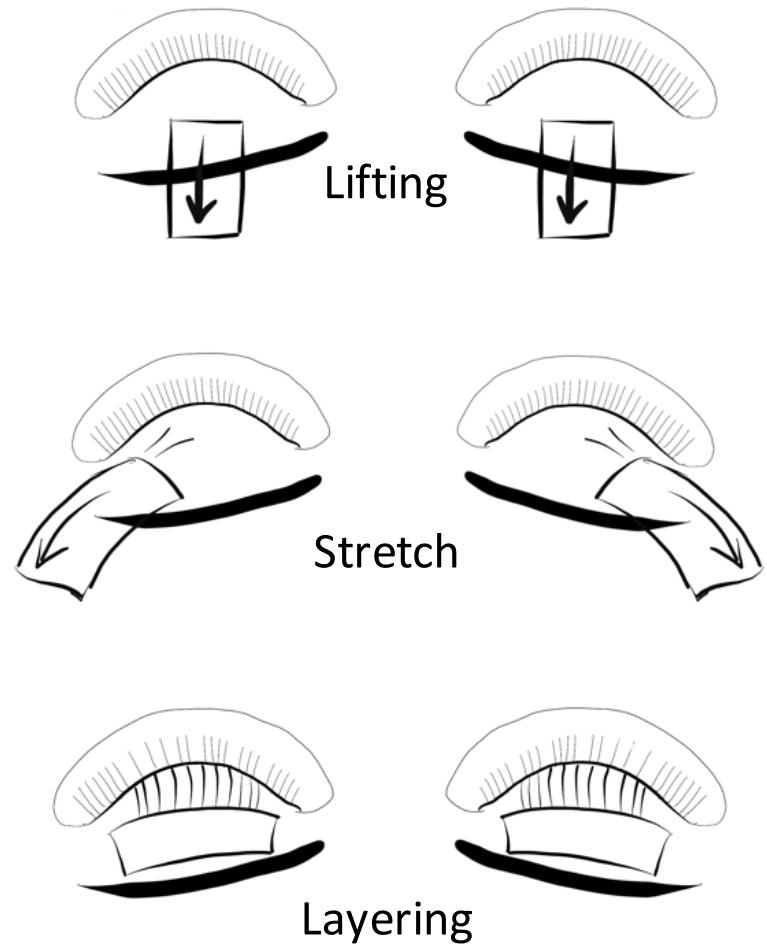
#1 PRE-CARE is most important to determine if a client is even a good candidate for lash extensions.

- **CONSULTATION!** Is most important part of the service. You will communicate what the client can realistically expect from their service based on their natural lashes and what look they are hoping to achieve.
- **REMEMBER CONTRAINDICATIONS:** ANY type of infection/active allergy. Clients with very fine (less than .07-.10mm), short (less than 7mm), weak, and less than 50 lashes per eye

Perfect Lash Set Steps

#2 PREP

- Wash hands and make sure lashing area and supplies are clean, disinfected, and sanitary
- Clean entire eye area below the lower lashes, corners of eyes, upper lashes and eyelid with lash cleaning product.
- Remove and use two lint-free eye pads. Place under each eye securing down the lower lashes. You can optionally place medical tape on top securing the lower eye pad and lower lashes.
- If client's upper eyelid is making it difficult to work with the lash line, use a piece of medical tape to stretch the upper eyelid taut.
- Use either one or two cotton swabs and your lash primer place a cotton swab on the top and bottom of the upper lash line.
- Place jade stone/glue tray/glue ring where comfortable and drop a single small drop of glue (replenish glue every 15-30 minutes)

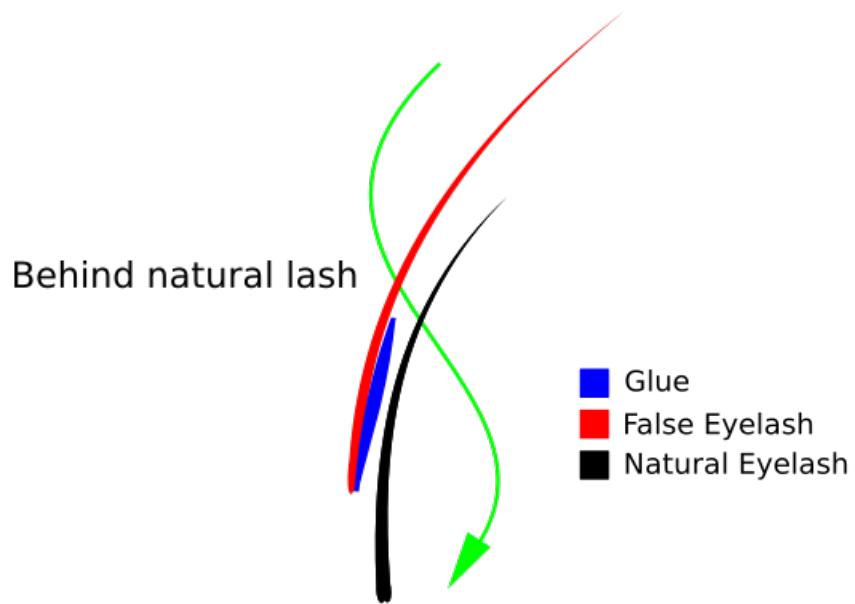


Perfect Lash Set Steps

#3 PLACEMENT

- Every lashing artist will discover their own style and techniques that work best for them after being shown some initial application methods.
- First isolate the natural lash with both tweezers. Eventually you will pick up speed and not need two hands to do this process.
- Next, with the dominant hand peel a lash towards you off the strip holding it near the tapered end, about 1/3 of the way down

“Lace” and “Lock” Method



1. "Lace"

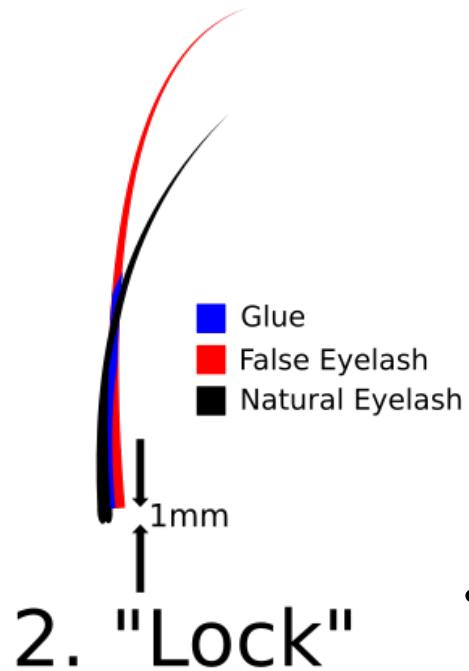
#3 PLACEMENT CONT.

- Dip the bottom half of the lash into the adhesive. The amount will vary depending on how long the false and natural lashes are, type of adhesive, type of lash, etc.
- With the false lash and bead of glue, begin to swipe or drag the natural lash as you “lace” or wrap the extension down the back of the natural lash. (This step of swiping the natural lash before placing the extension is important for spreading and thinning the glue in order to get a tight seal.)

“Lace” and “Lock” Method

#3 PLACEMENT CONT.

- Once you've “laced,” or wrapped the false lash around the natural lash, “lock” it in place. Leave 1mm space from the eyelid, making sure that the false lash remains upright and facing the direction you intend to build the overall lash style. (Make sure there isn't glue pooling at the lash line, and when it comes to lash extension adhesive, less is definitely more and will last longer. Getting an airtight seal with no gapping or excess glue is the goal.) Keep applied extension isolated for a few seconds more until dried.
- Make sure after you have adhered the amount you desire, to go back and **SEPARATE** lashes that have stuck to each other. This is a very important part of the process to make sure that lashes do not pull natural lashes. Each lash extension should be separated from each other



Perfect Lash Set Steps

#4 SET

- Again go back through lash extensions and make sure all extensions are isolated and separated from each other. This is very important so that lashes do not bond to each other and pull on each other as they grow out.
- Once you are satisfied with your work, blow away fumes with a mini-fan. Option to use airbrush mister with water to flash cure adhesive.
- Brush with small mascara wand
- Remove any medical tape above and below eyelid
- Gently remove eye patches
- Optional: Apply sealant to set lashes and protect them from products that may break down glue bond
- Instruct client of aftercare from FAQ's

Lash Styles

1. Curl type →



J

Straight lashes,
Slightly curled



C

Natural lashes,
Coquettishly curled



L

Naturally curled



B

Naturally curled



D

Curled to maximum

2. Length → 6mm – 16mm

3. Thickness → 0.10mm – 0.25mm

Lash Styles

- **J-Curl:** Most straight, useful for hooded lid
- **B-Curl:** Straight with slight curve. Creates natural look.
- **C-Curl:** Most popular and curled at the outer tip. C-Curl gives more of a curled look, but still natural.
- **D-Curl:** Cured at both ends of the extension. Gives a “doll-like” open-eyed look.
- **L-Curl:** Literally shaped like an “L” to allow easy glue bond and a dramatic lift for hooded lids or flat lashes.
- **Lash Thickness .05mm-.25mm**
- **.05-.07mm** used for volume lashes
- **.10mm** fine or short lashes and will produce soft, subtle look. Good for stacking/capping.
- **.15mm** most common width. Provides natural look, but still gives more length and thickness. Works well with medium to fine natural lashes.
- **.20mm** is not usually recommended for most clients as they are thick. However, some can wear healthily and it gives a much more dramatic lash line.
- **.25mm** is not recommended due to the weight of this thickness.

Styling Tips

- Make sure to **select at least 3 different** lengths of lashes to work with on any given client. It creates more volume and a more natural look. Also keep in mind there are 3 different stages of lash growth, place short length lashes on small growing or “anagen” lashes. Medium on “catagen”, and long on mature strong “telogen” lashes.
- When starting to place lashes on lash line, **build the shape evenly**. Start with first placing a single lash in the middle, then inner corner, and outer corner of the eye. Switch eyes and repeat. Then come back to the first eye and fill in between the lashes placed. Keep repeating this process until both eyes look even and full. The amount of lashes placed could be from 50 to every single natural lash.
- For fine lashes, use .10mm, medium use .15mm and for thick natural lashes you may choose to mix in some .20mm

Styling Tips Cont.

- Do **NOT** place false lashes on a natural lash that is **more than twice the length or thickness of the natural lash.**
- If unsure about whether the lash extension is too heavy for the natural lash do **not put thicker than double and longer than quarter the length of the natural lash.**
- Separation can be a difficult part of the lashing process. Be careful to gently grasp each extension with tweezers and slowly peel them apart. Do not place any tension on the natural lashes. It takes time to learn how to master this process.
- A technique useful to get to shorter or harder to reach lashes involves using micropore tape to gently tack back the tips of the extended lashes to reveal the natural lashes underneath.
- **Angle of the lash placement can also affect the style.** A more upright angle will give a more open eye look, whereas a fanned out angle will give a more wispy delicate look.

Styling (Eye Shapes)

- Oval: works best with most curls depending on lash position. If lashes face down, D/C may be better option for middle and outer.
- Round: works better with shorter B/C. D/L could make the eyes look too startled.
- Feline (cat shaped): works well with B/C.
- Downward Facing: Lift outers with D or C. J/B will accentuate droopy shape.
- Deep Set/Hooded: Open the eyes with L/C or longer D/U.
- Single Lid: Lift with L/C in the middle, add width with J/B on the outers.



Oval



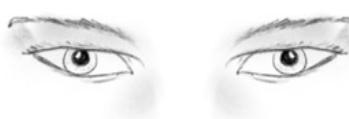
Round



Feline



Downward facing

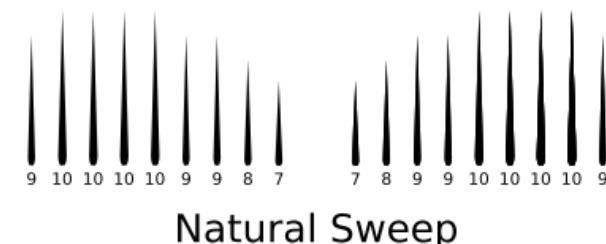
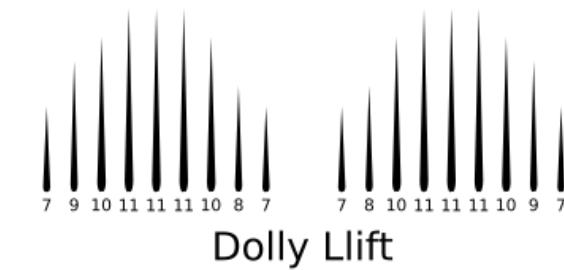
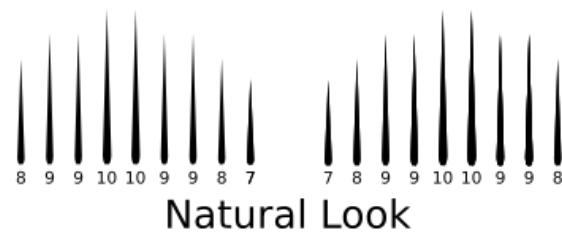
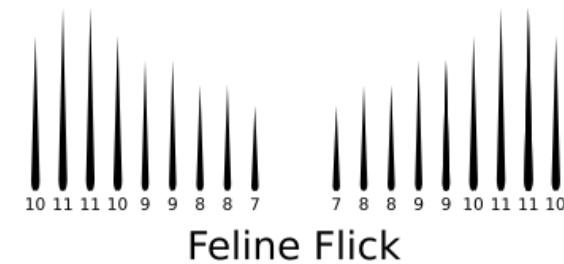
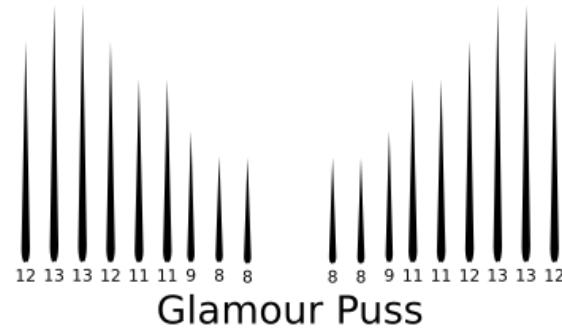


Hooded



Single-lid/
Asian

Styling (Lash Looks)



Oval Styling Guide

Eye Shape	Styling	Lash Direction	Curl (tuple)	Shallow	Bulbous	Deep Set	Length	Thickness
Oval	Natural Look	Up	J,B	B	J/B	B/C	<= 1.3 X	<= 2 X
		Straight	B,C	C	B	B/C	Of Natural	Of Natural
		Down	C	C	C	C		
	Natural Sweep	Up	B	B,C	B	B		
		Straight	B	B,C	B	B		
		Down	C	C	C	C		
	Dolly Lift	Up	B	B	B	B,C		
		Straight	C	C	C	C		
		Down	C	C,D	C,D	C		
Glamour Puss	Feline Flick	Up	C,B	C	B	C,B		
		Straight	C,D	C	C,D	C		
		Down	D,L,C	C,D	C,D,L	C,D,L		
	Glamour Girl	Up	C	C	C	C		
		Straight	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
		Down	D	D	D	C,D		

Round Styling Guide

Eye Shape	Styling	Lash Direction	Curl (tuple)	Shallow	Bulbous	Deep Set	Length	Thickness
Round	Natural Look	Up	B,C	C	B	B,C	<= 1.3 X	<= 2 X
		Straight	B,C	C	B	B,C	Of Natural	Of Natural
		Down	C	C,D	C	C		
	Natural Sweep	Up	B,C	C	B	B,C		
		Straight	B,C	C	B	B,C		
		Down	C	C,D	C	C		
	Dolly Lift	Up	B,C	C	B	B,C		
		Straight	C	C	C	C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C	C,D		
	Feline Flick	Up	B,C	C	B	C		
		Straight	B,C	C	C	C		
		Down	C	C	C	C		
	Glamour Puss	Up	B,C	C	C	C		
		Straight	C,D	D	C	C		
		Down	C,D	D	D,C	C		
	Glamour Girl	Up	C	C	C	C		
		Straight	C,D	D	C	C		
		Down	C,D	D	D	C		

Feline Styling Guide

Eye Shape	Styling	Lash Direction	Curl (tuple)	Shallow	Bulbous	Deep Set	Length	Thickness
Feline	Natural Look	Up	B,C	C	B	B,C	<= 1.3 X	<= 2 X
		Straight	C,B	C	B	B,C	Of Natural	Of Natural
		Down	C,D	D,C	C	C		
	Natural Sweep	Up	B,C	C	B	B,C		
		Straight	B,C	C	C	B,C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C	C		
	Dolly Lift	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	C,B	C	B,C	B,C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
Glamour Puss	Feline Flick	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	C,B	C	B,C	B,C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C	C		
	Glamour Girl	Up	C	C	C	C		
		Straight	C,D	C,D	C	C		
		Down	D,C	D,C	D,C	C		

Downward Facing

Styling Guide

Eye Shape	Styling	Lash Direction	Curl (tuple)	Shallow	Bulbous	Deep Set	Length	Thickness
Downward	Natural Look	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C	<= 1.3 X	<= 2 X
		Straight	C	C	C	C	Of Natural	Of Natural
		Down	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
	Natural Sweep	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
	Dolly Lift	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
		Down	D,C	C,D	C,D	C		
Glamour Puss	Feline Flick	Up	C	C	C	C		
		Straight	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D	C,L		
		Down	D,C,L	C,D,L	C,D	C,L		
	Glamour Girl	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L	C,L		
		Down	D,C,L	D,C	C,L	C,L		

Deep Set/Hooded Styling Guide

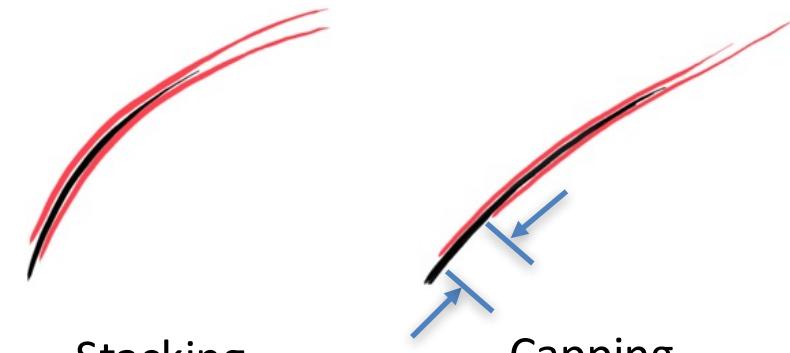
Eye Shape	Styling	Lash Direction	Curl (tuple)	Shallow	Bulbous	Deep Set	Length	Thickness
Deep	Natural Look	Up	J,B,L	B,L	J,B,L	J,B,L	<= 1.3 X	<= 2 X
		Straight	C,L	C,L	C,L	C,L	Of Natural	Of Natural
		Down	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L	C,L		
	Natural Sweep	Up	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L	C,L		
		Straight	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L		
		Down	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L		
	Dolly Lift	Up	B,C,L	B,C,L	C,L	C,L		
		Straight	C,L	C,L	C,L	C,L		
		Down	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L	C,L		
Glamour Puss	Feline Flick	Up	C,L	C,L	C,L	C,L		
		Straight	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L	C,L		
		Down	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L		
	Glamour Girl	Up	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L		
		Straight	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L		
		Down	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L		

Single Lid/Asian Styling Guide

Eye Shape	Styling	Lash Direction	Curl (tuple)	Shallow	Bulbous	Deep Set	Length	Thickness
Single Lid	Natural Look	Up	J,B,L	B,L	J,B,L	J,B,L	<= 1.3 X	<= 2 X
		Straight	B,C,L	B,C,L	B,C,L	B,C,L	Of Natural	Of Natural
		Down	C,L	C,L	C,L	C,L		
	Natural Sweep	Up	J,B,L	B,L	B,L	J,B,L		
		Straight	C,L	C,L	C,L	C,L		
		Down	C,L	C,L	C,L	C,L		
	Dolly Lift	Up	B,L	B,L	B,L	B,L		
		Straight	B,C	C	B,C	B,C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
Feline Flick	Up	J,L	J,L	J,L	J,L	J,L		
		Straight	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,D,L	C,L		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
	Straight	J,L	J,L	J,L	J,L	J,L		
		C,D	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
		Down	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
Glamour Puss	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
		Down	D,C	C,D	C,D	C		
	Straight	B,C	C	B,C	B,C	B,C		
		C,D	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
		Down	D,C	C,D	C,D	C		
Glamour Girl	Up	B,C	C	B,C	B,C	B,C		
		Straight	C,D	C,D	C,D	C		
		Down	D,C	C,D	C,D	C		

Troubleshooting

- Fill gaps by stacking longer thinner lashes (.07mm) to the side of the natural lash
- For shorter lashes you can cap thinner lashes (.07mm) to add length/bulk
- For unruly lashes adhere at base and redirect
- For curly lashes it can be helpful to try and wrap the natural lash around the false lash.



Stacking

Capping



Unruly Lash

Curly Lash

Lash Fills

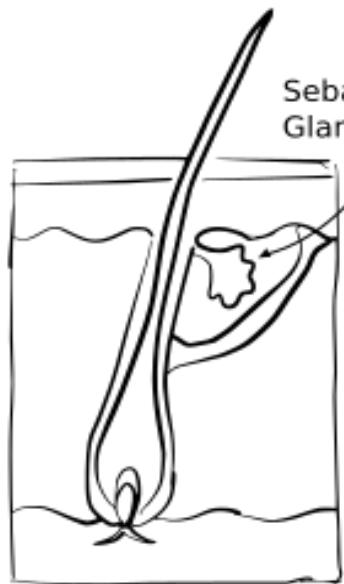
- When client returns for **second visit** spend a fair time going over how they liked the look, how it practically wore for them, and what they may like to change
- Important aspect of a fill is to “clean-up” grown out lashes, lashes half falling off, lashes that are hanging down in client’s vision. Spend time grooming and keeping only the lashes that are still adhered and growing in the correct direction.
- Fill in missing lashes, systematically going from center to inner and outer corners until all are filled in.
- If client asks for new style or design, begin to phase in new design paying attention to keeping it even-looking. Explain that it may take until next fill to get the look they are completely wanting.
- Sometimes fill can be more difficult than initial full set because you are working with grooming the remaining extensions. Can be difficult initially to remove lashes with tweezers and alter design.

Removal

- Set-up as you would for regular lash extension cleaning lashes and placing eye pads under eyes
- Use a safe remover and Q-tips or lint-free cotton swabs to apply remover. Leave on for 5-10 minutes.
- Lashes should just pull off. May need to apply 2nd or 3rd coat of remover.
- After all lashes are removed make sure to again lightly wash off remover from lashes. First with dry cotton swab, and then a little water. It is powerful and can cause stinging of eyes.

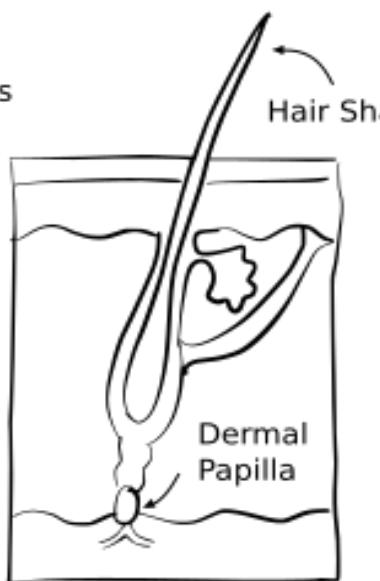
Natural Lash Growth Phases

Phases of Eyelash Growth:



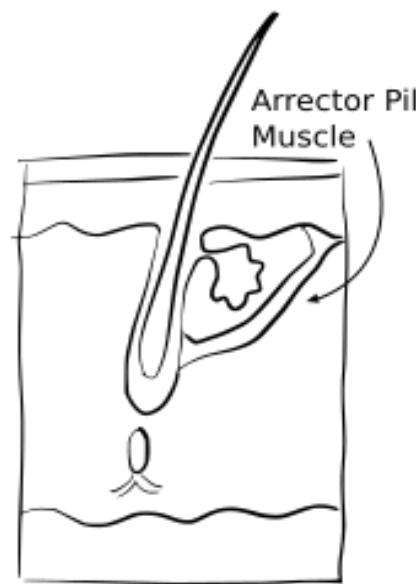
Anagen

Hair is growing



Catagen

Hair stops growing



Telogen

Papilla separates from follicle



Early Anagen

New hair starts growing. Old hair is pushed out

Natural Lash Growth Phases

Cont.

- **Anagen (Growth) Phase**
 - Lashes are actively growing for between 30-45 days. About 40% of upper lashes and 15% of lower lashes are in the anagen phase at any given time. If a lash is in anagen phase, be careful to not place too long or heavy of a lash. Also, important to keep in mind the long ones could be getting ready to shed. Therefore, best to concentrate on filling medium length lashes for long lasting extensions.
- **Catagen (Transition) Phase**
 - Lasts between 2-3 weeks. Lash stops growing and the hair follicle shrinks. If an eyelash falls out or is pulled out during this phase, it won't grow back right away because the follicle needs to complete the catagen phase before it can move on to the next one.
- **Telogen (Resting) Phase**
 - Can last up to 100 days before the eyelash falls out and a new one begins to grow. Because each lash is in its own phase of the growing cycle, it's normal for a few lashes to fall out most days. It takes between 4 and 12 weeks to fully replace an eyelash.

Product/Supplies

- Primer
- Gel Pads
- Medical Tap
- Microswab Q-Tips
- Sealant
- Gel Remover
- Lash Extensions
- Tweezers
- Nebulizer
- Glue

SUPPLIES WORTH THE INVESTMENT:

- **GLUE!!** –without a doubt highest on your priority list for investment!
 - Loretta, Blink, Borboleta, SugarLash
- **Tweezers!!**- the airtight grip that tweezers need to provide for easy application and least muscle strain are worth spending the money for!
 - Dumont , Minkys, Vetus of various models
- **Faux Mink Lashes!!**-all brands of lashes are not created equal. Try experimenting with different brands and see what fits your taste and price point.
 - Blink (best for quality/price point)

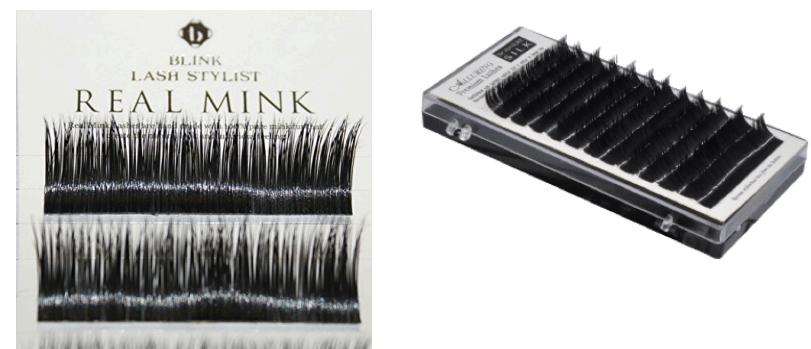
Lash Types

Tray lash: Created for easier pick up, better organization, less waste, and speed.



Synthetic Silk: Lighter than synthetic mink. Holds curl well. Softer, less dramatic. Can often be too light, twist and fall off easier. Less expensive than synthetic mink.

Real Mink: Lightest, feathery lash, wears longer but does not hold curl well. Popular brands: J.B., Blink, Beautier



Synthetic Mink: Most popular. Long lasting wear and curl. Range of looks from natural to dramatic. Popular brands: J.B., Blink, Beautier, Sugar Lash

Loose Lash: Original lash. Comes in pot or jar. Difficult to pick up, hard to gather speed. Least expensive.



Specialty: Rhinestone, glitter, and two-toned colored lashes.

Adhesives

- Eyelash glue is specifically formulated for safe use around the eyes. The main ingredient is **cyanoacrylate**. (pronounced sigh-an-oh-ack-ree-let)
- There are different types of cyanoacrylates, including Octyl and Butyl (which are considered true medical grade). Medical grade adhesives are used for wound closure and surgical procedures.
- Most popular are Methyl or Ethyl cyanoacrylates. They are not medical grade, but safe to use around the eye area. They are quicker drying than Octyl and Butyl, and therefore, the preferred choice for lash artists.
- **Cyanoacrylate:**
 - Used in veterinary, dental, and medical practices, first aid, and cosmetology
 - Is an acrylic resin that rapidly polymerizes (cures) with the presence of moisture. If client is allergic to acrylics, most likely will be allergic to the adhesive also.
 - Because the presence of moisture causes the adhesive to cure, exposure to normal levels of humidity causes a thin skin to start to form within seconds, which slows the reaction. Because of this, cyanoacrylate must be applied thinly so that the reaction proceeds rapidly and strong bond forms.

Adhesives Cont.

- **USE VERY SMALL AMOUNTS OF ADHESIVE TO ENSURE CURING OF GLUE!**
- Adhesive is the crux to a good lash application. My favorites brands out there:
 - J.B. Lash; Loretta; Blink; Xtreme Glue; Sugarlash
- Try experimenting with different brands! Don't stay limited to suggestions here. Industry is constantly changing.

Industry Brands

- **Blink** <https://www.blinklashstore.com>
 - Prefer lash for mid-point price/quality; glue; eyepads
- **Sugar Lash Pro** <https://www.sugarlashpro.com>
 - Higher end quality lashes good for creating more drama with classic lash extensions
- **Xtreme** <https://www.xtremelashes.com>
 - Industry leaders; well researched quality glue and lash products; need to train with them to be eligible to purchase product
- **Beautier** <http://beautierlashes.com>
 - Natural high end quality lashes that are matte, most natural looking
- **JB Lash Extensions** <http://professional.jblashes.com>
 - Mid-range to high quality lash products; glue works well, but easy to develop allergy
- **Loretta** <https://flawlesslashesbyloretta.com>
 - Excellent quality glue, difficult to work with but long lasting and least resistant to reaction
- **Borboleta** <https://borboletabeauty.com>
- **Minkys** <https://www.minkys.com>
- **Nova Lash** <https://novalash.com>

Reactions, Infections, Allergies

- Adhesives are bonding chemicals that require many ingredients to work well and properly.
- There is no adhesive on the market that will ensure your client does not have an allergy or reaction.
 - **Allergy to latex:** They will feel itchy, have skin redness and possibly hives or rash.
 - **Allergy to Acrylic:** Reaction to acrylic will be almost immediate. The skin will become itchy, red and swollen with a “burn” like appearance.
- Clients can develop an allergy to lashes, adhesives, medical tape, gel pads at any time, even if they have been receiving lash extensions for a long period of time.
- **Blepharitis** is a common eye disorder that results in inflammation of the eyelids causing red, irritated, itchy eyelids and the formation of dandruff-like scales on eyelashes.
- Using diluted baby shampoo can clean lashes and act as a prevention for possible infections.

Conclusion

- Practice, practice, practice!
- It takes discipline and patience to become gain expertise
- Stay up to date on methods, brands and product varieties. Explore!
- Find a style that's yours
- Learn to customize specific to the client in terms of:
 - Features
 - Bone structure
 - Lash strength
 - Preferences
- Customer service is vital for developing and sustaining clients
- This skill can pay well!!