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After searching high and low for a blog catered to Biracial/African American children's hair and coming up short I have decided to make my own. We hope you enjoy! Questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions please email

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The kids: 'A' & 'Lil Man'

"A" - is 4 years old



"Lil Man"- Is 1 year old and his hair is just now starting to come back in and curl up!



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Tell us a little about yourself & your daughter:

Ciara is 7 years old and has beautiful, thick 4B hair

What is your daughter's hair care routine?

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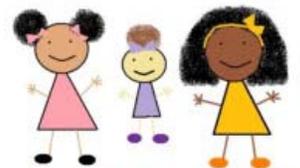
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The Mommy/Blogger: Nikki

I wash and style her hair every weekend unless I do really small cornrows that can last two weeks. She always wears her scarf before bed.

What kind of products do you use on her hair?

I've pretty much given up on most all natural products because they can be very expensive and usually don't produce the results I'm looking for, so I tend to use mostly drugstore/bss products.

These are the products I'm currently using:

- Shampoo: Suave Daily Clarifying Shampoo
- Conditioner: Cheapie conditioners like Suave Tropical Coconut or Herbal Essences Totally Twisted
- Leave-in/detangler: Hawaiian Silky 14 n 1
- Moisturizer: BB Oil Moisturizer
- Gel for braids and ponytails: Jamaican Mango and Lime Locking gel



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The only natural product I use on her hair is Jane Carter Solution Nourish and Shine - this product is a great alternative to traditional greases. I use it to grease her scalp and moisturize her ends throughout the week. Just like the name says, it really does nourish and give the hair a brilliant shine. It's expensive (\$18.99 for 4 oz), but so worth it!!

Have you ever used chemicals on her hair?

I haven't, but I thought about it in the past. I was having trouble managing her hair, but through online resources I learned that it wasn't that her hair was unmanageable, I just didn't know what I was doing :) Now I manage her hair like a pro...no chemicals necessary!!!

Can we see a few of your favorite styles?



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How did you learn to do all of this?

I started braiding Ciara's hair when she was 6 months old. I don't have any pics, but they were a hot mess back then! lol I kept practicing and eventually got better.

How does your daughter feel about her hair? Can we see her favorite style?

We went through a difficult period where she didn't really love her hair like she should. She wanted it to be long and straight like the other girls at her school (she is one of very few blacks at her school). I've had to constantly reassure her that her hair is beautiful and unique and that God did not make a mistake when he gave her this hair. Through this blog, I've learned the importance of accessorizing and it has made a huge difference in how she feels about her hair. Now, she doesn't worry so much about length, she just wants to feel girly and pretty.

If you had to share one hair care tip, what would it be?

Don't be afraid to be a little heavy-handed with your products if your child has hair that tends to be dry. I've found that most products absorb quickly and leave the hair very shiny and soft.

Ciara is a gorgeous little girl with a head full of gorgeous hair!
Mommy LaToya has blown me away with her styling skills. I would have thought for sure that the heart style was professionally done. I like that LaToya knows what works best for her daughters hair and keeps her routine simple. Keep up the great work!

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[American Girl Doll Hairstyles](#) said...



I agree, that heart style was really nice. The puffs were really cute as well. Great job!

AUGUST 31, 2010 8:22 AM

[1xellus1](#) said...



Ciara is GORGEOUS! You do a beautiful job caring for her hair. WOW @ your skillz! I'm inspired! Thank you so much for taking the time to share with us. :O)

AUGUST 31, 2010 8:22 AM

[tias_mommy](#) said...



LOVE the heart style! Ciara is adorable.

AUGUST 31, 2010 8:27 AM

[Melo](#) said...



Wow!! I love it! i am definitely trying a few of these styles on my daughter, they are beautiful! Good job mom and not just on the hair but also making your baby girl feel confident, I will definitely follow on your footsteps ;-]

AUGUST 31, 2010 8:29 AM

[Tata](#) said...

I like the heart braid a lot. Good job.

AUGUST 31, 2010 8:57 AM

[Kourtney](#) said...



absolutely beautiful :) i love all the styles and her daughter is such a cutie too!

AUGUST 31, 2010 9:03 AM

[dimples](#) said...



Omg. She is beautiful and so is her hair. You are doing a great job with her hair. Loving all the styles but you did your thing with the heart style.

I agree with you, lots of parents turn to relaxers etc. because they don't really know how to manage their Childs hair...it does seems like straight hair is easier to style but it

is harangued to manage

AUGUST 31, 2010 9:10 AM

Crystal said...



I have to admit I will be stealing some of these styles soon! These are awesome. I also love your eye for color because her accessories are always so matching and look beautiful together! Go you mama for helping her know her true beauty and feeling comfortable and happy about herself! She is beautiful!

AUGUST 31, 2010 10:59 AM

Pamela said...



I like that she keeps it simple too....it can be very overwhelming with the prices of these "natural" products.

AUGUST 31, 2010 11:45 AM

Bridget said...



Ciara is a very pretty girl. I love all the styles u have done and planning to try it with my daughters hair too. Keep on doing the gud work mum..tumbs up!

AUGUST 31, 2010 12:22 PM

Levone said...



Great spotlight! What a pretty little girl and I love her hair. Looks very healthy! Thanks for the style ideas as well.

AUGUST 31, 2010 12:42 PM

LaToya said...



Ladies, thanks so much for all of your wonderful comments! :)I'm glad that I could inspire some of you.

AUGUST 31, 2010 1:23 PM

Barbara said...



Adorable! I love all of Ciara's styles. Her braids are just perfect =).

AUGUST 31, 2010 2:07 PM

Aisha said...



She is beautiful - hair and all!! I'll have to show this to Anisa. I'm sure she'll love her styles. Great job mommy!! Please contribute Hair Share pics. We would love to see more!!

AUGUST 31, 2010 2:59 PM

hanna said...



Look at my girl Ciara! Toya girl i didnt know you had those braid skills. I love love love the heart style .. of course i love all them. I love you guys and miss you. keep posting the pics of my goregous girl Cece....(side note she has grown...last time i saw her she was baby.. WAY OVER DUE TOYA HINT HINT) Cece is a diva in training.. just her Beautiful diva mother~ my bestie Toya

AUGUST 31, 2010 6:58 PM

LaToya said...



Thanks ladies!

Aisha, I will definitely be contributing Hair Share pics. I've copied some of your styles too :)

Hanna, thanks so much for commenting girl...miss you too!

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 6:36 AM

Alese said...



She's so gorgeous! Love the styles too

SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 7:29 AM

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