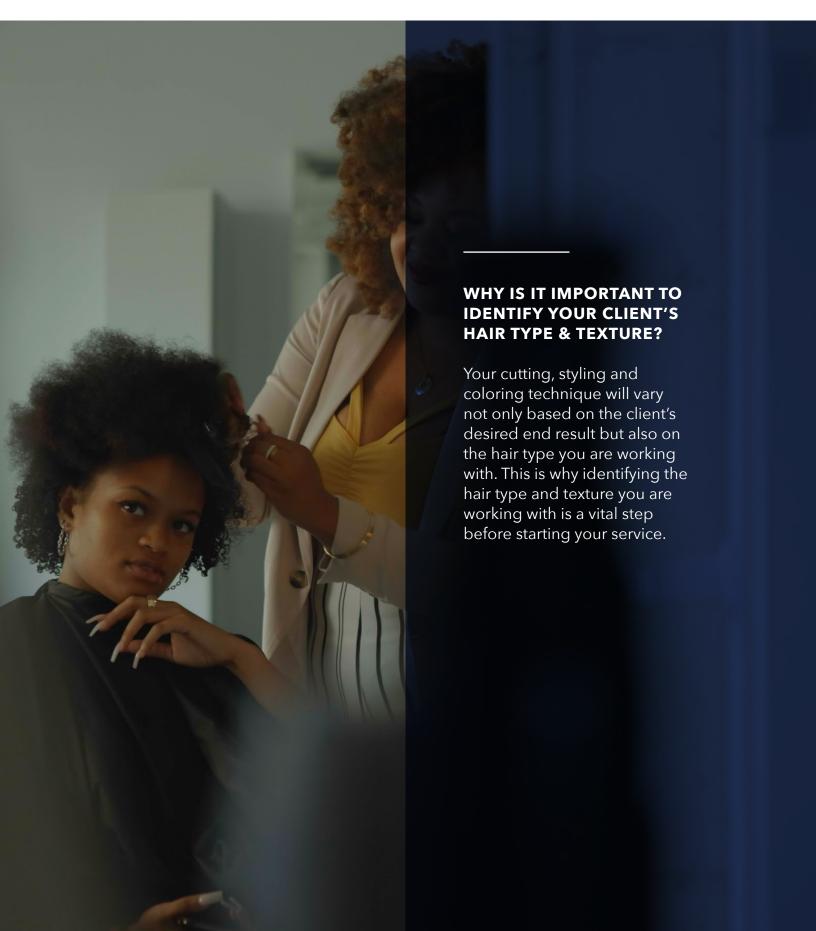


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Before identifying the hair type, it is important to understand that beyond race, ethnicity, size or age, we all can have multiple hair types and textures on one head. The hair type chart in this lesson is based on the Andre Walker hair type classification and should serve as a guide to help adjust your hair cutting, styling or coloring technique for optimal end results.

This hair type classification uses alpha-numeric references where the number represents the hair type (straight, wavy, curly and coily) and the letter represents the subtype.

HAIR TYPE	HAIR TEXTURE	DESCRIPTION
(1A)	Straight (Fine)	Very straight and fine or thin texture.
(1B	Straight (Medium)	Straight with slight bends or medium texture.
(1c)	Straight (Coarse)	Straight, coarse texture.
\ (2A)	Wavy (Loose Waves)	Wavy and fine texture, loose S-shape.
) (2B)	Wavy (Defined Waves)	Wavy and slightly more defined S-shape.
> (2C)	Wavy (Wide Waves)	Wavy, well-defined S-shape or loose Z-shape.
₹ 3A	Curly (Loose Curls)	Loose curls with full body.
999 (3B)	Curly (Tight Curls)	Tight and springy curls.
30	Curly (Very Tight Curls)	Very tight and springy curls, defined S or Z-shape.
700000 (4A)	Coily (Loose Coils)	Loose coils, defined O-shape.
ξ 4B	Coily (Zig-Zag)	Tightly coiled, defined Z-shape.
WW (4C)	Coily (Tight)	Tightly coiled, very defined O-shape.



STEP 1

Identify the numerical hair type reference (Either 1,2,3 or 4).

	1 - STRAIGHT	2- WAVY	3- CURLY	4- COILY
DESCRIPTION	Reflects light (shine) resilient hair type.	Prone to frizz.	Full-body.	Z-shape.
APPEARANCE FROM THE ROOT	Straight.	Slight bend/curve.	Along the scalp first.	Curl from the scalp.
HAIR FOLLICLE	Round.	Oval.	Elliptical.	Flat oval.

STEP 2 Identify the alphabetical hair texture reference (Either A,B or C).

If you identified
Type 1 - Straight
hair in step 1,
you will need
to asses
the hair texture
by diameter.

ASSESSING & COMPENSATING FOR TEXTURE	FINE HAIR	MEDIUM HAIR	COARSE HAIR
HOW IT LOOKS	Lacks body but is easily molded.	Is bouncy and	Is thick in appearance
AND FEELS		has good body.	and has firm body.
HOW EACH	You can barely	You can easily	The strand has significant substance under fingertips.
TEXTURE FEELS	feel the strand.	feel the strand.	

If you identified
Type 2 - Wavy,
Type 3 - Curly or
Type 4 - Coily,
you will need
to asses
the hair texture
by pattern.

