

# Get the look

## Sali Hughes on big hair

**I**t's a source of some distress that I was born with lots of flat, fine hair that never bulked up along with my body. Hairdressers claim this is the perfect hair for styling, but what I want is a mane so voluminous that I have to be carried out of the back of a lorry, like Elton John in his *Dangerous Liaisons* party wig.

The new Babyliss Big Hair Styler has come closer to answering my prayers than anything I've tried before. At first glance, it's a large, ugly lump of black plastic resembling a loo brush stuck to a Hoover tool (I'm hoping a smaller version is imminent, because the current model works only on longer hair). In practice, it blowdries while the brush-head twirls, just as your stylist would do with a dryer and barrel brush (a feat of coordination previously impossible for civilians to replicate at home). It's incredibly easy. Nothing tangles. And one emerges looking like one of those Mayfair ladies trotting out of John Frieda's after her morning blowdry, complete with yapping chihuahua in a Hermès Birkin. It's brilliant.

Combine with one of my favourite volumising products, and you could go from Justin Bieber to Chantal Biya in a few oscillations. Which, in my view, is a very good thing indeed.



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**Babyliss Big Hair Styler**  
£45, boots.com  
If your hair comes below your ears, and you want to pump up the volume, buy this. A cinch to use, it brings great results.

**Elnett Volumising Hairspray** £3.99, 0800 030 4032  
The world's best hairspray now comes in a thickening formula. Unsticky, non-stiff, light as a feather.



**Living Proof Full Root Lifting Spray** £20, spacenk.co.uk  
Expensive and (temporarily) odd-smelling, this left my hair silky and thick. Spray on damp hair before styling.

**L'Oréal Professionnel Volume Expand Mousse** £11.25, 0800 072 6699  
OK, mousse is not cool, but it's still best for adding bulk to roots. Packed the most punch.



**Bumble & Bumble Thickening Serum**  
£20.50, spacenk.co.uk  
I was sceptical, but I used this before bed, and my hair was bulked up the next morning.

**John Frieda Thickening Conditioner**  
£5.49, boots.com  
The best I've found for making hair silky without weighing it down. Also prevents the static common in finer hair.