

## Rerooting Saran – Locked Loop Technique

Before you can reroot her, you will have to scalp her (refer to scalping).

For the whole process, you will need:

- Tweezers
- Sharp x-acto knife
- Steel hook
- Crochet hook - #11-12 (1.0mm)
- Crochet hook - #13-14 (0.9mm)
- Rerooting hair of your choice
- Permanent paint to match the hair (must be water and heat proof - for best results, try V-color or spraypaint specifically made for bonding to vinyl)
- Masking tape
- Household iron
- Clean, white handtowel



1. Cut all the original hair down to about an inch long. Turn the scalp inside out and start pulling the loops with the hook. (If you work left to right, you will be able to lift many plugs at once.) Take your time. When you get to the part line, be careful not to pull too hard or you could tear the scalp (the plugs are very close together.) Use the exacto knife to shave any plugs embedded in glue, then tweeze out any lingering hairs.



2. Here's the cleaned scalp. You may need to use a rough emery board or sanding pad to knock down any remaining glue. On the outside of the scalp, mask off the bottom row of plugs and spray paint the scalp in the hair color. Let it dry as per the directions on the can.

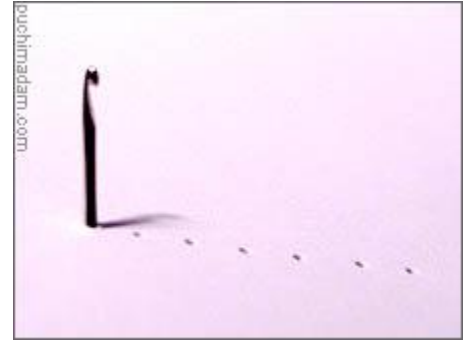


3. Working with small handfuls at a time, wet or gel the hair, and carefully separate it into groups of about 6-8 hairs. (This depends on how thick each strand of hair is. Experiment to find the amount that works the best. Too much hair will tangle, too little will slip through the holes too easily.)



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4. I'm showing the technique on a piece of white paper for contrast. Start rooting your scalp at the innermost row of the part (Older scalps have part lines consisting of 2 rows of roots. Recent Takaras have 4 rows. If you are relocating the part, give her 4 rows), then proceed to fill in the spiral starting at the crown. Begin by pushing your #13/14 crochet hook (the smaller one) UP from the inside of the scalp. Hold the hook in your right hand.



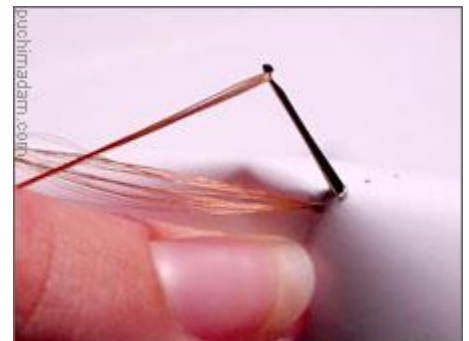
5. Fold a strand of hairs in half and hook them. Hold it taut in your left hand, while pulling the hook down and THROUGH the scalp with your right hand. (Don't let go!)



6. This pic is showing the underside of the "scalp". Keeping the hook inside the first loop, push it UP through the next hole in line.



7. Fold another strand and place it in the hook. Hold it tight and pull it through the scalp...



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8. Pulling it through the previous loop. (Make sure you don't let the new loop fall off the hook!)



9. Push the hook through the next hole. From the outside, pull the first strand, tightening the loop and locking the stitch. Keep repeating the process until the part is done! Then switch to your bigger needle (10/11) and starting at the crown, work your way down the spiral.



10. Here's what the loops should look like as you progress. A few stray hairs will pop up, but should not be too much of an obstacle. When you need to take a break (to prepare more hair or to eat, sleep, etc...) push the needle through the next hole so you don't drop a stitch! Keeping the hair wet is very important. If you have to, lick the strands before loading them on the hook. (Shampoo her when you're done!)



11. To end the rooting, take the last two loops and tie them together, then seal the knot with a clear sealant.

12. Move on to Thatching and Finishing (refer to thatching and finishing).