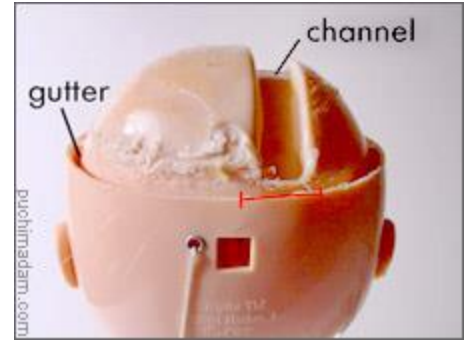


Scalping – EBL Blythes

1. If you've never opened a Blythe before, it helps to understand exactly how it all fits together. Here's what Blythe looks like under her scalp. From this point forward, I'll refer to the parts as labeled in the diagram.



Begin cutting your unopened Blythe along the scalp line where the channel meets the gutter (marked in red on the diagram). Use your thumb to feel around for the channel and cut about 1" at the base. The scalp is very thick - make sure you go slowly and cut all the way through. Don't worry about cutting too deep. You won't damage the hard skull underneath.

2. Once you have the slit made, insert your prying tool and poke around, trying to lift the scalp from the skull. You might get lucky and the scalp will start lifting relatively easily, but Blythes come with VARYING AMOUNTS OF GLUE under the scalp. (Most just have one big glob on the back.) I'm using a flat-head screwdriver wrapped in masking tape to prevent scuffing.



3. Get your tool into the channel and pry upward. Watch the hairline. Hopefully you will see some of the flange lifting out of the gutter. Keep prying until there is enough room to get a finger under the newly extracted flange. The dental pick can also help you get some leverage and grip. Keep pulling until the scalp is off!



Note: You may not need to remove the whole scalp. If you are only opening so that you can get the eyes out, and are not re-rooting, only open the back half and fold the scalp over. Refer to the superior surgery to see what we mean.

4. Here you can see a successfully preserved flange, none of it was cut completely off. The more of the flange that you can preserve, the better your hairline will look when you glue her back together. If you can't save any of the back flange, don't worry...the front one is the most important, so DON'T cut the front of the scalp. Once the back is up, the front will just pop off!

