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A word on brushes

You don't need a huge kit to do your hair — just the right ones.

1. WIDE-TOOTH COMB

Not just for combing out wet hair, it's great for post-styling too. "Raked through a fresh blowdry, the wide teeth create space between strands, giving limp hair extra bounce," says Murphy.

Kevin Murphy Texture Comb, \$99, 800.104.3964

2. PADDLE BRUSH

Flat and wide, this one is best for straight, smooth styles and also works as a finisher for already-styled hair. Spritz the bristles with shine spray, then run it down lengths for extra sheen.

John Frieda Sleek Finish Paddle Brush, \$295, 800.418.3168

3. ROUND BRUSH

This blowdry staple gives pin-straight strands or voluminous curls, *fast*. "Choose one with a ceramic barrel if you're always in a rush — it retains heat so hair dries quicker," says hairstylist George Giann.

Ghd Ceramic Ventral Radial Brush, Size 1, \$21, ghdlon.com/usa

4. FINE-TOOTH COMB

"These are brilliant for precision styling, sectioning, parting and backcombing," says hairstylist Anthony Nader. For wet-look hair fans, use the super-fine teeth to comb through gel and slick back bumps.

Silver Bullet Professional Carbon Tail Comb, from \$6.95, 800.237.2125

DONE 100 STROKES AND STILL HAVE FLYAWAYS?

Mist hairspray onto your brush then smooth it over the top layers of hair — it'll tame frizz without any crunch.

L'Oréal Paris Elvett Absolute Extreme Hold Mist, \$4.95, 800.459.3366



Wash them weekly

Give brushes a wash once a week to keep them in top condition. And if yours resembles a stick of fairy floss, follow this tip:

'Remove hair from the bristles using a tail comb — or a chopstick works to slide in and pull up the hair — then shampoo under hot water and leave to dry naturally.'

— HAIRSTYLIST WAYNE LEWIS