

Sleek and Chic Updos for **Short Hair**

Elevate your client's look with these stylish and effortless updos without using hair extensions

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Short hair often gets overlooked for elegant updos. However, with a little creativity and technique, they can be transformed into a sophisticated and stylish style. Here are some styling ideas to inspire you with expert inputs from **Christina Ponomareva, Creative Director Looks Salon Powai, Mumbai.** The Specifics



With short hair, the length may often come as pose a challenge but hairstylists have many aces up their sleeves to convert it into a nice updo. One of the ways suggested is to use a foundation product, such as a volumizing mousse or foam, to enhance hold and volume post hair wash. Use a round brush to achieve a voluminous blow-dry and rollers for added shape and lift.

“You may also use a curling brush, Dyson Airwrap, or similar tools to create soft curls and volume. Isolate the top section of hair from ear to ear and pull it back into a ponytail positioned above the nape. If the hair length doesn't allow for a single ponytail, create two ponytails, leaving some strands around the face for softness. Secure the roots at the front and use hairspray or volumizing powder for extra lift and texture by backcombing the hair. Gather the rest of the hair into the ponytail in sections and pin it in place with U-pins. Finish the style with a setting spray for long-lasting hold,” says Christina Ponomareva, Creative Director, Looks Salon, Powai.

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Salon professionals also suggest a mini bun at the back or side of the head, securing it with pins or a hair tie. Alternatively, create a braided updo with small braids and twist them into a bun for a textured look. Finish with hairspray to set the style.

“Short hairstyles offer a versatile canvas for creativity and style, with options ranging from edgy to elegant. Sleek bobs, textured pixies, and playful shags can easily be transformed for any occasion. Accessories like clips, headbands, and scarves add flair, while simple techniques like braiding or twisting can elevate the look. Whether opting for a polished updo or a carefree tousled style, short hair allows for individuality and personality to shine through in a chic, manageable way,” says Ponomareva.



Ready to rock short hair? Here are some tips:

- Do use texturizing products as they help add grip and volume, making styling easier
- Do secure with bobby pins to hold your updo in place, especially if the hair is fine
- Do experiment with styles and try different updos like buns, twists, and braids to find what suits best
- Don't wash hair before styling especially if it is fine, to keep texture and hold
- Don't be afraid to accessorise and use hairpins and clips but avoid over-accessorising.
- Always finish with hairspray for longevity

The key to creating a beautiful updo for short hair is to focus on the details. With a little practice and creativity, you can transform your client's short hair into a stunning and elegant updo. **SS**