Braids, Buns, And Twists!: Step-by-Step Tutorials For 82 Fabulous Hairstyles

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Top knots, Heidi braids, French twists, oh my! Chic hair is all the rage from the runways to the blogs to the city streets. This book pulls together 80 classic and contemporary styles and provides step-by-step tutorials for each one. Trendsetters from teens to professionals will love mixing up the looks for parties, the office, a casual beach day, or an elegant night out. Simple how-to illustrations take the guesswork out of styling, while glossy fashion photographs demonstrate how to tailor and accessorize each 'do. With advice for different hair types and lengths plus product tips and fun variations, Braids, Buns, and Twists! is the must-have beauty resource for showstopping hair.

The author of this book, Christina Butcher, has a wonderful website called Hair Romance that I've been following for a couple of years, and so I was really excited to see that she was coming out with a hard copy book. I really like this new book, and know that I will have fun playing with the styles in it! For most of my adult life, I've had a short pixie cut, but I've spent the last three years growing it out, and it now reaches to my mid-back. I tend to wear it in the same few styles, so I bought this hoping that it would inspire me to get out of my rut. It definitely will! The book is divided into four main chapters: ponytails; braids; buns, knots, and twists; and chignons. Each section is also color-coded along the edges of the pages, so it's easy to locate the section you're looking for. On the left-hand side of each page is the name of the style, some colors photos of what the style looks like, the difficulty level, the ideal hair length for achieving the style, the accessories needed, and a few other items. On the right-hand/facing page are step-by-step drawn instructions for doing each style. This layout is really nice, for it makes it very easy to follow along while looking at the photos of the
finished style. One of the other strengths of this book is that it features styles that are very trendy right now, such as topknots, waterfall braids, and fishtail braids. The instructions are also really easy to follow, and most require only a few accessories, like bobby pins or, for some of the buns, a hair donut. I love to watch hair tutorials on You Tube and was worried that it would be hard to follow written instructions (as opposed to following along with videos), but the instructions are really nicely done.

I am a follower of the Hair Romance blog so I was super excited there was a hard copy book to purchase with her styles in it. She has multiple ebooks (30 Twist & Pin Hairstyles in 30 Days or Braids or Buns and more she plans to release) she sells on her website, I'm tempted to buy them but at $15 each, I'd still need to print up in color the 75+ pages as I like to have a hardcopy in front of me so I don't have to go back and forth to the computer to try to do a style. From her website she states that this book is NOT a copy of those eBooks but new styles so it was a steal at the $15 book price already printed. However, the format of the book definitely doesn't WOW like her blog does. Don't get me wrong, there are some amazing and beautiful hairstyles in here, actually a LOT of styles. The photos on the left show some variations of the same style and a write up on the difficulty level, ideal hair length, whether hair extensions are needed, whether assistance is needed, a blurb on accessories and a "Try This" write up on variations referring you to other pages and ideas. Take note though, the font is SMALL, like if you were farsided, you would definitely need your reading glasses. For that side, of the book and how many styles there are, this is a really good book, BUT the right page is a different story. The right page is the "How To Get It" page, obviously the important page. It tells you what you need (brush, hair elastic, bobby pins etc.), the bottom tells you a write up on how to get the style which in some cases isn’t 100% clear but the disappointment comes in the step by step pictures. They aren't pictures at all but drawings. Why oh why would she not use the same format as her blog and use the beautiful photos like her tutorials there??

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