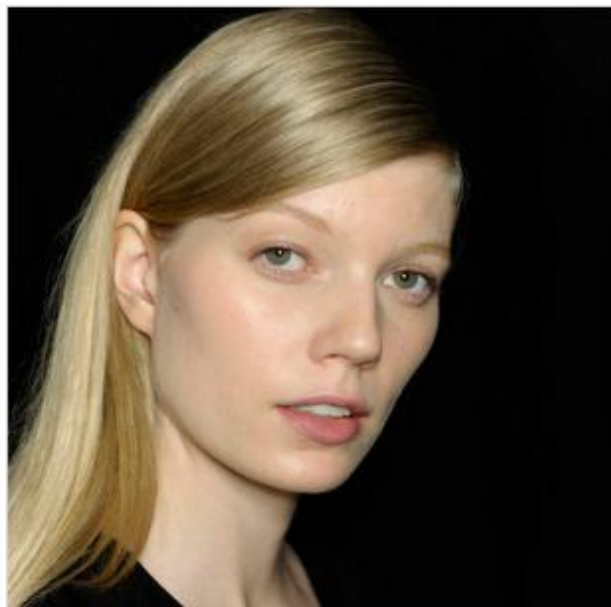


K Fusion by L'Kerabelle

If you're looking for a salon treatment that leaves hair frizz-free for up to 4 months, L'Kerabelle is certainly one to check out. A smoothing treatment that is free from formaldehyde, it's an alternative to the Brazilian blow dry and promises



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What is K Fusion by L'Kerabelle?

Billed as a safer alternative to the classic and much-loved Brazilian blow dry, K Fusion by L'Kerabelle is free from both formaldehyde and urea, making it a milder and less chemical heavy treatment. Promising radical results in terms of smoothing and a full on shine boost, it has the added benefit of being suitable for use during pregnancy unlike many other similar salon services.

Not to be confused with permanent straightening, it works by sealing the cuticle to leave hair smooth, soft and shiny.

Softening the bonds rather than breaking them and resetting them, as with permanent straightening, K Fusion by L'Kerabelle is a gentler treatment so there's no drastic root regrowth to worry about and hair will return slowly and subtly to its natural state over a two to four month period.

What does K Fusion by L'Kerabelle involve?

Following two shampoos using a clarifying specific shampoo to ensure all previous product build-up is removed, hair is then rough dried to 90%.

This is quickly followed up by the application of a keratin-rich treatment product that is massaged into the hair in small sections from root to tip.

Thoroughly combed through, hair is then left for around 30 minutes for the treatment to fully develop and get to work. After this time,

hair is then rinsed before being redried using a medium heat.

Finally hair is ironed through using a controlled heat in fine sections (which varied according to hair type and condition) to lock down the cuticle and to ensure that the keratin treatment fully develops.

Hair must then be left completely untouched for 48 hours before shampooing with sodium free products. It's important to avoid tying back your hair or tucking it behind your ears during this time and should any kinks develop overnight while you sleep, simply iron them out with a pair of straightening irons on a medium heat come morning.

Does it work?

We sent off a tester with fine, fragile hair who was prone to bad hair days and who suffered from heat and humidity induced frizz to trial K Fusion by L'Kerabelle.

'Having previously tried the more commonly available Brazilian Blow Dry, I was keen to benefit from the smoothing element of such treatments, but looking to avoid the overly straight and limp finish that can be left behind if you're not lucky enough to be blessed with a naturally thick mane.'

'The results of K Fusion by L'Kerabelle spoke for themselves and while my hair didn't look dramatically different - it was without doubt more manageable, less frizz prone and a much better behaved (and easier to style) version of its normal self.'

'It's important to follow your hairdresser's advice and to leave hair unwashed for 48 hours post treatment. It's also vital to remember to use sodium chloride free shampoo and conditioner to maximise the duration of the results. This is because sodium chloride breaks down keratin, the ingredient that ensures a smooth and sleek finish. It's also advisable to book in before colouring or highlighting your hair as the treatment can leave your hair one shade lighter.'

'While the results I experienced from K Fusion by L'Kerabelle were subtle, they were certainly impressive and have halved my normal styling and drying time. For the first time, I've also spent the summer unconcerned about how soaring temperatures and urban humidity might affect my hair. Definitely a salon service I'd be keen to rebook.'

Red Rating: 9/10

L'Kerabelle K Fusion: How Much and Where?

We trialled the treatment at Colour Nation in London, W1. Prices start from £135 - for more information visit ColourNation.com. L'Kerabelle aftercare shampoo and conditioners retail from £12.75 - to buy online visit DnHair.co.uk

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