

Nitty Gritty NitFree Comb

Instructions and tips

Our award-winning Nitty Gritty Comb is designed to be used on hair which has been coated with either our Nitty Gritty Head Lice Solution or your own regular hair conditioner.

The way the comb works relies on its teeth remaining in very close contact with each hair strand as the comb passes through the hair, of course. And although our MicroSpiral teeth are very close together - for that reason - each one is rounded so that each hair strand is guided gently through the gaps in between them.

We recommend that you make checking with the Nitty Gritty comb part of a regular hair care routine, so that if your child has been infested by a playmate you will be on top of the situation quickly, before the lice have time to and lay eggs and get established in the hair.

Instructions for using the Nitty Gritty NitFree Comb

Before you begin, use a regular comb to remove any tangles.

Combing dry hair is ineffective as lice are able to move freely in dry hair.

- Apply Nitty Gritty Head Lice Solution to dry tangle free hair, or any hair conditioner to wet hair and comb through from roots to ends.
- Part the hair into about 4 to 6 sections, depending on hair thickness and length. This may not be necessary on children with very short hair.
- Comb through each section with the Nitty Gritty comb, clearing each section of lice and eggs before you move onto the next.
- After every two or three combings, clear the comb of any lice or eggs (see tips below).
- Pay particular attention to the area close to the scalp, behind the ears and at the nape of the neck, as this is where lice like to lay their eggs.
- Once finished, wash hair if using Nitty Gritty Solution, or rinse as normal if using regular hair conditioner.

Tips for cleaning the Nitty Gritty NitFree Comb

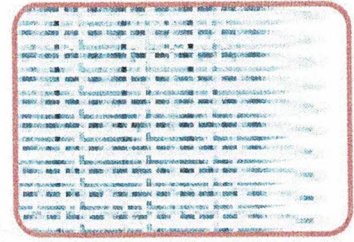
- An old toothbrush or nail brush is useful for removing and cleaning the lice and eggs from the comb. Just make sure that nobody brushes their teeth, of with it afterwards!
- Another item which is very good for cleaning the comb is one of the little brushes that come with an electric razor.
- And recently a customer told us she had used dental floss to clean between the teeth when she had finished using the comb on the whole family.
- When finished, you can sterilise the comb in boiling water for one minute. However, most people don't bother with the boiling as lice can't live for very long once off the human head.

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Why It Works

Perfect Teeth

Nits are about half a millimetre long, and 0.2 to 0.3 millimetres wide. They are attached to each hair strand with a strong glue, and they are impervious to ordinary combing. But the Nitty Gritty comb's 33 microgrooved steel teeth remove and destroy even the very smallest nits without pulling, cutting or hurting the hair they cling to. No other comb can do this.



Mind The Gap

The teeth are separated from each other by a carefully-calculated gap, which is smaller than even the tiniest nit. And their extra length goes all the way through even the thickest, luxuriant locks, to remove more nits in fewer passes. Long and fine, or short and curly, the Nitty Gritty comb works equally well in any kind of hair.

Groovy!

Every one of the Nitty Gritty comb's 33 teeth carries a spiral "microgroove". Look closely and you'll see they're shaped like tiny drill bits. Why? Because this makes it impossible for nits and eggs caught by the comb to slip out and escape when they're trapped between two grooved steel teeth.

The teeth of a conventional metal or plastic comb will bend around nits, rather than gripping and dragging them off the hair surface.

But look at our comb under a microscope and you'll see the difference. The microgroove on each tooth works to pull a tiny spiral cutting edge through your hair. And the teeth are welded into the comb handle in a special process, which keeps that vital microgroove working all the way through your hair. It is devastatingly effective, breaking the hermetic sealing of the nits, to injure and destroy them without tearing or pulling your hair.

All nits and eggs that come into contact with the NitFree comb's microgrooving as they pass through the comb teeth end up being unviable.

Steel Appeal

The special stainless steel used to manufacture the comb won't rust or tarnish. Each comb retains its tough, stylish appearance even after prolonged immersion in water and exposure to the different chemical products - such as permethrins, decamethrins, vinegar - found in hair treatments. The comb is designed to be boiled for asepsis: ideal when the same comb is to be used for several family members.

Hot Tips

The end of each comb tooth is machined precisely into the shape of a cone. The cones separate the hair gently and direct each hair strand through the blades without snapping or tangling. The tip of the cone is then rounded, so there is no sharp point to prick, scratch or bruise the scalp. Small children and older family members we have asked both say that this is one of their favourite things about the Nitty Gritty comb.

Can You Handle It?

Use the Nitty Gritty Comb anywhere - even in the bath or shower! It won't rust or tarnish (any discolouration on back of the comb is not rust), there are no sharp corners or edges to poke or scratch you, and the comb's non-slip grips make it easy to use even when you're up to your elbows in soapy water. And it's comfy, which encourages users to comb deeper, more thoroughly and more often than they would with an old-style "scratchy" comb.

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