

THE BEST HAIR STYLIST IN THE WORLD

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Dear reader,

The book you are about to read was written by Spanish undergraduate students of the World Languages & Cultures department and illustrated by undergraduate students of the School of Art and Design, both from Georgia State University. This story is an English translation of the Spanish original.

This project has been made with my Spanish classes and the final product is a result of collaboration by the authors -students who wrote the original stories based on personal experiences-, and by the illustrators -Art students who gave life to the stories with a fresh and unique touch-. Neill Prewitt supervised the illustration process and I supervised the writing process.

I hope you will find the stories in Serie Leamos, appealing, interesting, and enjoyable. Above all, I hope that these stories will help you love reading and reading in Spanish.

¡Espero que lo disfruten!

Victoria Rodrigo

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VOCABULARY

Acondicionar- Conditioner

El cabello tipo 4- Type 4 hair

Estilos de pelo- Hair styles

Hidratación/Humedad- Hydration

La Barberia- Barbershop

Peinados protectores- Protective (hair) styles

Poner aceite us cuero- To oil your hair

Rizado- Curly

Saludable- Healthy

Trenzar su cabello- To braid your hair

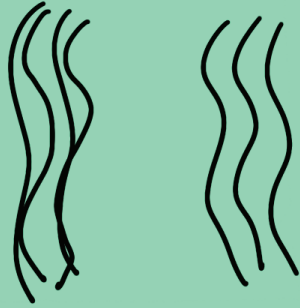


Hello! I am Solana and I am the best hairstylist in the world! Umi, Mommy and Uncle Robert work a lot. Because of this, their hair can be so boring, it's in the same styles every week! So, I help everyone in my house do their hair!

Type 1



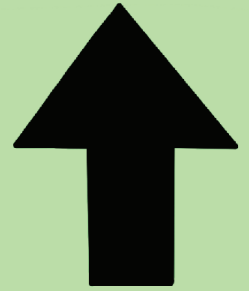
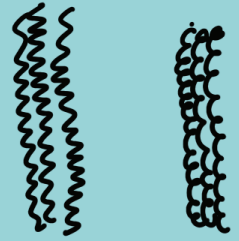
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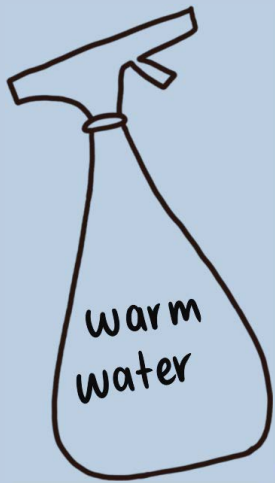
Type 3



Type 4



My little brother Freddy has type 4 hair: thick, super curly hair and needs to be worn in protective hairstyles every night. Protective hairstyles are ones that promote hair growth, lock-in moisture, and keeps your hair healthy.



First, I spray warm water on his hair, for moisture and to make it easy to work with.

Then I apply a leave-in conditioner, to keep his hair fed with nutrients that will help it grow strong and long!

Finally, I oil his scalp to seal in the moisture and braid his hair up for the night.





I bump into Mommy as I leave his room, and she gives me a big hug. “*Thank you so much for your help, baby!*” she says with a big smile. Hearing that makes me so happy, and I go to sleep with a smile on my face!



When I wake up, Umi tells me that Uncle Robert needs some help at his barbershop for the day and that I need to get ready.



My hair is thicker than Freddy's, but when I detangle it by using a wide-tooth comb, warm water, and conditioner I am able to put it in a very cute puff. Of course, I add on hair clips and cowrie shells for some extra!



I got to the street of Uncle Robert's barbershop quickly and I get a lot of compliments on my hair from my community.



“Looking good Solana!” says Mr. Sam as he plays his guitar on the sidewalk.
I smile and reply, “*Thanks, Mr. Sam!*”



“Wow, your hair is amazing, can you do it on mine?” asks Ms. Fraiser. “Of course, Ms. Fraiser!” I reply.



I spent a lot of time this summer doing hair for the neighborhood, and now I have a bunch of clients!

BARBER SHOP



Once I finally reach my Uncle's door, I see him standing there with a happy look on his face. I ask him why he looks so excited, and he says, "*Solana, I've heard great things about how you help out our neighbors. How would you like to work for me in my shop for the rest of the summer?*"



I squeal and jump up and down yelling, “Yes, yes, yes!”
I can’t wait to see what else I can do with my talent!

