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THE SMALL LOCS STARTER GUIDE

*Foundations Every Aspiring Loc
Professional Should Know*

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MAINTENANCE



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START WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION

Creating beautiful small locs involves more than making small sections. A strong foundation begins with understanding the client's hair, creating intentional parting, selecting appropriate tools and techniques, and maintaining consistency throughout the process.

This starter guide introduces several foundational areas to consider as you develop your small loc skills.



Remember:

Every client's hair is different. Texture, density, scalp condition, lifestyle, and desired result should all be considered before beginning a loc service.



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YOUR STARTER TOOLKIT

Essential Tools to Have Ready

Your setup may vary depending on your technique, but a professional small loc toolkit can include:

- ✓ Rat-tail comb
- ✓ Sectioning clips
- ✓ Interlocking tool
- ✓ Spray bottle
- ✓ Mirror
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Sanitizing supplies
- ✓ Appropriate hair/scalp products



PRO TIP:

Organization matters. Prepare and sanitize your tools before the service so you can work efficiently and maintain professional standards.

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YOUR FOUNDATION MATTERS

Parting affects the overall appearance, movement, density, and long-term maintenance of small locs.

Pay attention to:

- ✓ Section size
- ✓ Clean and intentional parts
- ✓ Hair density
- ✓ Hairline considerations
- ✓ Consistency throughout the head



CLEAN
PARTS
CREATE
BEAUTIFUL
RESULTS

***Don't focus on making every section identical.** The client's density and hair characteristics can influence how sections should be created.*

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INTERLOCKING BASICS

Interlocking is a technique used to create or maintain locs by guiding the loc through the base in a controlled pattern.

When learning this technique, focus on:

- ✓ Maintaining consistent tension
- ✓ Understanding rotation patterns
- ✓ Protecting the scalp
- ✓ Avoiding unnecessary tightening
- ✓ Keeping your technique consistent



Beginner Reminder:

Technique matters more than speed.
Focus on clean, controlled work before
trying to work faster.

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5 MISTAKES TO WATCH FOR

Avoiding these common mistakes will help you build better results and happier clients.

1

Inconsistent Parting

Your foundation affects the finished look.

2

Using Too Much Tension

Tighter doesn't automatically mean better.

3

Using the Same Approach for Every Client

Hair texture and density vary.

4

Rushing the Process

Small loc creation requires patience and consistency.

5

Neglecting Maintenance Education

Clients should understand how to care for their locs between appointments.



BEFORE YOU START, ASK QUESTIONS

A professional consultation helps you understand what your client wants and whether their expectations align with the service.

When learning this technique, focus on:

- ✓ Hair and scalp history
- ✓ Current hair condition
- ✓ Desired loc size
- ✓ Maintenance expectations
- ✓ Lifestyle and styling preferences
- ✓ Previous chemical or hair services

PROFESSIONAL TIP:

Use the consultation to educate—not just to gather information.

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READY TO GO BEYOND THE BASICS?

Take what you've learned in this guide and experience the techniques hands-on at Locs of Glory Academy.

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