



THE FIX

## Ponytail Dent

How to go from a casual pony to pretty waves without a dreaded crease. Hint: The prep is worth it!

### Tool Kit



Virtue Refresh Dry Shampoo, [virtuelabs.com](http://virtuelabs.com), \$32



Alterna Caviar Anti-Aging Replenishing Moisture CC Cream, [ulta.com](http://ulta.com), \$29



Invisibobble Slim in Bronze Me Pretty, [sephora.com](http://sephora.com), \$8



Pantene Pro-V Smooth Airspray, [target.com](http://target.com), \$7

#### STEP 1: PREP

Wash hair at night and let it dry while you sleep to add texture for the next day's style. In the morning, before styling, spray a small amount of dry shampoo on the roots, followed by a drop of heat-protectant cream on mid-shaft to ends just before you start curling.

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#### STEP 2: CURL

Divide hair into large sections and curl each from mid-shaft to ends with a 1½-inch curling iron, like Hot Tools Radiant Blue Curling Iron ([ulta.com](http://ulta.com), \$70). While curling may seem like an extra step, wavy hair hides a dent much better than straight hair when you take out your pony later. If you want more volume in your ponytail, backcomb at the roots of each section.

#### STEP 3: SECURE

Gather hair into a high ponytail. Aim for the highest point at the back of head, as this spot will make a potential dent less visible than a lower pony. Loosely secure with a damage-free hair tie—try one made of coiled plastic to minimize marks. Finish with a spritz of hairspray to tame flyaways. When you're ready to wear your hair down, remove elastic and shake out hair with fingers. Voilà—loose waves for a night out!

