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"When coloring extensions, always oversaturate the hair and always take a test strand to ensure you are satisfied with the results," says Nanci Lee, Great Lengths national educator.



What is the best way to color extensions?

"Coloring extensions is easy but just takes patience and time," says **Nanci Lee, Great Lengths USA** senior design team director and national educator. "Before you color the extensions, with your client in your chair take a small piece of the swatch hair, and lay it against her head on the top and in the area you are going to lengthen.

Great Lengths comes in more than 60 shades, so it is rare you will need to color the extensions. We recommend choosing two to three colors or more and alternating them for a natural and seamless blend. If you still need to change the tone, pick the extensions that are closest to but slightly lighter than the desired color. Always take a test strand to make sure you are satisfied with the results. We have found with Great Lengths Extensions

that they lean on the cool side when colored. If you need an ashier tone, use a neutral color. If you need them warm, aim the color you apply slightly warmer than you want. Always oversaturate the hair, working in the color well to avoid banding. To avoid damage, you don't want to lift or bleach the extension hair. Because extension hair is treated and commonly dyed with a textile dye, it responds differently than natural hair."

