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Hollywood lashes come to Harrisburg

Maybe you like your lashes just the way they are — they do get you your way most of the time. But imagine adding 13 centimeters to your existing strands. That's what Barbara MacGee at M. Coiffure on Linglestown Road in Harrisburg does. A certified "Xtreme Lashes" professional, MacGee expertly sculpts your new lash look by adhering synthetic lashes of varying lengths with surgical glue.

M. Coiffure, a full-service salon, offers an array of enhancing options. Eyelash extensions take place in a private spa room. Relaxing sounds of nature were soothing as I snuggled under a cozy blanket, lying face up for the procedure. The sounds of waves crashing helped me relax as my eyes twitched at the beginning. After that, it was smooth sailing.

MacGee begins by cleansing the eye area, then applies transdermal patches under each eye to protect the bottom lashes — and work on those under-eye wrinkles at the same time. Tape pulls the upper lid back just a little to spread existing lashes while MacGee adds extensions. It is important to note that extensions can be added only to existing lashes; therefore, if you have sparse lashes, you can still have long lashes, but she can't make them fuller.

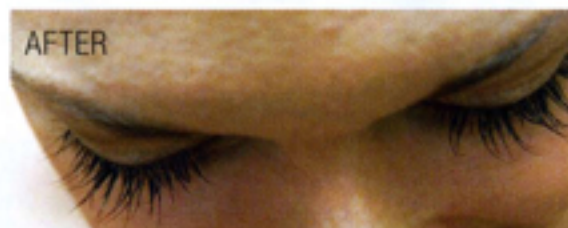
A similar procedure has been around for a while; however, MacGee says, the difference is in the newer surgical glues. "It makes all the difference," she says.

The "Xtreme Lashes" eyelash extensions are semipermanent and can last up to two months with proper maintenance. The initial procedure costs \$300 with touch-ups every two to four weeks that cost \$25 to \$40.

You can shower, exercise, spa, do whatever you normally do while wearing "Xtreme Lashes." MacGee does recommend waiting 24 hours after the procedure though.

The lash extensions are striking enough to suffice without any makeup at all, or, for a really dramatic effect, add liner and shadow.

It's hard to tell what batting those big eyes might get you. — Keely Childers



Writer Keely Childers sports 13-centimeter "Xtreme Lashes" extensions from M. Coiffure, Harrisburg.

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