Comparisons of Ancient Sunrise® Hennas

This is a comparison study of the three Ancient Sunrise® hennas, Rarity, Rajasthani Monsoon, and Rajasthani Twilight, showing high resolution scans of the three hennas. These are tested on white, unpigmented hair to most easily visualize the color comparison, then on 25% gray medium brunette hair.



Natural white hair before henna, 600 dpi scan



Medium brunette hair with 25% gray before henna, 600 dpi scan

Each Ancient Sunrise® henna was mixed with lemon juice, left to dye release overnight, then applied to the hair for eight hours, and then rinsed. The high resolution scans were done 24 hours after rinsing henna paste out of hair. The henna tones oxidized, darkened and mellowed over the following weeks.

Ancient Sunrise® Rarity henna was the easiest to rinse from hair, so is best for people who are trying to conserve water. It is the best henna for people with fragile hair that has been damaged by chemicals or is very curly. Ancient Sunrise® Twilight provided the best coverage for gray hair. Ancient Sunrise® Monsoon is good henna and costs less than the others. All of these can be blended with cassia or indigo to create colors from strawberry blonde to brunette and black.

Ancient Sunrise® Rarity

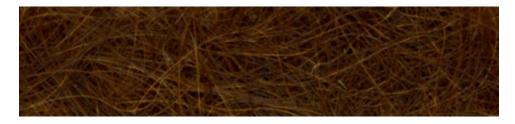
Of all of our hennas, Ancient Sunrise® Rarity has the finest sift and the brightest, lightest henna color. This henna is processed with the most advanced equipment in a new environmentally sustainable processing facility. Rarity is certified organic and is grown with environmentally sustainable farming practices.

Rarity's fine sift is helpful for applying and rinsing the henna from your hair. If you have low water pressure in the shower, if you have no bathtub where you can play "swamp goddess" to

soak the henna paste from your hair, or if you live in an area where must be conserved, use Rarity.



The image above is Ancient Sunrise® Rarity on naturally white hair. The stain is a very bright, sunny, shimmering copper color.



The above image is Ancient Sunrise® Rarity on medium brunette with 25% grey. Rarity dyed the gray a copper penny color, and gave the brunette hair a cheerful coppery glow. Rarity by itself does not completely cover gray, though it can be used with indigo to create brunette and black colors that completely obscure gray. Rarity is ideal for fragile graying brunette or black hair.



The above microscope image is Ancient Sunrise® Rarity henna powder at 100x. You can see that there are no additives, no contaminants, and no adulterants in Rarity. You can also see that it is the finest sift of all Ancient Sunrise® hennas, so it is the easiest rinse out. Rarity is ideal for fragile such as 4C hair or damaged hair that has been bleached, relaxed, or chemically dyed.

Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Twilight

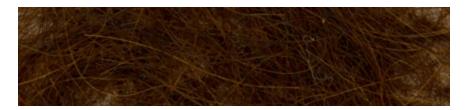
Of all of our hennas, Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Twilight has highest dye content and will always do the best job of covering gray of all Ancient Sunrise® hennas. It dyes white hair a deep henna color which gradually darkens to auburn. It dyes graying brunette hair a rich array of auburn tones. Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Twilight is certified organic and is our customers' favorite henna

The producer of Twilight has developed his own cultivars and tests the soil for a mineral profile that he believes favors higher lawsone content. When he finds a farmer with ideal soil for henna,

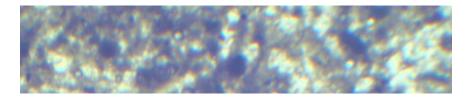
he will pay the farmer to not use pesticides and to grow his cultivars for the five years needed before it can be harvested. This also provides money for farmers to keep their children in school before a profitable crop of henna is ready.



The above image is naturally white hair dyed with Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Twilight.



The above image is medium brunette with 25% gray dyed with Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Twilight. You can see that Twilight dyes in the gray an auburn color, and dyes the brunette hair the hair a deep auburn/brunette color. Twilight gives the best coverage on gray hair.



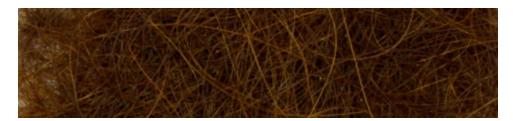
The above image is Ancient Sunrise® Twilight powder at 100x; you can see that there are no adulterants, no additives, and no contaminants in this henna. Twilight is very pure, but is not as finely milled as Rarity, so takes more rinsing. Use Twilight with or without indigo if gray coverage is your priority.

Ancient Sunrise® Monsoon

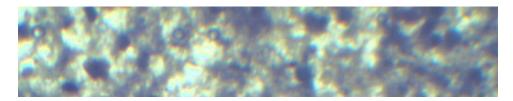
Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Monsoon has a warm rosy undertone. It dyes white hair a rich henna color. It dyes graying brunette hair a rich array of reddish auburn tones with the gray a brighter auburn. The Monsoon producer generally purchases henna at auction and processes it in one of the cooperative mills in his district to our specifications. Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Monsoon is reliably good henna which costs less than the other Ancient Sunrise® hennas.



The above image is naturally white hair dyed with Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Monsoon.



The above image is medium brunette with 25% gray dyed with Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Monsoon. You can see that Monsoon dyes gray hair to a dark copper color, and dyes the brunette hair the hair an auburn/brunette color; the gray is well covered, but not as well as with Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Twilight.



The above image is Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Monsoon powder at 100x; you can see that there are no adulterants, no additives, and no contaminants in this henna. The milling is not as fine as our other hennas, so the henna costs less. Ancient Sunrise® Rajasthani Monsoon can be used or without indigo to make beautiful brunette and black colors. Monsoon is an excellent all-around henna if you want to save money and do not mind putting in a bit more effort to rinse the paste from your hair.

To see other products sold as henna and how they compare to Ancient Sunrise®, read "Chapter 4: Science and Microscopy: Microscopy of Henna," http://www.tapdancinglizard.com/AS henna for hair/chapters/chap4/henna microscopy.pdf

