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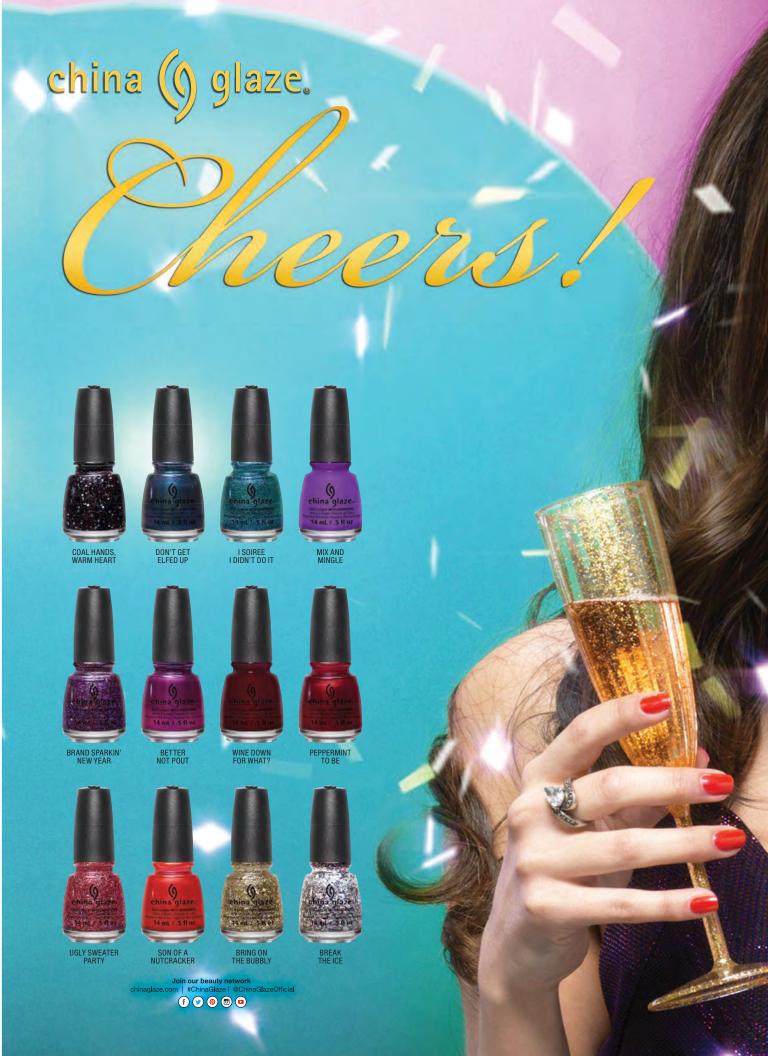
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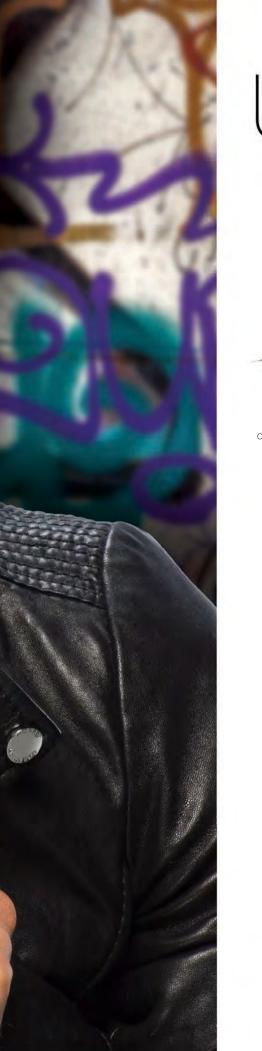
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This month, we decided to highlight the wonderful and interesting likenesses and distinctions that make up the many nail techs around the globe. Here, you'll find profiles of nail artists from around the globe ("Worldwide Wonders," page 164) and learn where they got their start as well as what inspires them. We feature what's in, what's out and what's up-and-coming in the realm of nails, as well as products that originate from different parts of the world ("International Flair" on page 170). Finally, flip to page 172 to see a special Savvy Salon highlighting three salons from across Europe. I hope that you'll find the stories interesting and that, ultimately, you'll see that nails are, in fact, a small world after all.

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Stephanie at Beauty Collection

Beauty Collection, the popular high-end beauty supply store on the West Coast, opened its fifth location in Manhattan Beach, California. With its great selection of products (including a whole nail section!), it was an event I couldn't miss. Here I am with the publicist for Beauty Collection, Yvette Masterson. Always a pro, celebrity nail artist Brittni Rae came fully prepared with tips in an array of designs utilizing our theme: silver lacquer. From silver paired with nude and black to silver dotted with embellishments, it was hard to choose just one—so we used all of the designs, with one look on each of the model's hands!

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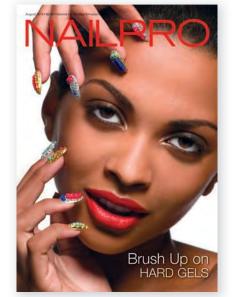
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The characters from "The Nightmare Before Christmas!" @divas_at_melidas

3-D gladiator nails! Anastasia Totty, @anastasia.totty





GEMS GALORE I love the perfectly sculpted and embellished set of nails on the July NAILPRO cover! This artist has some serious skills! Pattricia Garcia, @rebelgrInails

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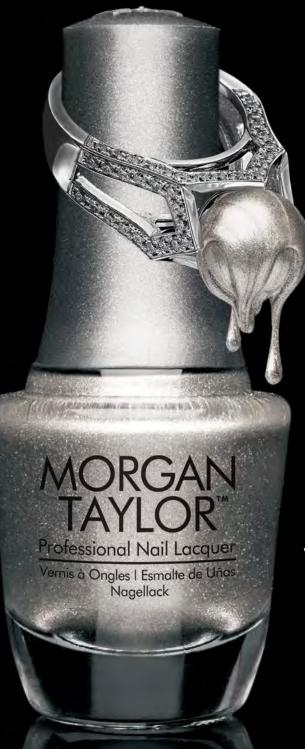
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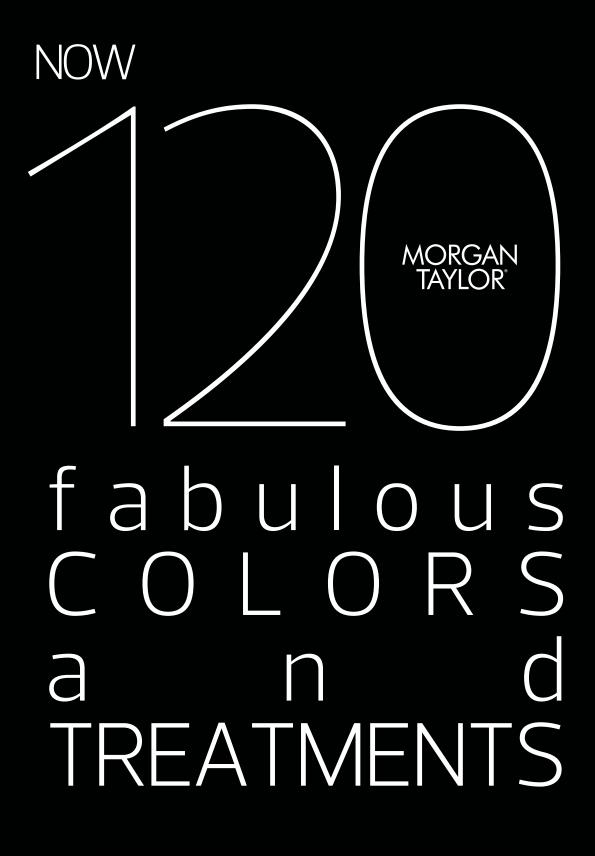
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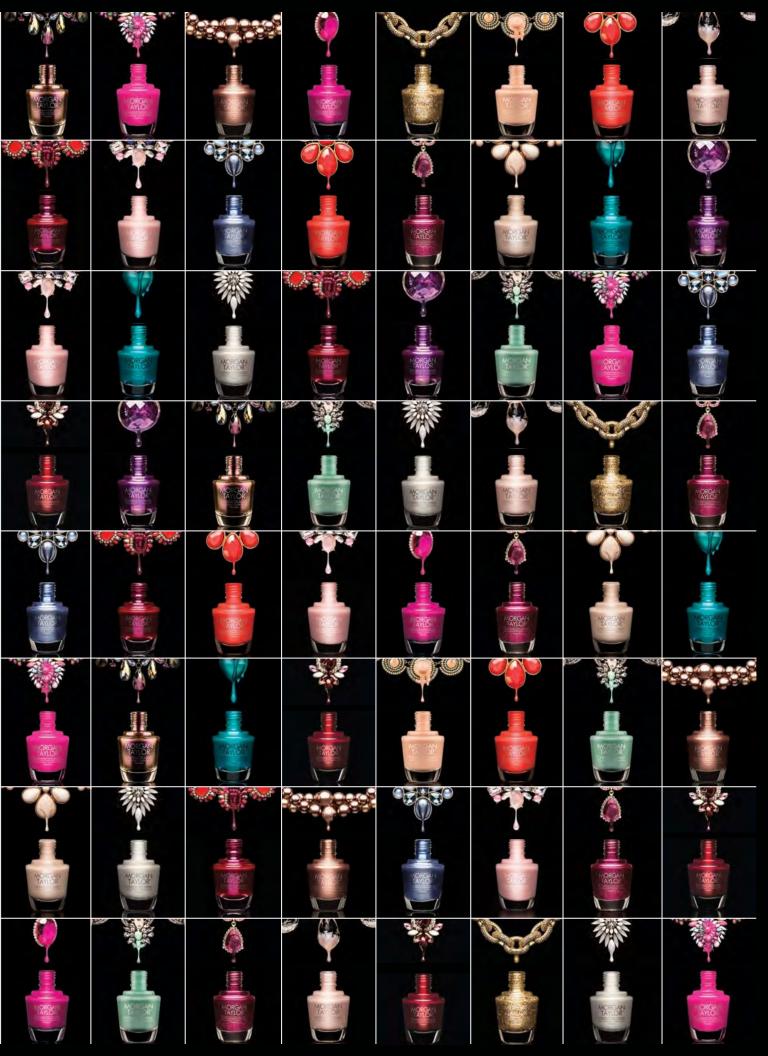
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- Your entries need to be clean! Make sure your cuticles are neatly groomed and always remove any excess oil.
- Take your time! Lines, sidewalls and lateral structure need to be perfectly straight and details should be easily recognized.
- Make sure that your photos show your work. The close-up photo should always zoom in on the most intricate part of your design.



DEANNA WHITE Glossies 2014 winner

- Use Swarovski crystals for the It's All About the Bling competition. Since I live 90 minutes away from any beauty or craft stores, I didn't use proper crystals for my entries—and didn't even place in the competition. I suggest that you use the real deal!
- Take exceptional photos for the Salon Success competition. One of my friends is a photographer, so I asked her to take photos of my entries. We took the pictures outside in daylight and they came out great! Also, choose a model with lovely nail beds.
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concept of "empathetic exchange," or peer-to-peer sharing of information and ideas, the site offers techs up-to-date educational content in the form of original articles, videos and podcasts. "We want to focus on sanitization best practices and the inclusion of mani/pedi services in spas and salons that do not currently offer these services," says Kelly Maack, CEO of the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania-based company, who notes that Spa Standard will offer membership programs to fit the needs of students, professionals and salon owners. "We also want to provide content that focuses on selling retail products, packaging and increasing the rebooking rate for clients." Plus. standard membership will allow techs access to discounted education programs and



networking via discussion boards. According to Maack, the site is eager to enlist several nail professionals as educators for their nail-based content. Interested in contributing? To learn more, and to submit your original content and resume for consideration by the Spa Standard Review Board, visit **spastandard.com**.



Canadian techs, mark your calendars! The seventh annual Canadian Nail Tech Connection (CNTC) will be held on November 8 at the Ramada London in London, Ontario, Canada. The nails-only networking event will feature educational classes, hands-on workshops, demos, door prizes and goodie bags. Attendees will also have the chance to bid on must-have nail

products at discounted prices during the event's silent auction. What's more, CNTC founder Dayna Knight says techs will appreciate the small, intimate setting. "My dream is to give more nail technicians the chance to meet amazing educators, purchase quality products and meet new friends so they can successfully grow their business," she says. For more information, visit thecntc.ca.



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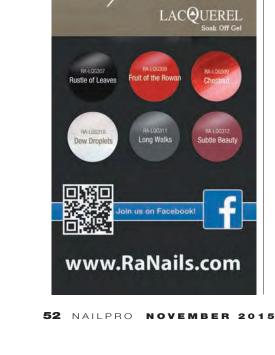
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THE BEAUTY CHANGES LIVES (BCL) FOUNDATION AND THE LEO PASSAGE ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTED TWENTY-THREE COSMETOLOGISTS AND TWO NAIL EDUCATORS WITH THE BCL LEO PASSAGE POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN SEPTEMBER.



Recipients will receive an allinclusive trip (up to \$2,000) to Creative Jam Chicago, a two-day event for beauty educators held November 15 and 16. The scholarship is intended to celebrate the efforts and dedication of educators across the U.S. and is administered by the BCL and funded by the Leo Passage Endowment fund, created by the Passage family to honor the efforts and contributions of Leo Passage, founder of Pivot Point International.

"This scholarship emphasizes the

importance of the role of the educator," says Lynelle Lynch, president of BCL and the president and owner of the Bellus Academy. "Both hair and nail educators share a tremendous responsibility to mentor the next generation of beauty professionals and inspire them with the latest innovations and creative approaches." For more information, visit beautychangeslives.org.



Newsfile

Holtsville, New York-based distributor **Burmax** announced the appointment of Kevin Palmquist as vice president of brand and business development for Burmax and Product Club. Palmquist joins the company with extensive experience in the professional beauty industry and has previously worked in sales, brand development and marketing. "We are extremely excited to have Kevin join our Burmax family,"

Kevin Palmquist

says Steven Scheff, president of Burmax. "We are confident that he will contribute a lot to our company."



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As Seen TV

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AND NAILPRO EXECUTIVE EDITOR STEPHANIE YAGGY LAVERY ON "THE LATE LATE SHOW" IN JULY. The show's host James Corden filmed his infamous "Take a Break" segment—a portion of the show where the comedian visits a local business and gives the employees a break from their duties—at Cazorla's Los Angeles-based salon. As expected, hilarity ensued, and the host transformed standard salon protocols into impromptu comedy routines: Corden rubbed a client's towel on his face, force-fed champagne to a female client and even persuaded a nervous male client to sing "Amazing Grace" while giving him a pedicure. Missed it? Check out the salon shenanigans at youtube.com/thelatelateshow.





S pilo Worldwide is bringing a leading Korean skincare brand to the U.S. market. In August, the Vernon, California-based manufacturer was named the exclusive distributor of Tony Moly skincare products



in the United States. The high-profile Korean brand's playful packaging and unconventional natural ingredients, such as gold, goat's milk and snail mucin, have already garnered an international cult following among professionals and consumers. "Korean skin care has generated a tremendous amount of buzz in the beauty industry lately," says Stacy Drageset, senior brand manager for Spilo Worldwide. "As the exclusive distributor of Tony Moly products in the professional beauty channel, Spilo is proud to represent this exciting and innovative product line." Find Tony Moly products at spilo.com



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Salon

The Professional Beauty Association (PBA) will host the second annual PBA Executive Summit December 3 and 4 in its hometown of Scottsdale, Arizona. The two-day event is designed exclusively for upper-level management and will focus on industry trends, networking opportunities and leadership skills. The event's theme, "The Changing Consumer," will explore the cultural intelligence of the modern consumer and help PBA members and non-member attendees develop effective marketing strategies. "There is a direct correlation between

the changes in our industry and the generation that is coming into the workforce," says Steve Sleeper, PBA executive director. "Our hope with this year's theme is to offer thought-provoking ideas that our attendees can take back to their business to help them arow with the next generation."

Event speakers include Terry Jones, founder and former president of Travelocity.com; Lauren DeLisa Coleman, mobile strategist specialist; and Scott McKain, best-selling author and customer expert. To register or for more info, visit probeauty.org.





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Teen Serena Pelenghian and Beauty Bus CEO Ronda Wilkin.

up salon clients through the foundation's Bags of Beauty program. "The creativity, open hearts and drive of our teen volunteers is inspiring and empowering," says Beauty Bus CEO Ronda Wilkin. "Beauty Bus is honored to be the recipient of Serena's passion to give back in a way that will make a difference to our clients."

GOODS THAT GIVE BACK 🍁

Arcadia, California-based high school student Serena Pelenghian put her love of nail lacquer to good use to create customized nail polish for the Beauty Bus foundation. With the help of her father's cosmetic manufacturing business, the 16-year-old created her own polish bottles and shades for the Santa Monica, California-based organization. Pelenghian's polishes will be gifted to

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HONOR ROLL

TO CELEBRATE THE EFFORTS OF THE 20 VIETNAMESE TECHS that escaped refugee camps in the '70s to establish careers in the nail industry, thanks to the help of actress and philanthropist Tippi Hedren, American International Industries (AII) hosted a threeday Educational Consultant Training event at their headquarters in Commerce, California, on July 29. All key account manager Kelvin Pham organized the event to honor the



AEC trainees Nhi Le (left) and Amanda Pham (right) with "Original 20" member Thuan Le (center).

"Original 20" and to show how far the industry has come. "The 'Original 20' worked together as a group and supported each other within the industry," says Pham. "I wanted to create a new group of All Educational Consultants (AEC) that would embrace the same mentality and focus on the unity and success of the group as a whole to represent the Vietnamese nail community." Pham handpicked 23 up-and-coming techs to attend the educational seminar, where they were introduced to new techniques and styles associated with the ibd, EzFlow and SuperNail brands in a series of hands-on classes and workshops in order to receive their All Educational Consultant certification. At the end of the event, All hosted a nail competition with three categories to showcase the techniques that the techs learned during the seminar. Thuan Le, competition judge and one of the "Original 20," admitted onstage that she was impressed by competitors' advanced skill level, saying, "I've never seen so much talent in one room."



All trainees with Kelvin Pham (far left), Teresa Hamm (back row, second from left), Sryenin Peng (back row, third from left), Vicki Ornellas (back row, third from right), Terry Burciaga (back row, second from right) and Donald Anderson.

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Fairytale Come True

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(From left) Essie director of education Gino Trunzo, Polished Girlz founder Alanna Wall and The Painted Nail owner Katie Cazorla

in September. Attendees were invited to dress the part with donated bow ties, dresses and crowns and the girls received manicures from the Polished Girlz team before heading to the ball. The charitable event attracted a number of celebrity guests, including Nia Sioux Frazier of Lifetime TV's "Dance

Moms." as well as some of the leading names in the industry: Gino Trunzo. Essie director of education. and Katie Cazorla. owner of the Painted Nail. hosted the evening's festivities: Azature founder Azature Pogosian designed a \$17 million crown and jewelry for



Attendees show off their manicures before heading to the Polished Girlz Ball.

Wall to wear to the event; celebrity manicurists Mr. Luis Nails and Mar y Sol Inzerillo gave manicures to attendees; and industry brands, including KBShimmer and Orly, as well as Sephora and NBC partnered with the Dayton, Ohio-based nonprofit organization to sponsor the event. Says Wall, "It was amazing to see the leaders in the nail industry come together for the patients." To learn more about Polished Girlz, visit polishedgirlz.org.

TROPICAL SHINE CELEBRATED ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER. A division of San **Diego-based manufacturer,** Robanda International, the



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NEW YORK-BASED ESSIE HOSTED 28 EDUCATORS ON THE NORWEGIAN SKY CRUISE LINE THIS AUGUST FOR THE 2015 ESSIE EDUCATION SUMMIT. Led by Essie director of education Gino

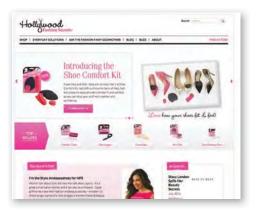
Trunzo, the five-day cruise featured professional development classes, hands-on training and team-building exercises. Plus,



to bond during fun activities, such as guided morning meditation, salsa dancing and karaoke. (Techs even spread the Essie love by giving fellow passengers manicures!) "Wearing the same uniform or participating in standard team-building activities won't create a team." says Trunzo. "A team is made up of individuals. and those individuals and the interactions you have with them will ultimately determine the team's success." For more photos and video clips of this year's event, visit nailpro. com/2015-essie-summit.

SECRET'S American International

Industries is expanding into fashion. In August, the Commerce, California-based manufacturer and distributor



announced the acquisition of the Hollywood Fashion Secrets brand, which offers a variety of must-have fashion and beauty essentials, including double-stick tape, foot comfort care products and beauty solutions. To learn more, visit hollywoodfashionsecrets.com.

Making Moves

Qosmedix has set up shop in a new location. The global salon supplier has moved from Edgewood, New York, to a 95,000-square foot, state-of-the-art facility in Ronkonkoma, New York. "After a lengthy search, we have finally found the perfect space that will meet the future needs of our company," says Stuart Herskovitz, president of Qosmedix. "Our new headquarters has an efficient floor plan for both our office and warehouse operations."



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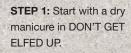
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CG 2pc Nail Design Kit Includes 1 of each 0.5oz: DON'T GET ELFED UP and BETTER NOT POUT BONUS NAIL ART STRIPING TAPE Item#: 82781







STEP 2: Apply striping tape in diagonal lines or however you choose.



STEP 3: Paint BETTER NOT POUT over the entire nail. Remove the tape before it dries. Allow to dry briefly before applying Fast Forward top coat.





MIX AND MINGLE

CG 2pc Nail Design Kit Includes 1 of each 0.5oz: MIX AND MINGLE and BREAK THE ICE BONUS NAIL GUIDES Item#: 82780



STEP 1: Start with CG manicure in MIX AND MINGLE.



STEP 2: For Moon: Apply nail guide near base of nail, and paint BREAK THE ICE at base of nail. Remove guide. For Fade: Tap BREAK THE ICE, starting at the tip of the nail to the center of the nail. For a reverse effect, apply the lacquer at the base. Add more BREAK THE ICE to the tip of the nail for more sparkle. Let dry.



STEP 3: Finish with CG Fast Forward Top Coat to protect your design.



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STEP 2: Paint a stripe down the middle with BRING ON THE BUBBLY.



STEP 3: Paint a vertical line on the left and right side of BRING ON THE BUBBLY with a white STRIPE RITE. Finish with CG Fast Forward Top Coat to protect your design.







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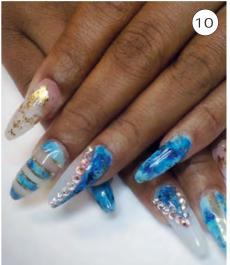






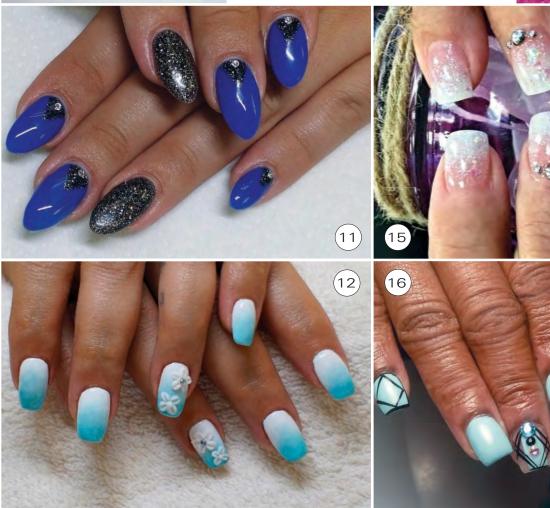






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2 Apply one thin coat of OPI GelColor I Drive a Supernova. Do not cure.

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Apply rhinestones to the three center bars by pressing them into the GelColor residue. Finish with a thin coat of OPI GelColor Top Coat and cure for 30 seconds. Remove the gel residue with an Expert Touch Nail Wipe and N.A.S. 99.

STARRY NIGHT

Prep the nail and apply a thin coat of OPI GelColor Base Coat. Cure for 30 seconds in the OPI LED Light. Then, apply two thin coats of OPI GelColor Give Me Space. Cure each coat for 30 seconds.

2 Using OPI GelColor Cosmo with a Twist, apply a small amount starting at the cuticle, covering approximately 1/3 of the nail. Use a flattened, dry Golden Pointe Brush and gently pull the color down to create a fade. Cure for 30 seconds.

Using OPI GelColor Super Star Status, apply small dots. *Do not cure.*

Using a dry Golden Pointe Brush, blend out the dots to create a glow effect. On one dot use the tip of the Golden Pointe Brush to draw out the points of a star. Cure for 30 seconds.

Apply rhinestones to the center of each dot by pressing them into the GelColor residue. Finish with a thin coat of OPI GelColor Top Coat and cure for 30 seconds. Remove the gel residue with an Expert Touch Nail Wipe and N.A.S. 99.



STARGATE

Prep the nail and apply a thin coat of OPI GelColor Base Coat. Cure for 30 seconds in the OPI LED Light. Then, apply three coats of OPI GelColor I'm in the Moon for Love. Cure each coat for 30 seconds.

2 Remove the gel residue with an Expert Touch Nail Wipe and N.A.S. 99.

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Trim the sides of the chevrons as needed. Finish with a thin coat of OPI GelColor Top Coat and cure for 30 seconds. Remove the gel residue with an Expert Touch Nail Wipe and N.A.S. 99.

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DESIGNERS HAVE STARS IN THEIR EYES AND, BY THE LOOK OF THE FALL/WINTER RUNWAYS, ON THEIR WARES, TOO. Nowhere is this more apparent than at Anthony Vaccarello's catwalk, where the five-pointed wonders are reimagined in no less than 20 looks. Studs arranged as star shapes and heavy metal grommets forged into stellar forms-even the models' eyes boast liner meant to mimic stars. At Emilio Pucci, constellations become the focus, with astrological symbols floating on shifts and columns, while Guy Laroche makes a bold statement with a metallic gold starburst. Techs can try capturing the beauty of the cosmos on nails, as manicurist Celine Cumming does with high-contrast black-andgold designs. Arm yourself with a striping brush and gold chrome polish, and then create your celestial nail art over a base of opaque black polish or sheer black lace for a universally eye-catching look.

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Guest Artist Celine Cumming is a manicurist based in Middletown, Delaware, and has had a passion for nail art since childhood.



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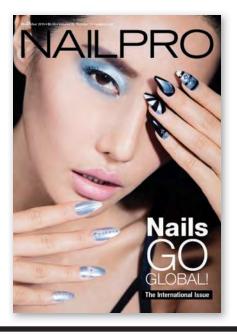
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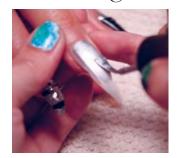


THE MAKING OF OUR COVER

WHILE METALLICS MADE A SHIMMERY SPLASH THIS SPRING/SUMMER, the trend easily transitions into the holiday months. So, in preparation for the influx of clients requesting metal-inspired manis, we tapped celebrity nail artist Brittni Rae to create a dual set of silver stunners for this month's cover. To achieve the uberstraight lines found in her salon-friendly designs, Rae used a combination of striping and detail brushes as well as striping tape. Creating crisp lines with these implements takes practice, but ultimately it will provide you with the tools you need to fashion on-trend nail art that will appeal to any type of client.

There's so much you can do quickly and easily with a detail brush and striping tape to create bold and wearable designs.

Creating the Cover Nails



Rae began by filing and shaping the model's nails into a coffin shape. Then, she applied base coat followed by two coats of silver polish.



2 Next, Rae used black polish and a striping brush to create a diamond pattern around the perimeter, starting at the center of the free edge and working around the nail.



3 Then, she filled in the outer space with black polish.



After polishing the nail silver, Rae created a similar diamond shape, but only on half of the nail. Then, she used a striping brush and black polish to create a line template for a starburst effect.



After the template was painted, Rae filled in the space between the lines with black polish. (Note: If you have difficulty hand-painting straight lines, use striping tape to help you get crisp lines.)



She then repeated the technique two lines as markers and then filled in with polish—but made the space a bit narrower. All designs were finished with top coat.

























Nails Brittni Rae



Photography Kimberly Metz



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BEAUTY FILE

Sarah Waite

What was your first job in the industry?

I started out as a nail art blogger. Nail art was just a hobby in the beginning, but it eventually led to me going to nail school and becoming a professional.

Who would you like to work with?

I'd love to spend some time learning from nail artist Miho "Mei" Kawajiri. She jumps so effortlessly from style to style and her manicures are always on the cutting edge.

My childhood ambition was...

To open a restaurant! I love food and baking.

My proudest accomplishment is...

When I was asked to film tutorials to air for Oxygen's "Nail'd It!" TV show. It was so surreal seeing myself on TV, and everyone was so supportive and kind when it aired.

My favorite sport is...

Fantasy Football. I even won the league last year!

Describe your perfect day.

I'm a total homebody, so staying in, baking homemade bread and binging on a Netflix series with my boyfriend Sean and dog Chowder.

Are you a morning or night person?

A night person. You'll often find me sending emails at 2 a.m.

What's your most treasured possession?

When we were growing up my mom started charm bracelets for my sister and me. She would add a new charm every year that was meant to represent that year of our lives. It's beautiful and special.

My guilty pleasure is...

The CBS TV show "Survivor." I even have a bobblehead of the host, Jeff Probst, on my bookshelf!

Creator of blog site Chalkboard Nails

> On the set of "Nail'd It!"

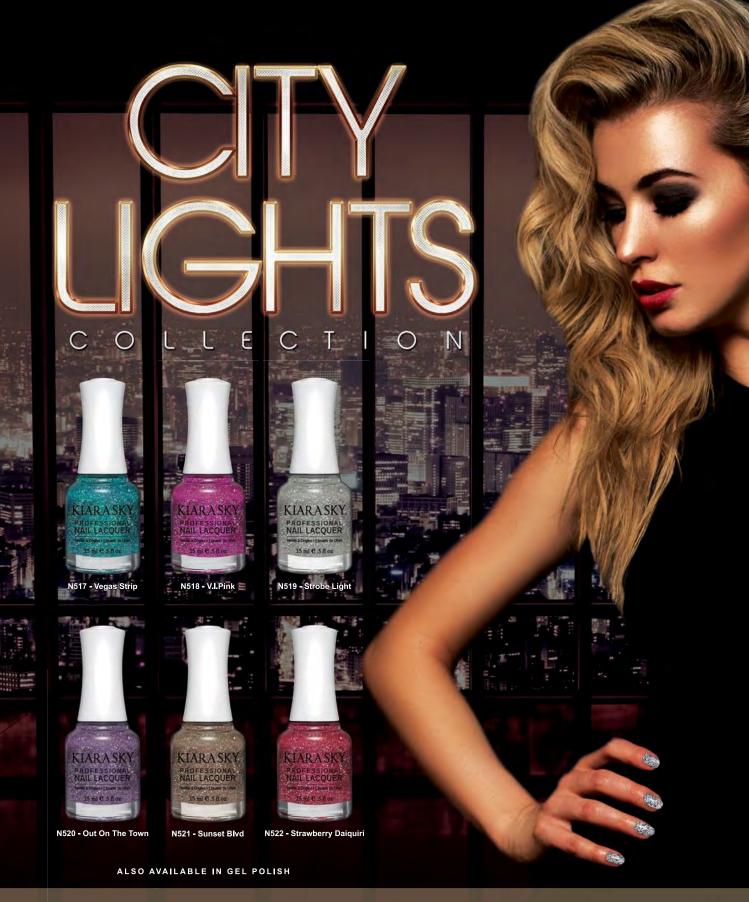
My pup Chowder.

Tailgating with my sister and mom. Go Cardinals!



Practicing acrylics in nail school.

"Survivor!"









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COMPETITION CORNER



JUDGMENT DAY

Alisha Rimando shares how she went from top competitor to competition judge. Plus, she reveals the biggest mistakes competitors make!

started in the nail industry in 1995 and, since then, I have worked behind the table, owned a salon, have been a sales rep, product developer, model, author, competitor and a judge. Currently, I am the executive vice president and creative artistic director for Artistic Nail Design. I do research and development of new products, product testing and mentor education teams around the globe.

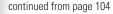
I began competing in 1997, thanks to world champion and industry icon Tom Holcomb. I started out as his model and I loved to watch him compete. His work, his passion and the support he gave to other techs was so inspiring. Plus, I was able to apply what I learned as his model to my own competitions. When I wasn't competing, I worked as an educator and constantly gave techs feedback on their work. Finally, in 2006, I officially retired from competing, and that's when I began getting calls asking me to judge.

Judging nails gives me the chance to focus on each part of the nail, examine it for flaws and

At Nailympia London in 2014 with (left to right) Alex Fox, Catherine Wong, Vu Nguyen and Vicki Peters. assess what can be improved. After studying Tom's impeccable nails for years, I learned how to identify perfect structure and flawless French tips. I start by checking the consistency and overall beauty of the nails at first glance. Then I look at the set as a whole; I break down each part of the nail to see what can be improved. Product should always be perfectly blended (I shouldn't be able to tell where the natural nail stops and the product begins)







"I recommend timing yourself before every competition, practicing each step over and over again, until you've achieved your goal time."

and the thickness should be the same throughout the nail. Everything should be perfectly round and smooth.

Unlike when I was a competitor, being a judge allows me to see everything that happens during the competition. The biggest mistake I see on the floor? Filing! Competitors try so hard during the application, but then don't know how or have time to file correctly. Additionally, timing is one of the most difficult obstacles for competitors to overcome. When

> you know that a competitor didn't have enough time to finish everything, it's heartbreaking to give them a zero for no shine. I recommend timing yourself before every competition, practicing each step over and over again, until you've achieved your goal time. When I was at the top of my game, I was able to get everything done on time, but still used every last second.

> My best advice for competitors? Say yes to everything. I credit all of my success to saying yes. From being a model to a becoming a competition judge, I have learned from every experience. Each time you say yes to something, you are giving yourself the chance to grow and learn from whatever opportunity is headed your way. And, one day you will realize that you don't need to search for success anymore—you're living it!

—Alisha Rimando, as told to Taylor Foley 🖌



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(Top to bottom) Winning the Tom Holcomb Inspiration Award at ISSE 2015; judging at Nailympia London in 2014; Tom Holcomb and me in 2005 at the World Nail Championship in Austria; Krassimira Petrova, Antony Buckley and me at Estetika 2013 in Belgium

WORKSHOP | BY CARLA COLLIER



Seeking Success

How to create a winning set of Salon Success nails.

alon Success is the most popular competition among all NAILPRO competitions. As the name implies, competition judges are seeking a salon-style nail, but in its most perfect form. Competition-level nails require exact technique: Each smile line must be symmetrical; every sidewall must be perfectly straight; and each aspect of the nails must match exactly in length, shape and evenness of product. The competition includes two distinct parts: The red polished hand and the pink-and-white hand. It's important to do exactly the same steps on every nail, and to start and stop in the same place each time, which will improve consistency.

In addition to perfect technique, timing is also critical. Competitors are given just 90 minutes to complete a full set, from applying forms to brushing on the final top coat. "An hour and a half seems sufficient until the clock is ticking away and you're trying to pull off a beautiful, consistent set of nails," says current NAILPRO Cup champion Allie Baker. "Getting everything done in the time limit is always a struggle." The key to success? Practice. "One thing I recommend to all—and even need to work on myself—is to practice timing," says Baker. Create a timetable for yourself and practice sticking to it. Ask your model to help out by having him/her keep track of the time.

Now that you know the basics, check out these acrylic step-by-steps for competition-worthy Salon Success nails.

Tip: Work on the polish hand first. This will warm you up for the pink-and-white hand.



Prep and prime the nails. Apply forms one at a time as you go so they don't shift while you work on the other nails. Also, if you plan to trim or alter the forms, do it ahead of time so that you only need to make small adjustments to the forms during the competition.

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The curvature of the smile line must be the same on all five fingers. Therefore, it's important to check the points on each side of the smile line to make sure they are completely even on each finger and across all five nails.

2 For the polished hand, mix the white acrylic powder with a natural shade of powder ahead of time so that it still appears white, but the line of demarcation from the smile line doesn't show through the red polish. There's no need to perfect your smile lines on this hand because it will be covered with polish, but they do need to look the same as the pink-and-white hand on the underside. (Judges check *all* sides of the nails—even the back!)

There's no need to perfect your smile lines on the polished hand because it will be covered with polish.

3 Apply the acrylic mixture created in Step 2, keeping the enhancement as even and smooth as possible. (This will keep the filing to a minimum, a timesaver.)

Next, prepare to apply the pink-andwhite nails. Use two dappen dishes: one for white powder and one for pink powder. This will keep the white bright and won't muddy the pink. Fresh product creates the best nails, so pour only enough liquid in the dappen dish to apply one or two nails at a time.



5 Using a "reverse" technique, the pink acrylic is applied first. Apply a medium-sized ball of pink acrylic to the nail to create an extension as well as the smile line. Once the acrylic begins to set, you can lightly stroke down toward the free edge with your brush to ensure smoothness. (For newbies, placing the ball at the cuticle will help with product control.)



Next, apply a small, very wet ball of acrylic at the cuticle area. Press it carefully, placing the tip of the brush between the acrylic and the skin. Lightly stroke it toward the free edge and be sure to keep it very thin near the skin. Then, apply a medium-sized ball of clear pink at the cuticle and press carefully into place; this will create the apex of the nail.



6 Then, apply the white acrylic with one ball, using a dryer consistency. Quickly press the product into the corners, following the smile line. If necessary, place a tiny ball of product at the corners of the smile line so that they reach the sidewalls.



Repeat Step 5 on the next nail. By this time, the previous nail should be dull and at the perfect stage to press in the C-curve using a pinching tool, C-curve stick or the backside of your thumb nails. Next, repeat Steps 5 – 8 on the remaining nails.

Tip Use care when applying cuticle oil at the end of the process. Oil has the ability to hide a lot of imperfections and judges don't want to wipe off the oil to see what's underneath. If you have too much oil drenching the nails, you will receive a point deduction.

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Next, remove the forms and file **9** and shape the nails. Use a new 180-grit file for each nail, or at least every other nail. Using new files and buffers on each nail is important for consistency, because the grit of your file changes every time you use it. Remember to always use a filing system, i.e., file the tips and sides of all 10 nails, then file and shape the body of the nail. Use the same pressure on each nail while keeping the file parallel to the finger and your wrist straight at all times. Start and stop at the same place on each nail and be sure to cover all surfaces with the file, not just the top of the nail. When filing the cuticle area, bring the product flush with the nail plate without filing it off or filing into the natural nail.

10 When finished filing, turn the model's hand around and check your filing from her perspective. Look for any high spots and check the nail from all angles for dips and bumps. The nail should graduate from thinness to thickness to thinness evenly, from cuticle to free edge and sidewall to sidewall.

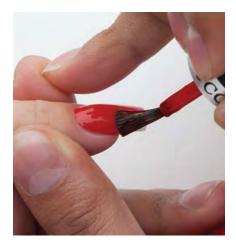
Tip Nothing says newbie like a finished nail that has only been shined on the top surface. Make sure you cover all surfaces of the nail, from sidewall to sidewall, and be sure to remove any dust!



1 Use a new finishing buffer with a thick foam center to buff all surfaces of the nails.

12 Use a nail brush with soap and water to clean every nail and remove any traces of dust.

13 Dry the hands, and then apply base coat to the polished hand in an even layer.



14 Next, apply one coat of red cream polish. Load the brush with polish and drain one side on the neck of the bottle. You don't want to accidentally get polish into the cuticle; it's almost impossible to completely remove it to the point that the judges won't notice. Using your pinky to steady your hand, place the brush about 1/8-inch from the cuticle on the nail surface and carefully push the polish brush up toward Finish the pink-and-white nails by applying cuticle oil sparingly, thoroughly massaging it into the skin around the nails.

the cuticle. Then stroke the polish down the nail evenly in single strokes. Pull the skin back at the sidewalls and completely cover the nails.

15 Apply a second coat of polish in smooth, even strokes. Use long strokes and don't dab at the nail. When applying the second coat, lightly polish over the free edge to completely cover it. Make sure all of the edges are covered, but be sure not to get any polish on the undersides of the nails.



16 To clean up around the cuticle, dip your acrylic brush in acetone and roll it to a point on your paper towel. This will create a perfect size margin between the skin and polish. Then, clean up any polish that may have splashed underneath the nail.

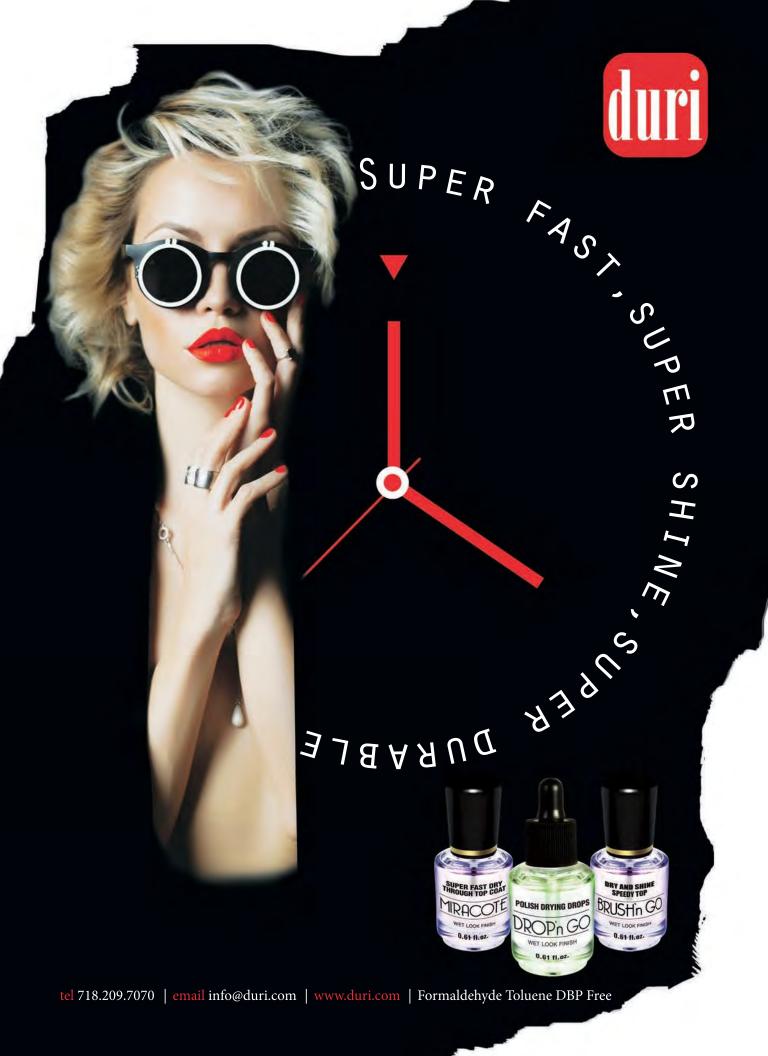
1 7 Apply top coat. Have your model hold up her hand and rest her elbow on the table so the polish can dry while you shine the unpolished hand. This helps eliminate any chance of dust getting into the newly applied red polish.



18^{On} the pink-and-white hand, use a shining block buffer to bring each nail to a high shine. Be sure to cover every surface: the sides, cuticles and all edges.

19 When you are satisfied that you have shined the nails thoroughly from sidewall to sidewall, clean and remove any dust. Finish the pink-and-white nails by applying cuticle oil sparingly, thoroughly massaging it into the skin around the nails.











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GUEST EDITOR



When creating your acrylic line, ProHesion, what major influences helped you develop the products? —**sweetsdaartist, via Instagram**

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> In my experience, the more pigment a gel polish color has, the more it tends to shrink back. Why? —**Zoe Fletcher, via Facebook**

This is more of a formulation issue rather than color. If the base of the gel polish is a solvent, then shrinkage should not occur during the application process. However, if you're using a traditional soak-off gel polish, shrinking will occur.

Ask Danny

Danny Haile, CEO and founder of Hand & Nail Harmony, joins NAILPRO for the next three months to provide you with advice and answers to *your* nail questions.

> Have a question for Danny? Email it to nailpro@creativeage.com

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more difficult, so apply it sparingly.

When I perform a soak, some colors flake and come off easily, but others are very hard to remove. What could be causing this difference in ease of removal? —fiftyshadesofnailz, via Instagram

If gel polish is hard to remove, it could be from wearing a traditional gel polish longer than 14 days, as these products get harder to take off over time. Gelish soakoff gel polish has extended wear (up to 21 days!) and its patented formula allows for easier removal. Another problem may be heavy application of the top coat; this may make removal PHOTO: COURTESY OF HAND & NAIL HARMONY

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By Katie O'Reilly

MENU

How you communicate your service offerings can make or break your nail salon's bottom line. Here, how to create a killer menu.

A service menu is a simple thing, but in this digital age, it's one that gets increasingly overlooked.

"A lot of salon owners don't think they need to spend time and effort on a service brochure, as it doesn't have the reach of a website," says Jaime Schrabeck, owner of Precision Nails in Carmel, California. "Brochures, however, exist as a tangible representation of your salon. If done well, yours will generate interest, convey your business's professionalism and give you more time to do nails and make money, rather than talk about what you can do." To help you make the most of your service menu, we spoke with industry veterans and marketing gurus about the components of a great menu, common pitfalls to avoid and how to make your stellar menu work for you.





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First things first, every menu should include your business name, contact information (in large print!), address and a brief paragraph describing your salon's philosophy, says Tina Alberino, a Tampa, Florida-based cosmetologist, industry consultant and the author of The Beauty Industry Survival Guide. "The latter helps clients get acquainted with your business," she says. "It's a great way to explain how you set yourself apart and communicate your policies regarding, say, children in the salon, prepayment or cancelation, or, more specifically, those items that may be a deal breaker for clients." Alberino recommends keeping this paragraph three to five sentences long and placing it in a prominent position on your brochure, such as the back middle section of your service brochure. "You can also put it on the inner or outer flap," she says, "Just make sure that it's the first thing clients see."

Next, ask yourself what is special about your salon in particular. Is it a rush-in, rush-out setting designed to serve busy executives? Or a homey, welcoming place to linger and enjoy tea and cookies? Also, who's your ideal customer? The client who wants to feel pampered and glamorous, or

> someone needing an oasis of calm? Figure out who your target client is, and then figure out how to speak in her language.

"Many people try to go too broad, but the fact is, you can't appeal to everyone," says Wendy Gardner, a U.K.-based skincare pro and freelance copywriter. "You've got to zoom in and find out who your people are, and then spend time around them. Learn what makes them tick, what phrases they're using. After all, your menu should convey how they want to feel in the salon and how they want to feel when they leave."

Do you offer free chip repair? A deluxe lounge in which to wait for polish to dry? Or, do you take pride in prepping clients for their big nights out? Include this in your brochure statement! But, make sure you're addressing your audience. "Perhaps you use an alternative, non-toxic nail polish," Gardner says. "If your clients are largely health- and environment-conscious, by all means highlight this in your menu. But don't bother if your customers are party girls; their concern is long-lasting color."



WRITING NUTS & BOLTS

Salon businesses are all individual, so experts agree that there's no rule of thumb when it comes to menu length or amount of services to include. If you're working with limited space, employ the old 80/20 rule. Explains Gardner, "20 percent of the services

you offer typically account for 80 percent of your revenue. So figure out your bestsellers and feature them most prominently." Alberino recommends grouping like services together (i.e. one column for manis, another for pedis) and beginning each list with your most deluxe offering. "Some salons start with the most basic services and go up, price-wise, from there. But in my mind, the first thing clients see should be the best you have to offer," she says. "After reading that, everything else will seem inferior!" And for all of those itty-bitty, occasionaltype options that generate little to no revenue? "Sweep those into one menu statement," Gardner advises. "For instance, 'Looking for something different? Please ask!' And remember, too many choices can paralyze the buyer. "Don't offer multiple versions of the same service," advises Peter Bowerman, an Atlanta, Georgiabased commercial freelance copywriter and author of *The Well-Fed Writer*. "Just make sure that you're making a clear distinction between basic, intermediate and deluxe menu items."

Our experts agree that no matter the extent of your menu, the services that you do describe should be as concise and as fluff-free as possible. It's important to use just enough words to accurately and enticingly communicate what's being performed. Keep in mind, flowery, wordy descriptions of pedicure rituals aren't likely to attract

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additional business. "Fluffy descriptions typically sound good only to the writer," says Alberino. Indeed, Bowerman notes that the trademark of good copywriting is that, well, the writing doesn't actually get noticed. "It's just the vehicle to convey your information," he explains. "Next time you're eating out, ask yourself whether the restaurant menu is conveying just what you need to know to order something you want, or whether you're distracted or confused by extraneous descriptions." To this end, steer clear of "rituals," "journeys" and similar spa buzzwords. "Keep it concise and pertinent to the actual service," Alberino says, "and truly evaluate your descriptors."



FOUR SHORTCUTS TO CONCISION:

WEED OUT EXTRA WORDS.

"Beware of common redundancies such as 'added benefits,' 'free gift,' 'basic necessities,' 'combine together,' 'open up,' 'sole of the foot,' 'final outcome' and 'penetrate into,'" Alberino says. Being succinct helps convey your message more clearly.

DITCH ADVERBS. "Prune out your adverbs; they're usually just empty descriptors," says Alberino. This includes "very," "extremely" and just about anything ending in -ly.

USE AN ACTIVE VOICE.

"When you word something in a passive voice, such as, 'Your toes will be taken on a skin-softening Malyasian journey,' to make it active, try instead, 'Soften your soles and transport your senses.' Your writing will be tighter, more professional and more effective," says Alberino.

CHOOSE WORDS WISELY.

It's essential to consider words that have the potential to turn clients off. "When talking about clipping cuticles or cutting nails, know that people have subconscious negative associations with cutting," says Alberino. "Instead, use 'shaping.' Likewise, steer clear of 'foot filing' and use 'callous softening' instead."

WHAT ELSE T AVO

Keep in mind, all of the marketing collateral that you put into the world-menus includedshould align with the type of business you're running. "If you pull some images together in Microsoft Word and advertise your services using clip art on flyers, you won't attract highend clients," says Alberino. If this is a concern, invest in decent brochures and pay close attention

to alignment, design and composition. "Nothing will turn a client off faster than a messy-looking menu with skewed margins and cut-off text printed onto transparent printer paper," cautions Alberino.

Also, beware of spelling and grammar errors—even if you're a grammar geek. "Use spell-check, but don't rely on it alone," says Alberino, who suggests printing out a physical copy to proofread. "You're more apt to notice errors when looking at a printed page."

Gardner notes that clear, easy-to-read collateral is always best. "Avoid overlaying service descriptions with photographs and patterned paper. Use a clear, large, easy-to-read-without-glasses-size font!" Not sure if it's readable? Run it by your mom or granny, says Gardner, who notes that serif fonts are highly readable.

In terms of imagery, steer clear of anything dated, cheesy or common. "Many salons use the same stock photos," Gardner says. "But more often than not, those depict a random person outside of your target market." Instead, invest in a professional photographer to take high quality images of your salon, or steer clear of images altogether and allow your service descriptions to take center stage. What's more, Alberino says to avoid including information about your retail selection. "Brochures are marketing materials, collateral for which you assume the entirety of the expense," she points out. "Why waste limited space promoting a brand other than your own? Focus on your stellar services and exceptional technicians."

Finally, Bowerman offers this piece of copywriting advice: "Don't fall victim to 'The Curse of Knowledge,'" he says, citing an age-old

marketing belief that more informed people have a harder time explaining something to lesser-informed laypeople. "Basically, the longer you've been marinating in your field, the more likely you are to make assumptions about what the general population knows about it. Business owners are often so familiar with their own products and services that they tend to make assumptions and end up confusing people." The takeaway? Always run your menu past someone outside of the nail industry, and ask them 'Is this clear'? "After all," Bowerman reminds, "a confused client never buys!"

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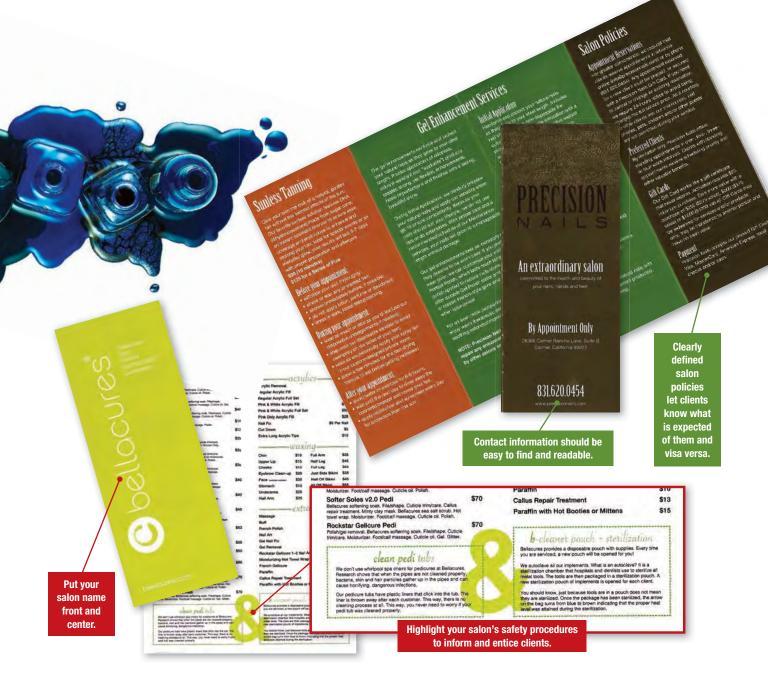
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Feature your salon's philosophy prominently.



Choose images and art that reflect your salon's personality.



PUT YOUR MENU TO WORK!

You've put a lot of thought into your salon's brochure and perhaps even outsourced some copywriting or design expertise. What to do with it now? Wendy Gardner, a U.K.-based skincare pro and freelance copywriter, suggests placing service menus outside of your salon with a sign encouraging passers-by to help themselves. "If your salon's closed, you're still marketing your wares," she says. Jaime Schrabeck, owner of Precision Nails points to the following tested-and-approved uses:

- . Give menus to clients on their way out the door so they can reference them from home
- Laminate copies for the front desk and all workstations
- Enlarge, frame and hang your brochure in the salon window so passers-by can see/read it
- Display it at your local Chamber of Commerce
- Distribute it to neighboring businesses
- Include it with all gift cards
- Train all staffers to reference it when talking on the phone 4

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By Katie O'Reilly

What does mega success in the nail industry require? Start with a heavy dose of **instinct**. Throw in a lot of **old-school training**. Fold in plenty of **artistic inclination** and **business acumen**, then stir in some **elbow grease** and sprinkle with **passion**. *Ta-da!* You've got the makings of an industry guru. Here, seven of the nail industry's most powerful women dish on what it takes to navigate big career moves, survive setbacks and balance work with life. Plus, each graciously shared her best advice for nail pros and salon owners. Think of it as the perfect dose of inspiration for your own nail career!

Power Woman: FLEURY ROSE Celebrity Nail Artist



Location: Brooklyn, NY In the industry since: 2009

What advice would you give your younger, just-starting-out self? I would tell my former self not to stress out so much! I really care about what I do—which I think is important—but I have a tendency to worry about every detail. It can really take the fun

out of things and drive you crazy—which kills your inspiration and passion. Now that I've been doing this for a while, I try to keep in mind that things usually work out and that they're way less complicated than I usually imagine they'll be.

How about advice for a woman just entering today's

beauty industry? What's most important is the reason why she's entering the industry. If you're doing this for fame or money, you're setting yourself up for failure, because those things are fleeting and may take years to accomplish, if they ever happen at all. But if you're doing it because it makes you feel inspired, because you're happy to be creative, because it makes you feel great to make your



clients look their best, then the rewards of this career are endless!

What's the best career decision you've ever made? To make my focus nail art. When I started, nail art was not the booming industry that it is today. The tools and techniques were scarce, so it took a lot of creativity. I felt confident that what I loved would





become the next thing in beauty. Although I was asked to do regular manicures, I always kept pushing to align my name with nail art because I wanted to stay true to my passion.

What's the biggest challenge of being a high-powered working woman? The lack of a schedule. I work with new people, in different locations, all of the time. I do house calls. I work with salon clients and private clients, and I take a lot of last-minute jobs. You need to be able to go with the flow and remember to take care of yourself so you don't burn out.

Do you have a personal mantra? Wield the sword! I got a tarot reading once and was inspired by the description of that card in that particular deck. It means that you already possess everything within yourself that you need. So, when it comes to business or any other major life decisions, you know what you need to do; just trust in yourself and be brave enough to do it!

Power Woman: JESSICA VARTOUGHIAN Founder and CEO of Jessica Cosmetics



Location: Los Angeles In the industry since: 1968

What advice would you give your younger, juststarting-out self? I've

been very fortunate to have incredible family support, which gave me the courage to build my dream. Throughout the great challenges and successes of my life, I repeatedly learned that I must follow my instincts. So, I would tell my younger self to go with that, no matter what!

How about advice for a

woman just entering today's beauty industry? To build a successful career in nails, it's important to focus on a few key aspects that will set you apart from other professionals. Take the time to foster a personal work philosophy. Then find a brand or system that fits in with this philosophy and stick with it! My other piece of advice is to exceed your own expectations; take pride in your work, always do your best and take care of your clients. Do this and you will have them for life.

What's the best career decision you ever made? Without question, it was opening the Jessica Nail Clinic in 1969. Not only was it the first nails-only salon in the world, but it attracted high-profile socialites, movie stars and politicians. My philosophy is *all nails are not alike*, which revolutionized how nails were done. My salon was also the springboard for my product line, which brought me global recognition.

What's the biggest challenge of being a high-powered working woman? It's no secret that the woman is the glue of the family. Finding balance between family and work is still the biggest challenge for young women entering the work force today. When you run a company, you have certain obligations that don't allow you to be available for every family event, so sacrifices need to be made and sometimes you suffer for having to make the choice to work late. There never seems to be enough time in a day to do it all. I've been lucky to have a supportive and loving family, but it's not easy for any of us.

Do you have a personal mantra? *Failure is not an option.* Since I was a young woman, I've faced many challenges, from leaving my homeland with no money, to finding my way in America

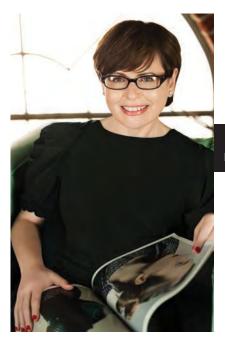


without knowing how to speak English, to building a global business. Nothing ever came easily and I had to find solutions to seemingly insurmountable obstacles. But I always believed that if there's a will, there's a way. I credit my incredible parents for setting a wonderful example and for instilling in me a strong worth ethic.

"Finding balance between family and work is still the biggest challange for young women entering the work force today."



(Top and bottom) Jessica Vartoughian passes on her decades of nail knowledge to new techs.



"Working for yourself means taking bigger risks, but you also get to guide your own path."

Power Woman: SUZI WEISS-FISCHMANN Cofounder and Brand Ambassador of OPI

Location: Los Angeles In the industry since: 1983

What advice would you give your younger, juststarting-out self? Be patient! Patience is a virtue and it's a must for successful people. Patience in the workplace will lend an open-minded approach to business as well as flexibility in decision-making.

How about advice for a woman just entering today's beauty industry? Be passionate and focus on what you want to get out of your career. It's important to establish the DNA of your own personal convictions early on. Recognizing your goals and intentions from the start will help you make smarter choices. Also, understand that you can't do everything on your own. A business partner means that

you can combine your expertise and you'll have the support of someone who's equally invested in your joint future.

What's the best career decision you ever made? Becoming an entrepreneur. Working for yourself means taking bigger risks, but you also get to guide your own path. Making decisions for myself and answering only to myself are gifts I am thankful for every day.

What's the biggest challenge of being a high-powered working woman? Time. There are only 24 hours in each day and we could all use at least 30 more! A woman is expected to balance family, friends, career and home. Being able to commit yourself to all of these things is hard, if not nearly impossible. I've found balance by recognizing that I love what I do, but by prioritizing what's most important on a daily basis—and for me, that's family.

Do you have a personal mantra? *Have a sense of humor.* It's important to laugh, be lighthearted and make fun of yourself on occasion. In today's stressful work environment, humor grants you a sense of calm and perspective. Plus, a smile on your face allows your coworkers to perceive you in a positive light, and this positivity will set the mood of your workplace!



(Top to bottom) Speaking at an event in 2014; as a celebrity judge at the Miss USA Pagent in 2011; Suzi Weiss-Fischman at work.







"It's OK to fail; just make sure that you get right back up. Some of my greatest accomplishments have been achieved in the wake of failure."

did in college or anywhere else! Nine years later, I sold a very successful business.

The second best decision was marrying Jim McConnell. Together, as a chemist and a salon owner, Jim and I were able to create Light Elegance.

Location: Redmond, OR In the industry since: 1992

What advice would you give your younger, just-starting-out self? I would tell her to have

Power Woman:

LEZLIE McCONNELL

Co-owner of Light Elegance/McConnell Labs

more confidence in herself and go with her gut. When I owned my salon, there were times I should have fought for what I thought was right, but instead I did what employees wanted or expected me to do. However, I would not have developed into the confident, persevering person I am today if not for having learned to deal with adversity. As a business owner, learning to handle mistakes correctly is one of the most valuable tools to develop.

How about advice for a woman just entering today's

beauty industry? Have passion. Be professional. And suck it up! Remember, first and foremost, that you are a business person. You want to be taken seriously, so make an effort to look professional every day and remember that it's about the client, not you. We work in one of the most exciting industries, so learn all that you can from mentors, trade shows and classes. Be the best at what you do and don't be afraid to take a risk. It's OK to fail; just make sure that you get right back up. Some of my greatest accomplishments have been achieved in the wake of failure.

What's the best career decision you ever made?

The first was opening my salon. It was frightening and exciting all at the same time. The business provided all of the challenge I needed, and then some. I opened with 18 full-time hairdressers and nail technicians. As a new business owner, the odds were against me, but I learned more running my salon than I We have put so much passion and love into [the business], and it's the same love and passion we have put into our marriage. Both, as a result, are highly successful. I love the give and take of a team. To me, that is real success.

What's the biggest challenge of being a highpowered working woman? Having enough time for family,

friends and vacations. I love my work, but sometimes I need to take time off to play. I have traveled all over the world promoting Light Elegance and I have learned so much, but finding the time to just disappear for a few weeks on a warm island? That's a challenge. Whether you're starting to build a client base, own a salon or do any of the other exciting jobs in the beauty industry, finding balance is hugely important.

Do you have a personal

mantra? Whatever you do in life, do it with passion. Life is so exciting; it's meant to be lived and loved to the fullest.

> (From top) Jim and Lezlie McConnell; McConnell and her daughter Lexy.



Power Woman: JAN ARNOLD Cofounder and Style Director of CND

Location: San Diego, CA In the industry since: 1979

What advice would you give your younger, just-starting-out self?

Go with your gut! There are times when it screams an answer to a challenge, but then we often tend to over-think it and go off course. Trusting your intuition is so important because it keeps you working according to your core philosophies. I find that staying true to this always serves you well in the end.





How about advice for a woman just entering today's beauty industry?

Love what you do and those with whom you do it! My admiration for nail professionals is my guiding light—it's what inspires everything I do for CND. I never underestimate the amazing talent and personality it takes to become a successful nail pro in today's world. Not only has our profession exploded and broadened, but the status of the nail pro has been elevated to an important high.

What's the best career decision you ever made? Diving in head first with CND-or should I say, nails first?!

"Trusting your intuition is so important because it keeps you working according to your core philosophies."

What's the biggest challenge of being a high-powered working

woman? Balance! Taking time to smell the roses. Luckily, I am married to an artist who sees everything deeply and with great care. He'll notice a new flower in bloom or a feather that's fallen and will make sure I take a moment to take notice, too. Nature is one of my greatest sources of inspiration and my husband makes sure that I really see it.

Do you have a personal mantra? Do what you say, and have fun doing it!

(Top to bottom) Jan Arnold autographs a CND advertising campaign; Arnold backstage at The Blonds Fall/Winter 2014 fashion show with CND education manager Kristina Estabrooks (left) and designer David Blond (right); Arnold encouraging a contestant on "Nail'd It"; Arnold as a judge on Oxygen TV's reality nail competition show.



"It's OK to obsess about the details. In fact, the more you do, the better the payoff!"

Power Woman: JIN SOON CHOI Founder of JINsoon Nail Lacquer and the Jin Soon Hand & Foot Spas in NYC

Location: New York In the industry since: 1990

What advice would you give your younger, just-starting-out self? Be patient. Hard work will be rewarded!

How about advice for a woman just entering today's beauty industry? Learn the basics first and be hands-on! Only then will you have set the stage to become a real authority in the beauty industry.

Best career decision you ever made? Providing mani/pedi house calls—on my bike, no less! Through that, I got to know many clients, some of whose advice guided me in the right direction at a very formative stage in my career. What's the biggest challenge of being a high-powered working woman? Not offending people for being my naturally assertive self. Perhaps it's my Korean heritage, but I tend to speak my mind without sugarcoating my words.

Do you have a personal mantra?

It's OK to obsess about the details. In fact, the more you do, the better the payoff!





(Clockwise from left) Jin Soon Choi; Choi's namesake salon in New York City; Choi started as a mobile tech in New York City—on her bike!



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Power Woman: ZOYA REYZIS Cofounder of Art of Beauty

Location: Cleveland, OH In the industry since: the late 1970s

What advice would you give your younger, just-starting-out self? Practice yoga!

How about advice for a woman just entering today's beauty industry?

Beauty provides emotional, physical and mental strength—and strength is what helps one to become balanced, which will make you healthy, inspired, optimistic, compassionate, loving and successful.

What's the best career decision you've ever made? Deciding to work with my family.



(Clockwise from right) Zoya Reyzis poses with the NAILPRO staff at Cosmoprof 2013; Reyzis talks business at the most recent Cosmoprof in July.



"Beauty provides emotional, physical and mental strength – and strength is what helps one to become balanced, which will make you healthy, inspired, optimistic, compassionate, loving and successful."

What's the biggest challenge of being a high-powered working woman? Learning how to objectively understand your weaknesses. When you understand them, your strength becomes how you improve upon those weaknesses.

Do you have a personal mantra? I live by SWAN, which is a yoga wisdom principle. S stands for strength of the mind, body and spirit. W is for weaknesses. A is for ambitions and N is for needs. Our strengths help us and our weaknesses hinder us in all that we do. Together, they form our personalities—how we behave, our habits, our actions and our interactions. The knowledge of self is vital. In discovering SWAN, we get a picture of ourselves and who we really are. This knowledge provides stability and motivates us to be more useful and successful in achieving our goals.

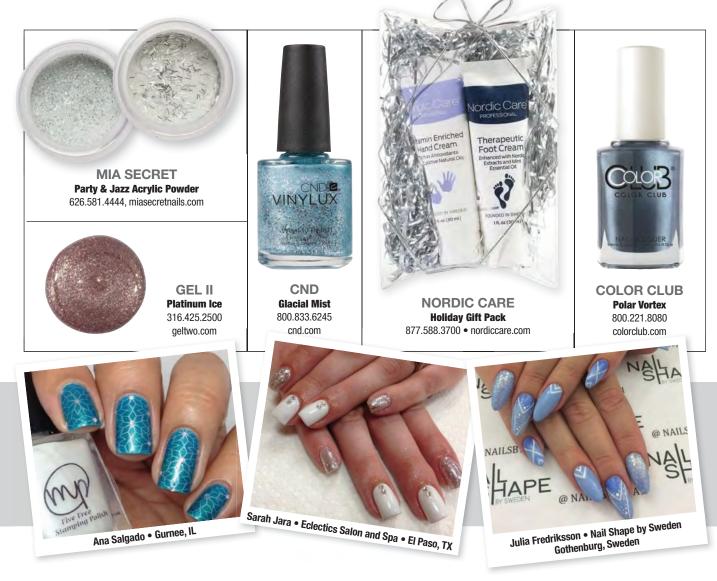
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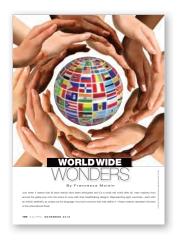








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WORLDWIDE WONDERS

By Francesca Moisin

Just when it seems that all talon trends have been exhausted and it's a small nail world after all, mani masters from around the globe pop onto the scene to wow with their breathtaking designs. Representing eight countries—each with an artistic aesthetic as unique as the language, food and customs that help define it—these creators represent the best of the international finest.



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Saint Petersburg, Russia ELENA POPOVA

"I always loved to draw, follow beauty trends and interact with people, so the nail industry felt like a natural career choice," reveals Elena Popova,



owner of Nail Future Pro, which opened in 2007. More than a mere salon, this training center also serves as a school where novices can master basic manicure skills while advanced techs train to enter worldwide competitions. "I'm proud that in the last four years, several of my students have won the prestigious World & European Nail Championship," raves the pro.

WHAT'S HOT Soak-off gel polish and unusually sculpted tips

WHAT'S NOT Fancy spa treatments and services that clients don't have time for

WHAT'S NEXT Speedier luxury services, to keep pace with manic life in the big city





Melbourne, Australia VIV SIMMONDS

From childhood, Viv Simmonds took an interest in nails—but it centered on how short she could make them with her teeth. "I was a nail biter until I turned 15, when my older brother's friend shamed me by calling my habit 'unladylike, owner of Burg Propose & Poort



brother's friend shamed me by calling my habit 'unladylike, '" laughs the owner of Pure Bronze & Beauty salon. Cut to 25 years later and the dedicated artist cites running a business, training eager apprentices and making customers feel beautiful as her favorite aspects of the job.

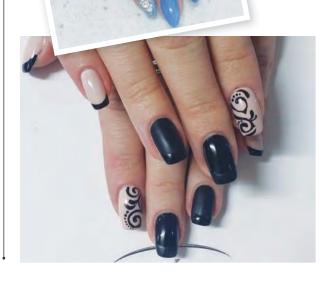
> WHAT'S HOT Short, square tips polished in dark or nude shades

WHAT'S NOT

Spa manicures; clients crave *instant* results

WHAT'S NEXT

A gel overlay with gel mani, as more customers lean toward the natural look





Maracay, Venezuela FRANCIS MANGANO

Francis Mangano started life as a chemical technician before altering her course to work in beauty. "The nail industry was quickly expanding in my country, so I decided to take a chance and enroll



in workshops," recalls the Mia Secret educator. Fast-forward 12 years, and the tech now travels across Latin America, conducting seminars and training the new wave of nail enthusiasts. Says Mangano, "It's unbelievably gratifying to see students expand their knowledge and advance in this art."

WHAT'S HOT Versatile designs are all the rage, ranging from flowers to cartoons to chromed veneers, while short square and oval shapes remain au courant

WHAT'S NOT Mile-long, highly structured futuristic shapes, which are mainly reserved for beauty shows and exhibitions

WHAT'S NEXT Speedy services tailor-made to meet the needs of every woman, regardless of her taste or occupation



Naples, Italy PATRIZIA MARTUCCI

Even before turning pro eight years ago, Patrizia Martucci, owner of the Glitter Aretini Nails salons in Avellino and Naples, recalls getting stopped on the street by ardent admirers asking who'd



painted her stunning tips. Perhaps that was due in part to her artistic training: Prior to polish, Martucci studied fine arts at Accademia di Bella Arti in Naples, followed by training as a tattoo designer. "What I like best is merging extreme structures with realistic decor," muses the master.

WHAT'S HOT "Salon nails," meaning short, comfortable-to-wear tips varnished a variety of colors

WHAT'S NOT Extremely long nails WHAT'S NEXT "Mini forms," aka special shapes—including Gothic and Russian almond, pipes and Marilyn tips—

> but kept to lowclipped lengths





Gelsenkirchen, Germany PAULINE FEINAUER

An instructor and worldchampion competitor, Pauline Feinauer was 21 years old the first time that she was professionally polished. Despite her late start, she now



heads Akademie Feinauer, her Gelsenkirchen-based school that teaches students how to succeed in the nail business. "I learned from the best international artists and now hope to share my skills," she says.

WHAT'S HOT Short, full-cover nails in vintage hues including rose, pastel peppermint, ivory and beige

WHAT'S NOT Fine hand-painted art on just one finger WHAT'S NEXT Dark matte black





London, England SOPHIE HARRIS-GREENSLADE

It started with miniature flowers and Union Jack flags, which Sophie Harris-Greenslade's mother, a former nail art instructor, lacquered on her daughter's tiny tips. "I remember sitting with her and



drawing little Powerpuff Girls on nails," smiles the tech, who now travels the world as a top stylist on fashion shoots. Her first big gig, in 2010, boasted a collaboration with M.I.A. and Donatella Versace for *W* magazine. She creates groundbreaking designs for OPI campaigns and recently blinged Rihanna's digits before the star's Twickenham Stadium show during her

> Diamonds World Tour. WHAT'S HOT Negative space nail art

WHAT'S NOT Pedicures

WHAT'S NEXT New effect polishes, like a true metallic finish in a bottle, which will become possible as product technology continues to evolve











Bangkok, Thailand PISUT "THE PHANTOM" MASANONG

"I started by using a pencil to create designs on my own digits," reveals Pisut Masanong, nail tech at Bangkok's Grande Nail salon. "Since the age of 12, I knew this was my calling." Masanong attended school to master the art of portraiture, then translated that skill to mini-sized canvases-a talent for which he's now famous. "When Tom Holcomb passed away, I created an image of him to say thank you for being my idol and inspiration," reflects Masanong.

WHAT'S HOT Flowers and animal prints

WHAT'S NOT Folk art designs WHAT'S NEXT Intricate art stenciled on enhancements





Singapore CHRISTINA WONG

Mani maven Christina Wong, a lead tech at Singapore's Studio7Pro salon, started in the biz six years ago by hand modeling for her sister, Catherine, an award-winning educator, during competitions. Hooked, she helped organize local contests and tradeshows before apprenticing alongside industry greats including Tom Bachik, Trang Nguyen and Alisha Rimando-Botero. "I love networking with colleagues, as we inspire each other while exchanging ideas," discloses Wong. "But most of all, I love how my clients completely trust me to make their hands shine."

WHAT'S HOT Japanese-style nail art, including crystals, rhinestones, studs, foils and geometric shapes

WHAT'S NOT Acrylic extensions WHAT'S NEXT Soft gels are on the verge of hitting, as they're durable, versatile and easy to apply, sans shrinking



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The world of nail goods is a global one. From gels to top coats and everything in between, the industry's top international brands reveal their most popular products in the states.

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▲ Crystal Nails was founded in 2003 in Hungary with a focus on nail enhancement products. The brand branched out to America in 2010 and its most popular product is Titanium Builder Gel, a hypoallergenic hard gel. 949.903.3865, crystalnails.com

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Products began in 1989 with a focus on gel enhancement products. The Vancouver, Canada-based brand expanded distribution to the U.S. in 2004 and its most popular product is **Pro-Formance UV/LED**, a hard gel line that offers durability and shine. **800.720.7833, akzentz.com**

In 1988, **Bio Sculpture**

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debuted their first product in South Africa. The brand expanded to the U.S. market in 2001 and its reigning best seller is the **Bio Sculpture** Gel line. **800.770.4493**, **biosculpturegel.com**



▲ Founded just outside of Milan, Italy, in 2012, **Faby** began distributing to the U.S. only one year ago. The brand's best selling products are **Red** Nail Lacquer and Fast Dry Top Coat. 877.898.0055, fabyusa.com

> Mia Secret started distributing first to Mexico and El Salvador, then to the U.S. in 2006. The brand's most popular product is the Fruity Colored Nail Art Powder Collection. 626.581.4444, miasecretnails.com



A division of Caxias do Sul, Brazil-based Mundial, **Impala** nail polish was launched in 1970. The brand debuted in the states in 2010, while at the same time opening a Miami, Florida-based distribution center. Today, Impala's most popular product is the **Celebrate** collection of shimmering polishes. **855.686.3422, mundialimpala.com**



🔺 Mavala

is a skin and beauty company that got its start in Switzerland in 1958. The brand reached America in 1983 and its prevailing product is **Stop Nail Biting. 704.843.2607, mavala-usa.com** ▼ Founded in 2011, Tokyo-based **Vetro** offers soak-off and hard gel products. The brand launched stateside in 2013 and its **Vetro Gel Pods**, sold in a variety of colors, are coveted by U.S. techs. **646.416.8046**, **vetro.jp/en/** ¥

Founded in Germany 30 years ago, LCN was the first brand to manufacture and distribute gel resins for cosmetic nails in Europe. The product landed on U.S. shores in 1986 and the brand's current top seller is FiberTech Gel, a flexible hard gel.

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This month, Savvy Salon goes global! Follow us on a tour of three top salons in Italy, Germany and Spain to discover what services are trending and how these salons around the world do business.

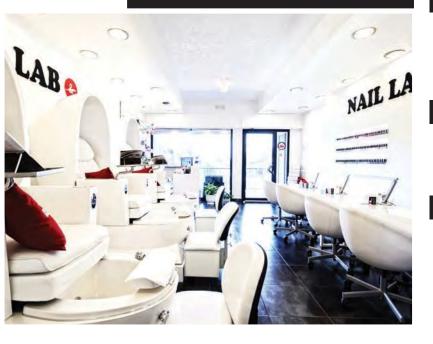
BY CHIARA TENTORI

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TOP SERVICES

Our most popular services are deluxe hand and foot treatments. Techs use scrubs, masks, bath salts and massage oils specifically selected to provide relaxation, deep moisturizing and beauty to hands and feet. Our most requested service is a CND Shellac manicure. Prices are €45 (\$50) for a Deluxe Spa Pedicure and €25 (\$28) for a Deluxe Spa Manicure.

APPOINTMENTS

In order to keep things running smoothly in our salon and to meet all of our customers' needs, we suggest making an appointment. Nonetheless, we try to satisfy the requests of everyone who comes into the salon—even last-minute service requests.

ART

Nail art is one of our passions and strengths, even though the trend is now being replaced by short, monochromatic nails. Still, many of our customers experiment with colored accent nails and small embellishments.

POINT OF DIFFERENCE

Nail Lab & Spa was designed as one open space where customers can meet, chat and spend time relaxing. In fact, some customers choose our salon for happy hour with their girlfriends. Our Pedi Spa armchairs are equipped with massage, whirlpool baths and chromo therapy as well as tablets with Wi-Fi for social media, reading or working.





LOOK & FEEL

Our salon is modern and light-filled. White is the predominant color, chosen to emphasize the nail polish shades displayed on the walls. Additionally, spaces are intentionally shared to create a sense of openness.

RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES

Nail Lab & Spa is a certified CND salon. Our retail products are exclusively selected Ladybird house, the Italian distributor of CND. Our customers can purchase products for home use and Vinylux nail polishes, as well as our best-selling product, CND Solar Oil.

GETTING SOCIA

We promote the salon's activities and services on social media, including Facebook (Nail Lab & Spa) and Instagram (@NAILLAB_SPA).

BEST COMPLIMENT

Our mission is to make clients feel as if they were at home, in a friendly and welcoming environment. Customers love our hospitality, politeness and our attention to detail.



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Year Opened: 2007

Address: Lußhardstraße, 7 76689 Karlsdorf-Neuthard, Germany Hours of Operation: Mon., Tue., Thu., 9 a.m.- 7 p.m.; Wed., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Fri., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

Website: hautnah-lounge.de





TOP SERVICES

Our top services are manicures and pedicures. The prices start at €15 (\$17) for an express manicure and go up for luxury treatments. Currently, a very natural look is trendy in Germany; nails that look perfectly manicured and are not too long. A short French (but not too white!) and camouflage pink in



a short length is also very popular. Additionally, we are famous for extreme nail art for a niche group of clientele.

APPOINTMENTS

We encourage appointments. This allows the staff to work with set deadlines, but not under stress.

ART

We work with colored gels, acrylic painting, 3D-gel painting, stamping and nail polish.

POINT OF DIFFERENCE

We are a large salon and we offer a wide variety of treatments, which is very convenient for the client. We also have a holistic approach, which means we take care of a clients outer *and* inner needs. We describe our salon as a secret hideaway for the mind, body and soul.

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The salon is designed to create an atmosphere of wellbeing. The decor is trendy, spacious, modern and luxurious.

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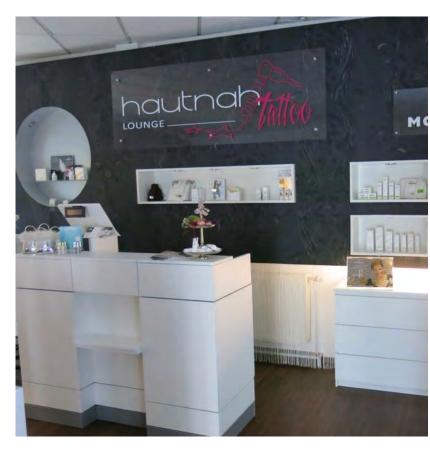
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GETTING SOCIAL

Social media is very important for us. On Facebook, we post pictures of current designs, trends or new products. The interaction rate is very high and it generates new customers through friends of fans.

<u> BEST COMPLIMEN</u>

When clients say, "I feel very comfortable and relaxed as soon as I enter the door."



Toñi Estética

Year Opened: 2013

Address: Via Federico Garcia Lorca, 35 Alfaz del Pi - Alicante, Spain

Hours of Operation: Mon. - Thu., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.;

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Fri., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Website: facebook.com/Estética-Toñi





TOP SERVICES

Our most requested services are nail enhancements for hands and feet, semi-permanent (gel polish) color manicures, nail art and anti-biting treatments. Prices are very competitive, starting at €25 (\$28) for a semipermanent manicure and €50 (\$56) for gel enhancements. The most popular service is nail enhancements; we offer different styles, from classic to extreme shapes. Plus, clients love our nail art.

APPOINTMENTS

We advise clients to make an appointment, especially for those services that need follow-up, such as gel enhancements.

ART

More than 70 percent of our customers ask for new designs and decorations on a daily basis. Currently, animal, floral and unconventional French designs are the most popular. We do nail art on enhancements and semi-permanent color.

POINT OF DIFFERENCE

Our staff is highly qualified and has a lot of experience in the industry. We believe in constant education and training, and customers perceive the salon as a center of innovation and experimentation. While working with a client, we always explain what we are doing and why, and every product we use is recorded on the customer profile.

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The space is open and light, and the furniture is designed for maximum relaxation.

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We offer a wide range of retail products,

including professional supplies, traditional polishes and accessories.

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We use social media, including Facebook (Toñi Estética), to communicate with our clientele. We keep customers updated on promotions and events, and we showcase our latest nail art pics.

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Weak in the Nails

How to recognize and help prevent brittle nail syndrome.

Beneficial rittle nails, characterized by increased fragility of the nail plate caused by peeling or splitting, are common in a salon setting. According to Sandy Sharon Tsao, M.D., board certified dermatologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and assistant professor at Harvard Medical School in Boston, a client with brittle nail syndrome may have obvious vertical ridges that begins in the nail matrix (also known as onychorrhexis) and/or fine layers that peel off of the nail plate (also known as onychoschizia). In this month's Nail Clinic, experts reveal the symptoms and solutions to this commonplace client concern.

Brittle Nail Syndrome Facts*

• Brittle nails (fragilitas unguium) affect about 20% of the population.

• Repeated wetting and drying of the nails is one of the most common causes of brittle nail syndrome.

• Women are affected with brittle nails twice as frequently as men.

 Biotin supplementation has been proven beneficial at strengthening nails approximately 33% of the time.

*Sources: *Textbook of Aging Skin* (Farage, 2010); American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (aocd.org)

Cause & Effect

"Aging is by far and away the most common cause of onychorrhexis," says Chris G. Adigun, M.D., F.A.A.D., board certified dermatologist and nail specialist in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. As we age, our skin and nails suffer from dryness. "After the age of 35, our ability to maintain moisture in our skin and nails decreases," says Tsao, noting that a lack of nail plate moisture can be exacerbated by excessive water exposure, a dry climate with low humidity, exposure of the nails to chemicals or any abrasive topical agents, excessive nail filing or use of nail polish remover, and sun or extreme heat.

A variety of health conditions may also result in brittle nails, including psoriasis, eczema and lichen planus, an inflammatory condition that affects skin and mucous membranes. Those with a thyroid disorder, anemia or an eating disorder, such as bulimia or anorexia nervosa, may also suffer from brittle nails.

Problem Solving & Treatment

If you notice that your client has longitudinal ridges and split ends on both the toenails and fingernails, it could be the result of an underlying health condition and should be checked by a medical professional. "A visit to the dermatologist will determine what is leading to the nail changes," says Tsao, who adds that any sudden changes in a client's nails, even if it's a single digit, should prompt a doctor referral.

For the most common causes of brittle nail syndrome—aging and dryness—there are a number of things you can do as a nail professional to improve symptoms.













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"Ridges make the nail plate more vulnerable to splitting under even minimal stress," says Adigun. "Hydrating the nail plate makes it more pliable and less likely to split." In the salon, techs should minimize the use of enhancements that require heat and light, as this can lead to additional dryness, says Tsao. "Applying a paraffin treatment or a low-strength glycolic acid peel to the nails for 2 to 3 minutes to help smooth out ridges will also help improve dry nails," she advises.

Cuticle care also plays an important role in keeping nails hydrated. "The

Self-care is key to keeping brittle nails in check, so advise clients to use cuticle oil regularly.

cuticle is responsible for maintaining moisture within the nail," says Adigun. "If it has been traumatized or becomes dry and ragged, it won't be able to hold moisture." Self-care is key to keeping brittle nails in check, so advise clients to use cuticle oil regularly.

Additionally, Adigun recommends that clients wear cotton-lined rubber gloves when performing any kind of wet task, such as cleaning or washing dishes, to minimize excessive water exposure. What's more, clients should apply a heavy emollient to hands and nails after regular hand washing. Tsao also suggests that clients with weak nails apply moisturizer at night and wear cotton gloves to bed to help keep nails hydrated.

Brittle nail syndrome can be a chronic condition, so be sure to talk to your clients about consistent nail care in the salon and at home.

Karen Morse, M.P.H., is a freelance health writer in Menlo Park, CA.



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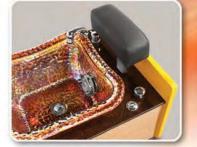
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Weak in the Nails

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A. Moisturizer

- B. Cotton-lined rubber gloves
- C. Cuticle Oil
- D. Paraffin

Brittle nails occur in roughly % of the population.

A. 10

B. 15

C. 20

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D. 25

Health conditions that may lead to O dry, brittle nails include:

- A. Psoriasis
- B. Anemia
- C. Bulimia
- D. All of the above

rm or write your answers (for example, 1 A; 2 B) on a postcard along with the name of the quiz (i.e., "Weak in the Nails") and send it to: NAILPRO, Professional am, 7628 Densmore Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406-2042. You can also take the test site, nailpro.com/test-yourself. Submissions must be postmarked or received online by November 30, 2015. Answers will appear in the January issue.

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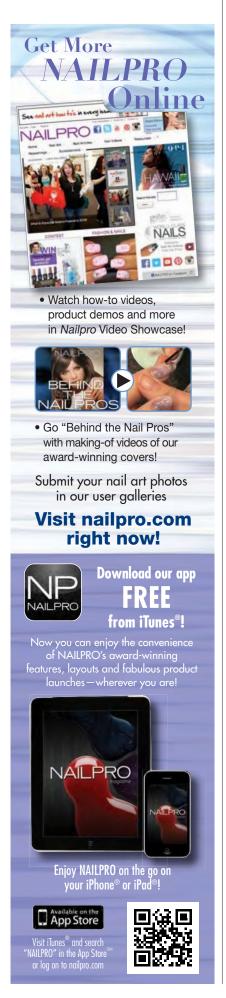
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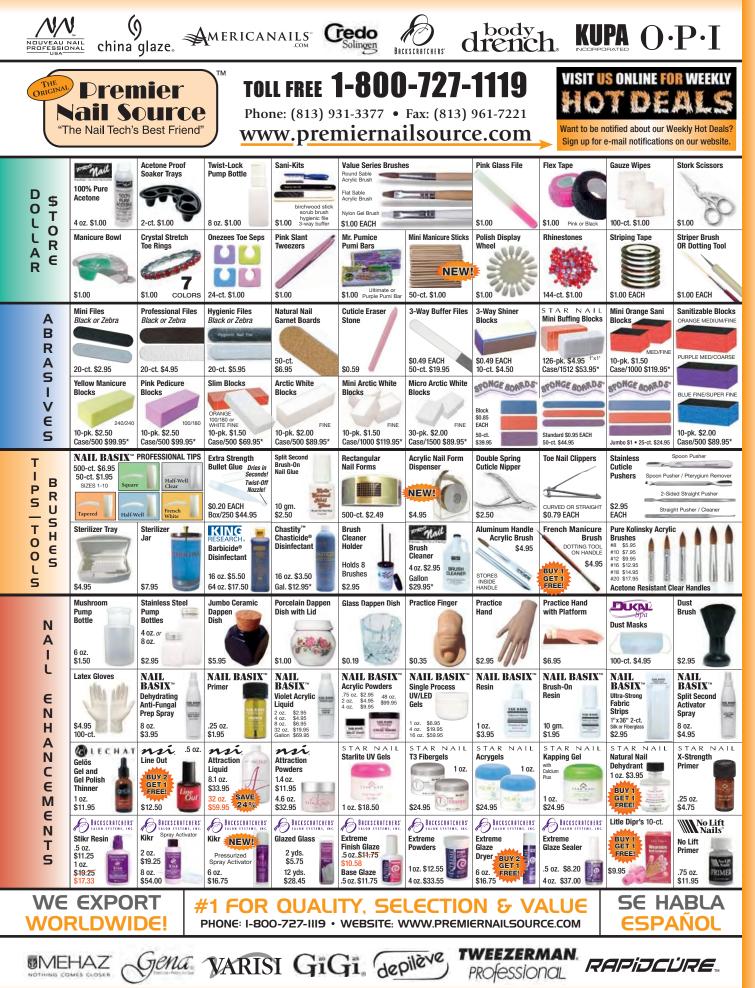
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Celebrity tech Miho Okawara dishes on Kesha's killer nail style.

Whether she's donning hand-painted designs inspired by her cat Mr. Peep\$ or sporting colorful tie-dye digits, Kesha's nail art never disappoints, thanks to celebrity manicurist Miho Okawara. After meeting the starlet in 2013 at esNail in Los Angeles, the two bonded over their playful and eclectic tastes-Kesha's love of color and Okawara's signature Japanese Kawaii style-resulting in a match made in mani art heaven. Here, Okawara explains why the pop sensation leads the pack when it comes to trendsetting tip couture.

She loves glitter. At the start

of her career, it was common to see Kesha covered in glitter from head to toe-she'd wear it on her legs, face and arms during performances and red carpet events. Today, the pop star sports a more polished look, but Kesha's signature sparkle can still be found on her nails. "Kesha likes balance." savs



Okawara. "Sometimes we'll do a glitter-packed design, but chances are, if her dress is sparkly, we won't put any glitter on her nails."



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COLOTS. Okawara says the "Timber" singer loves to experiment with different hues, so she keeps a variety of bright lacquers in her arsenal. "Kesha likes to don neon shades with heavy decoration or pastel pop art-inspired designs," says Okawara.

Her playful tip couture isn't reserved for the red carpet. While

some starlets prefer to give their nails a break after award show season, Kesha maintains her digit decor on a regular basis. "I see her every two to three weeks,"



says Okawara, who has done Kesha's nails almost everywhere, from her house to a music video shoot. "She loves to try out different types of nail art, whether she's going to an event or taking time off."

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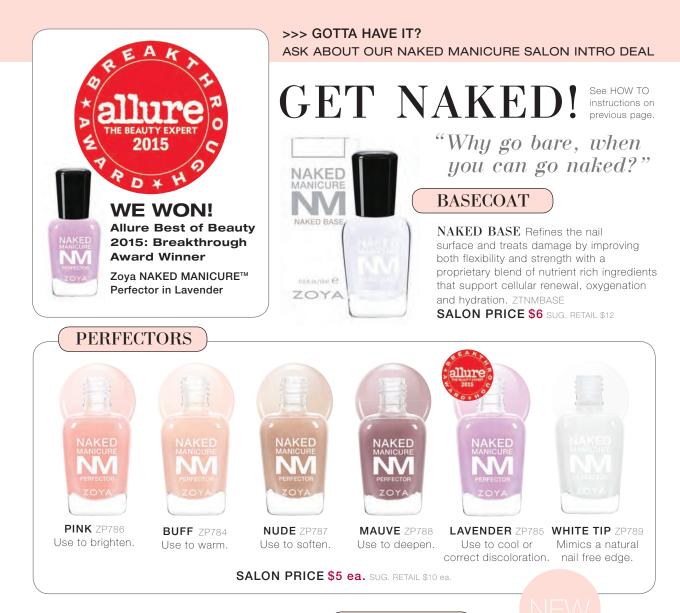
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SALON PRICE \$108 SUG. RETAIL \$9 ea.

ZOYA FOCUS & FLAIR LACQUER SAMPLERS

Gorgeous 6 piece samplers present the each collection in an attractive clear plastic box. Full size 0.5 oz. bottle.

SALON PRICE \$27 SUG. RETAIL \$54



FOCUS- ZPSAMPLER1505



ALL ZOYA FOCUS & FLAIR OPEN STOCK COLOR SALON PRICE \$4,50 SUG. RETAIL \$9 ea.

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HOLIDAY GIFTS



GREAT GIFT IDEAS

"Perfectly packaged nail and lip beauties to enjoy all season long"

ZOYA LIPS & TIPS GIFT SETS

Introducing ZOYA Lips & Tips Holiday Gift Sets - featuring never before seen lipstick shades! Each set includes three mini sized (0.25oz) nail polish shades and one coordinating lipstick. Choose from five different sets packaged in a stylish black, window box.

SALON PRICE \$9 SUG. RETAIL \$18.

LIPS & TIPS - RED

ZP001/Carmen, ZP454/Alix, ZP632/Elisa & Red Lipstick, Frankie (cream) ZPHOL1505





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LIPS & TIPS - NUDE ZP596/Avery, ZP704/Chantal, ZP706/Rue & Nude Lipstick, Cameron (cream) ZPHOL1501



LIPS & TIPS - BERRY ZP453/Riley, ZP455/Dakota, ZP535/Sarah & Berry Lipstick, Georgia (cream) ZPHOL1504

LIPS & TIPS - PLUM ZP627/Toni, ZP520/Stacy, ZP575/Jem & Plum Lipstick, Maxwell (matte) ZPHOL1503



LIPS & TIPS - ROSE ZP707/Brigitte, ZP746/Aubrey, ZP747/Madeline & Rose Lipstick, Paisley (cream) ZPHOL1502



SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION ZOYA REDBOOK TRIO - SUGAR PLUM SUPRISE

The Zoya Redbook Trio features three radiant shades that are perfect for the holidays! Wear them alone or layer the sheer glittering gold over the cherry red cream or plum metallic for an

extra festive look. Not only are they beyond gorgeous, each of the colors are being named by **Redbook Magazine** readers during the 'Name a Polish Contest' to honor an inspiring woman in their life. See zoya.com or the November issue of Redbook for name details.

> ZOYA SUGAR PLUM

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ZOYA REDBOOK SUGAR PLUM SURPRISE TRIO One of each LIMITED EDITION shade. ZPSAMLER1508

> SALON PRICE \$13.50 SUG. RETAIL \$27 per trio

> > ZPLIP02 (cream

> > > matte

ZPLIP07 (cream

ZOYA REDBOOK -SUGAR PLUM SURPRISE DISPLAY Holds 2 bottles of each LIMITED EDITION shade, for a total 12 bottles per display. ZPDPL1508

SALON PRICE \$58 SUG. RETAIL \$10 ea.



ZOYA LIP ZOYA Lipstick Trio Sets are a perfect gift for any lipstick lover! Choose from two sets of 3 featuring sleek, black satin packaging Each set includes three stunning new lipsticks in a long-lasting matte or satin finish.

SALON PRICE \$11 SUG. RETAIL \$22.

LIP TRIO - LIGHT Cameron, Paisley & Mackenzie ZPLIPTRIO01

LIP TRIO - DARK Frankie, Georgia & Maxwell ZPLIPTRIO02

LIP - OPEN STOCK COLOR SALON PRICE \$6 SUG. RETAIL \$12.

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COLOR LOCK SYSTEM

THE WORLD'S BEST SYSTEM FOR LONG-LASTING COLOR

"Protects color and increases nail polish wear to 7-10 days"

> ZOYA IS THE HEALTHY COLOR OF FASHION BIGSFREE: FORMULA CONTAINS NO FORMALDEHYDE, FORMALDEHYDE RESIN, DIBUTYL PTHALATE, TOLUENE OR CAMPHOR



GREAT GIFT

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COLOR LOCK MINICURE SET

The kit everyone loves is back with a new look! Essentials for the perfect manicure, in the perfect miniature gift set. The MiniCure kit includes the key components of the Zoya Color Lock System to make your manicures wear up to 10 days. This incredible value set is a perfect stocking stuffer, office gift or a personal treat. Kit includes 1fl.oz Zoya Remove+, 0.25 fl. oz Armor TopCoat, 0.25 fl. oz Anchor Base Coat, 0.5 fl. oz Fast Drops Speed Dry Drops. ZTCLSOR

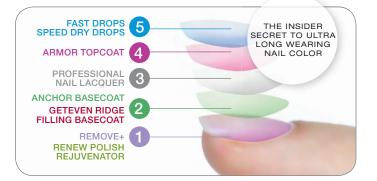
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REMOVER

ZOYA REMOVE+

Breakthrough 3-in-1 product removes old polish, cleans nails and preps for new olor. The mild acetone formula moisturizes, nourishes and fortifies the nail plate. Use as a nail plate prep cleaner before applying basecoat.

1 fl. oz. ZTRMOT

SALON PRICE \$1.25 SUG. RETAIL \$3.

2 fl. oz. ZTRMAF

SALON PRICE \$2.33 SUG. RETAIL \$4.60.

8 fl. oz. Big Flipper (shown) ZTBF02 SALON PRICE \$4.99, SUG. RETAIL \$10. 32 fl. oz. refill ZTRM03

SALON PRICE \$12.50 SUG. RETAIL \$25.

BASECOATS

ZOYA ANCHOR BASECOAT

Complex protein chains form a flexible bond between the nail plate and polish. Deluxe formula for nail strength and to prevent lifting, peeling and chipping.

0.5 fl. oz ZTAN01 SALON PRICE \$5, sug. retail \$10.

2 fl. oz refill ZTANOP SALON PRICE \$10, SUG. RETAIL \$20.



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ZOYA GETEVEN RIDGE FILLING BASECOAT

Create the "perfect" surface for nail polish application. Bonding fibers help smooth ridges and prevent nail plate flaking to ensure maximum polish wear on natural nails.

0.5 fl. oz ZTGE01 SALON PRICE \$5 SUG. RETAIL \$10. 2 fl. oz refill ZTGE0P

SALON PRICE \$10 SUG. RETAIL \$20.

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TOPCOAT

ZOYA ARMOR TOPCOAT/UV BLOCK

Brilliant, ultra-strong (chipfree) and glossy topcoat provides a flexible coating for nail color. UV inhibiting formula prevents yellowing and fading.

0.5 fl. oz ZTAR01 SALON PRICE \$5 SUG. RETAIL \$10.

2 fl. oz refill ZTAROP

SALON PRICE \$10, SUG. RETAIL \$20.

DRYING DROPS



ZOYA FAST DROPS

Bubble preventing speed dry drops set polish in just 5 minutes. Camilla oil provides UV protection, cuticle conditioning and brilliant shine.

0.5 fl. oz (with dropper) ZTFD01

SALON PRICE \$8 SUG. RETAIL \$16.

2 fl. oz refill ZTFDOP SALON PRICE \$20 SUG. RETAIL \$40.





ZOYA RENEW POLISH REJUVENATOR

Just say no to thickened polishes, top coats or base coats. ZOYA RENEW saves money by making products last up to 50% longer.

0.5 fl. oz (with dropper) ZTRN02

SALON PRICE \$5 SUG. RETAIL \$10.

2 fl. oz refill ZTRNOP SALON PRICE \$10 SUG. RETAIL \$20.





OVER 300 LONG-WEARING, VEGAN FRIENDLY, BIG5FREE COLORS:

Formula contains no formaldehyde, formaldehyde resin, toluene, dibutyl phthalate or camphor.



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HOLIDAY NAIL LACQUER & GELCOLOR SHADES



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COLLECTION

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ALL COLORS AVAILABLE IN NAIL LACQUER & GELCOLOR

Love is in My Cards This warm. romantic red is destined for me.

HR G32



HR G33

Guys & Galaxies the Moon (S) This maroon Rendezvous in beauty makes my the glow of this world go 'round. lustrous, rich red. HR G34



I'm in the Moon for Love (S) Simply because I'm wearing this plum.

HR G35



Cosmo with a Twist (S)

Subtle sparkle adds depth to this purple. HR G36



Center of the You-niverse (S) Endless space black shimmer. HR G38





LECTION

Super Star Status (GL) A spotlight-stealing silver and gold glitter.

HR G39

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Don't Make a

Meteorite (GL)

This rosy, golden

confetti is so

right-on!

HR G48

SuperNova (P) Hitch a ride on this lustrous sterling silver. HR G40



By the Light of the Moon (GL) Silvery and sparkly...prepare to swoon. HR G41



Comet Closer (P) May I take this warm, textured Iridescent icicles gold? **HR G42**

Taken? (GL)

fly in this

smooth gold.

HR G43



Infrared-y to Glow (GL) Strike up the glam with red confetti and glitter. **HR G44**



Let Your Love Shine (S) Show it off in shimmery, red splendor!

HR G45



Give Me

Space (S)

Night-sky blue with

room to sparkle.

HR G37

Ce-less-tial is More (GL) This pink superglitter shines with heavenly light. HR G46



Press * for Silver (P) This warm, rosy silver really calls to me **HR G47**



No More Mr. Night Sky (S) An assertive, dark, shimmery gray. HR G49

Open Stock Nail Lacquer 15 mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz.

UNEARTHLY COLOR | OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD CHIC

There's still time to catch the comet by the tail! Starlight – OPI's collection for the holidays and beyond – is going strong. Hurry, and you can be a part of it!

18 out-of-this-world shades for nails that break the beauty barrier at the speed of starlight! The shades of Starlight include rich, jeweled tones, unearthly metals, and spectacular glitters, while **Swarovski** powers up the glamour quotient with crystal and metallic embellishments. Each shade is available for a limited time in Nail Lacquer and GelColor formulas.

Grab on to the Starlight comet – next stop: celestial color!



Starlight 12-Piece Display - Reds

OPI Item No. HR G04

12 - Nail Lacquers (2 per shade): Love is in My Cards, Ro-Man-ce on the Moon, Guys & Galaxies, I'm in the Moon for Love, Cosmo with a Twist, and Give Me Space

1 - chipboard counter display



Starlight 12-Piece Display - Metallics OPI Item No. HR G05

12 - Nail Lacquers (2 per shade): Center of the You-niverse, Super Star Status, I Drive a SuperNova, By the Light of the Moon, Comet

Closer, and Is this Star Taken?

1 - chipboard counter display



Starlight 12-Piece Display - Glitters & Shimmers OPI Item No. HR G06

OPI Item No. HR G06

12 - Nail Lacquers (2 per shade): Infrared-y to Glow, Let Your Love Shine, Ce-less-tial is More, Press * for Silver, Two Wrongs Don't Make a Meteorite, and No More Mr. Night Sky

1 - chipboard counter display

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OPI Item No. HR G07

36 - Nail Lacquers (3 per shade):

Love is in My Cards, Ro-Man-ce on the Moon, Guys & Galaxies, I'm in the Moon for Love, Cosmo with a Twist, Give Me Space, Center of the You-niverse, Super Star Status, I Drive a SuperNova, By the Light of the Moon, Comet Closer, and Is this Star Taken?

1 - acrylic counter display with printed footers

1 - chipboard header

1 - FREE Swarovski® Bracelet (SRP Value: \$28.00 US / \$35.00 CN)





OPI All Stars Mini 4-Pack

OPI Item No. HR G08 4 - Mini Nail Lacquers 3.75 mL - 0.125 Fl. Oz.: Love is in My Cards, Guys & Galaxies, Is this Star Taken?, and Press * for Silver





OPI All Stars - Mini 10-Pack



OPI Item No. HR G12

10- OPI Mini Nail Lacquers – 3.75mL – 0.125 Fl. Oz. Bubble Bath, Tickle My France-y, Alpine Snow, Princesses Rule!, Strawberry Margarita, That's Hula-rious!, Do You Have this Color in Stock-holm?, Lincoln Park After Dark, Big Apple Red, and Malaga Wine

1 - FREE star rings

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Over the Moon for Gold



DUO #1

OPI Item No. HR G13 Deal Contains: 2 OPI Nail Lacquers 5mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. Love is in My Cards and Ce-less-tial is More

DUO #2 OPI Item No. HR G14 Deal Contains: 2 OPI Nail Lacquers 5mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. Center of the You-niverse and Super Star Status

FREE jewelry-inspired temporary tattoos with purchase of each nail lacquer duo



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OPI All Stars - Mini Duo Packs



DUO #1 OPI Item No. HR G09 Deal Contains: 2 – 3.75 mL - 0.125 Fl. Oz. Nail Lacquer: Alpine Snow, Bubble Bath



DUO #2 OPI Item No. HR G10 Deal Contains: 2 – 3.75 mL - 0.125 Fl. Oz. Nail Lacquer: Big Apple Red, Lincoln Park After Dark



DUO #3 OPI Item No. HR G11 Deal Contains: 2 – 3.75 mL - 0.125 Fl. 0z. Nail Lacquer: I Drive a SuperNova, Is this Star Taken?



Twinkle, **Twinkle**

OPI Item No. HR G15

Deal contains:

2 - OPI Nail Lacquers - 15mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. Funny Bunny and Comet Closer

1 - FREE! Set of 3 midi rings



Professional Swarovski[®] Nail Technician Kit



Constellation Chic



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OPI Item No. HR G17 Deal Contains: 3 - Nail Lacquers -15mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. An Affair in Red Square, Mod About You, and By the Light of the Moon 1 - Swarovski® crystals 1 - nail glue



OPI Item No. HR G24

SWAROVSKI® Crystals & Elements:

- 1 design sheet with crystals & pearls (15 stones)
- 1 design sheet with crystals & stars (20 stones)
- 10 flat back stones in Crystal
- 10 flat back stones in Light Silk
- 10 flat back stones in Jet Hematite
- 10 flat back stones in Meridian Blue
- 10 Silver Stucco round metallics
- 10 baguettes in Polished Copper



Cosmic Couple

OPI Item No. HR G25 1 - **OPI Red** Nail Lacquer 15 mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz.

1 - Is this Star Taken? Mini Nail Lacquer 3.75 mL - 0.125 Fl. Oz.





The Star Treatment

OPI Item No. HR G18



Deal Contains:

- 1 Mini RapiDry Top Coat 3.75 mL 0.125 Fl. Oz.
- 1 Mini Nail Envy Original 3.75 mL 0.125 Fl. Oz.
- 1 Mini ChipSkip 3.75 mL 0.125 Fl. Oz.
- 1 DripDry 9 mL 0.3 Fl. Oz.



Shine On OPI Item No. HR G26

- 1 Infinite Shine Primer (Base Coat)
- 1 Infinite Shine Gel Effects Lacquer - Marooned in the Universe (Exclusive Shade-only in this kit!)
- 1 Infinite Shine Gloss (Top Coat)



Strength is in the Pair

OPI Item No. HR G19 15 mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. 1 - Original Nail Envy 1 - Nail Envy Bubble Bath

Mini Treats - Salon Client Gifts



24 of chosen Mini Treatment - 3.75 mL - 0.125 Fl. Oz. Includes hangtags which can be personalized for each client.

OPI Item No. HR G20 - RapiDry Top Coat OPI Item No. HR G21 - Nail Envy Original OPI Item No. HR G22 - Start-to-Finish OPI Item No. HR G23 - Start-to-Finish (formaldehyde-free formula)



Planet Smooth

OPI Item No. HR F99

Deal contains six 30 mL - 1 Fl. Oz. flavors of Avojuice Lotions, Jasmine, Sweet Lemon Sage, Vanilla Lavender, Spiced Persimmon (limited edition), Coconut Melon, and Cran & Berry.



30 - Avojuice Spiced Persimmon 30 mL - 1 Fl. Oz.1 - counter display with header card



LIMITED EDITION Spiced Persimmon Avojuice Hand & Body Lotion OPEN STOCK

Open stock available for a limited time only, while supplies last.

250 mL - 8.5 Fl. Oz. Avojuice Spiced Persimmon OPI Item No. HR G02



30 mL - 1 Fl. Oz. Avojuice Spiced Persimmon OPI Item No. HR G01

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Love is in My Cards HP G32





Center of the You-niverse (S) HP G38



Infrared-y to Glow (GL) HP G44



Ro-Man-ce on the Moon HP G33



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Super Star Status (GL) HP G39



Let Your Love Shine (S) HP G45



Guys & Galaxies HP G34



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l Drive a SuperNova (P) HP G40



Ce-less-tial is More (GL) HP G46



I'm in the Moon for Love (S) HP G35



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By the Light of the Moon (GL) HP G41



Press * for Silver (P) HP G47



Cosmo with a Twist (S) HP G36



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Comet Closer (P) HP G42



Two Wrongs Don't Make a Meteorite (GL)

HP G48



Give Me Space (S) HP G37



Is this Star Taken? (GL) HP G43



No More Mr. Night Sky (S) HP G49

Open Stock GelColor 15 mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz.

GL=GLITTER | S=SHIMMER | P = PEARL

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Colors in Orbit 1.0 Add-On-Kit

OPI Item No. HP G02 6 - GelColor - 15mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. Love is in My Cards, Ro-Man-ce on the Moon, Guys & Galaxies, I'm in the Moon for Love, Cosmo with a Twist, and Give Me Space 1 - 20-count Expert Touch Removal Wraps

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- 1 color palette
- 1 table-top instructions

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Colors in Orbit 2.0 Add-On-Kit

OPI Item No. HP G03 6 - GelColor - 15mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. Center of the You-niverse, Super Star Status, I Drive a SuperNova, By the Light of the Moon, Comet Closer, and Is this Star Taken?

- 1 20 ct. Expert Touch Removal Wraps
- 1 color palette

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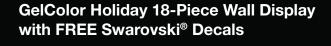
1 - table-top instructions

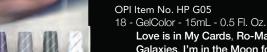


Colors in Orbit 3.0 Add-On Kit

OPI Item No. HP G04 6 - GelColor - 15mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. Infrared-y to Glow, Let Your Love Shine, Ce-less-tial is More, Press * for Silver, Two Wrongs Don't Make a Meteorite, and No More Mr. Night Sky

- 1 20 ct. Expert Touch Removal Wraps
- 1 color palette
- 1 table-top instructions





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- Love is in My Cards, Ro-Man-ce on the Moon, Guys & Galaxies, I'm in the Moon for Love, Cosmo with a Twist, Give Me Space, Center of the You-niverse, Super Star Status, I Drive a SuperNova, By the Light of the Moon, Comet Closer, Is this Star Taken?, Infrared-y to Glow, Let Your Love Shine, Ce-less-tial is More, Press * for Silver, Two Wrongs Don't Make a Meteorite, and No More Mr. Night Sky
- 1 Add-A-Shelf wall display and header with mounting hardware
- 1 250-count Expert Touch Removal Wraps
- 1 SWAROVSKI® crystal & metallic studs decal set
- 1 SWAROVSKI® crystal chevron tips decal set
- 2 SWAROVSKI® crystal art deco decal set
- 1 color palette



STARLIGHT

GelColor Holiday 24-Piece Acrylic Display

OPI Item No. HP G01

- 24 GelColor (2 per shade): Love is in My Cards, Ro-Man-ce on the Moon, I'm in the Moon for Love, Cosmo with a Twist, Give Me Space, Center of the You-niverse, I Drive a SuperNova, Let Your Love Shine, Press * for Silver, Ce-less-tial is More, No More Mr. Night Sky, and Is this Star Taken?
- 1 acrylic counter display with printed footers
- 1 chipboard header
- 1 set-up instructions



Touch of Stardust

- OPI Item No. HP G07
- 1 GelColor Top Coat 15mL 0.5 Fl. Oz.
- 1 GelColor Base Coat 15mL 0.5 Fl. Oz.
- 1 SWAROVSKI® crystal chevron tips decal set



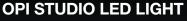
Stellar Sensations OPI Item No. HP G08 2 - GelColor - 15mL - 0.5 Fl. Oz. (1 of each shade): Guys & Galaxies and Two Wrongs Don't Make a Meteorite

1 - SWAROVSKI® metallic and crystal studs nail decal set

OPI STUDIO LED LIGHT

Save \$20 on OPI Studio LED Light!





OPI Item No. GL 900

For more information about OPI Studio LED Light, log on as a professional at pro.opi.com or contact your Authorized OPI Distributor.

Zero in on great skin with these proven winners from OPI! Put the power of nourishing ingredients, pampering emollients, and soothing fragrances to work to give your clients soft and supple skin, nails, and cuticles, creating a clean and ready canvas to display your color masterpieces.



SKINCARE FOCUS

AVOPLEX SPA MANICURE

Hydrates, nourishes and conditions skin with restorative avocado
 Naturally occurring antioxidants fight free-radical damage



MANICURE BY OPI

- Promotes age-defying, younger-looking hands
- Exfoliates, revitalizes, renews, and helps to protect skin
- Transforms ordinary manicures into extraordinary spa services



PEDICURE BY OPI

- Refreshes and re-energizes skin and feet
- Formulated with soothing and effective botanicals
- Restores foot soles with multiple treatment options

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MANICURE/PEDICURE BY OPI

• Smoothes skin with AHAs and natural sugar crystals

Hydrates skin with shea butter and botanical extracts
 Moisturizes with fruit-derived emollients



AVOJUICE HAND & BODY LOTION

- Hydrating formula with rich avocado and aloe extract
 - Drenches skin in 24 hours of moisture
 - Fragrant botanical fragrances



FEET BY OPI

- Rehydrates dry skin with rich moisturizers
- Botanical extracts and vitamins promote healthy feet
 Softens calluses with fruit extracts and shea butter

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GET THE VENICE LOOK!

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Create your own interpretation of the Baroque style and opulence of Venice with the 15 new magnificent shades of GelColor Venice by OPI. Give your clients the look of luxe that can only come from the inspiration of this city of canals, gondolas, and romance.

- weeks of shine-intense wear
 - 30-second LED cure



16 | retail promotions

Colorful Send-Off!



OPEN STOCK: SR G81

Crystal Fixation

Shape your nails with sparkling style. Get a FREE Mini Rhinestone Crystal File when you buy DripDry Lacquer Drying Drops! Easy-to-use DripDry dries nail lacquer fast while treating cuticles to a dose of Jojoba and antioxidant Vitamin E.

Get a FREE Mini Rhinestone Crystal File!

SALON PRICE	\$ 6.75 us
Suggested Retail	\$ 13.50 US
Retail Value	\$ 18.45 US

\$ 8.50 cn JS **\$** 16.95 cn JS **\$** 23.20 cn

Must order case pack of 12 promos.



OPEN STOCK: SR G82

Lacquer Devotion

Easy-on, easy-off, and repeat. Get a FREE 10-pack of Expert Touch Wipe-Off! Nail Wipes when you buy these two OPI favorite Nail Lacquer shades.

Tickle My France-y

In this naughty shade of nude.

Bogotá Blackberry

A berry deep, dark wine shade.

Get a FREE 10-pack of Wipe-Off!

SALON PRICE	\$ 9.00 us	\$ 11.25 CN
Suggested Retail	\$ 16.95 US	\$ 21.50 CN
Retail Value	\$ 25.95 US	\$ 30.50 CN

Must order case pack of 12 promos.



Send 2015 off with a *BANG* with promotions designed to blast the ringer off your register! Colorful promo packs perfect for gifting are just what your customers need to make their holidays bright and your profits merry!



OPEN STOCK: SR G83

Color Connection

Cold-weather blahs? Add some sizzle to your nails with four hot mini shades from OPI at a special price!

Samoan Sand

A warm beige-pink.

Suzi Shops & Island Hops A light and happy pink that's the perfect traveling companion.

The Thrill of Brazil Brilliant red-orange spotted on Divas de Janeiro!

Lincoln Park After Dark Where midnight meets purple.

At a Special Price!

SALON PRICE	\$ 7.50 us	\$ 9.25 CN
Suggested Retail	\$ 13.95 US	\$ 17.50 cn
Retail Value	\$ 19.00 US	\$ 23.00 CN



Retail Promo Center Display

OPI Item No. SR 540

Stock this stylish, aluminum-finish floor display with these retail promotions to create a one-stop shopping center for easy grab-and-go purchases!

SALON PRICE

\$250.00 us \$299.00 cN

18 | professional promotions

Save on Red Hot GelColor Shades!

Buy 5 select red GelColor shades and get 1 FREE!

GCA16	GelColor – The Thrill of Brazil - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCA70	GelColor - Red Hot Rio - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCC13	GelColor - Coca-Cola® Red - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCH02	GelColor - Chick Flick Cherry - 15mL5 Fl. 0z.
GCH08	GelColor - I'm Not Really a Waitress - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCH69	GelColor - Go with the Lava Flow - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCL60	GelColor - Dutch Tulips - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCL72	GelColor - OPI Red - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCL87	GelColor - Malaga Wine - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCN25	GelColor - Big Apple Red - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCN48	GelColor - Thank Glogg It's Friday! - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCS72	GelColor - Romeo & Joliet - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCT25	GelColor - Color to Diner For - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
GCW52	GelColor - Got the Blues for Red - 15mL5 Fl. Oz.
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