

BACK to basics

FRENCH TIP APPLICATION



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Alisha Rimando is recognized as one of the nail industry's leading experts in training and education. In her 28 years experience, her work has been described as "ground-breaking" as she has been a platform artist and motivational speaker for thousands of promotional and educational events, and competed in hundreds of nail competitions around the globe winning the *World Nail Championship* in 2005 in *Pink and White Sculptured Nails*. She is the featured artist in many training videos, including hosting the current *Milady Standard Nail Technology* DVD Series.

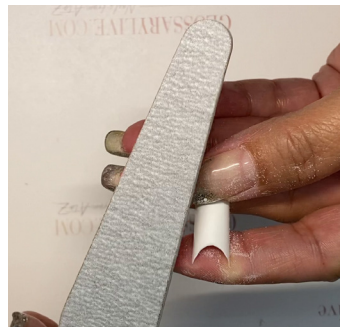
In this workbook you will learn how to size, customize and apply a French tip and I'll teach you how to choose the right fit for your client. I will also demonstrate how to shape and blend the tip, to provide the perfect foundation for any overlay service your client requests. So, grab your tips and let's get back to basics.

WHAT YOU NEED

French tips, 180-grit file, buffer, nail resin or tip glue, and tip cutters.



1 Start by sizing your tip. Lay the tip onto the natural nail and rock it from one side of the finger to the other for a proper fit. There should be no gaps or glitches between the nail bed groove and the line of the nail tip where it attaches along the sidewalls. Customize the tip if necessary.



Optional Step: To customize a French tip to create a deeper smile line, hold the tip against your finger to protect the corners and use a 180-grit file at about a 60-degree angle at the center of the nail tip to gently deepen the smile line. Once you achieve the desired look, use a buffer to clean the edge before application.



PRO TIPS

- Try to use the same sized tips from hand to hand. Therefore, if you have a number 4 on the pointer (index) finger, you should try to make the other pointer (index) finger the same size. Customize the tip if you need to in order for it to fit perfectly.



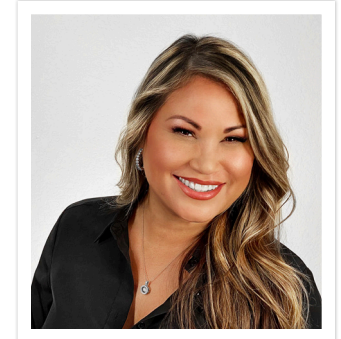
2 Apply the plastic nail tip with resin. Make sure you use very little resin inside the edge of the tip. Firmly press the tip down to the nail to push out any air bubbles in the resin. Hold in place until the resin is set.



Alisha's expertise and application techniques have been featured in more than 150 beauty and trade publications and blog spots world wide such as *Teen Vogue*, *Bridal Guide*, *Self*, *Fitness*, and *Seventeen* magazines, as well as numerous industry trade magazines like *Nails*, *Nailpro*, *Scratch (UK)* and *Stylish Nail (Japan)*. Her career took an additional leap in 2008 when she became a published author for Cengage Learning, contributing to *Milady Nail Technology* and *Standard Cosmetology* textbooks, a consistent honor she engages with each new edition.

Through the years, Alisha has worked with R&D chemists to develop nail enhancement products, nano technology skincare, cuticle treatments, polish collections and natural nail treatments. Alisha's artistic creations have been sought after for numerous ads and campaigns as well as garnered celebrity status being featured with Jennifer Hudson in her video "Spotlight" and leading teams at NYC Fashion Weeks.

Her passion for educating the nail community takes her on another adventure with the conception and development of GlossaryLive.com

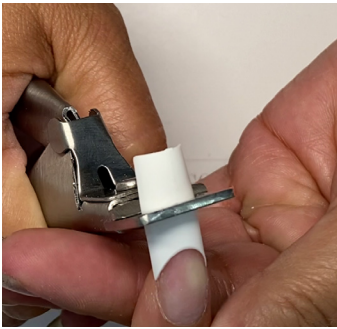


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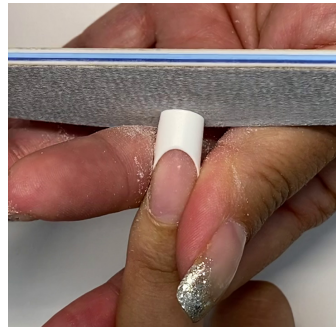
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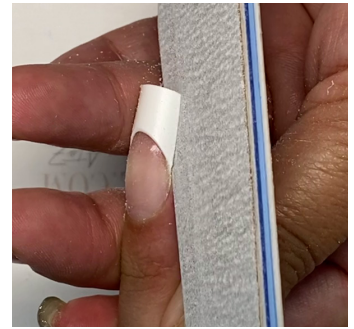
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3 Shorten the tip with tip cutters to the desired length. Then make sure you measure - hand to hand and finger to finger - to ensure the lengths are consistent. A good rule of thumb is that the pointer (index), middle and ring fingers are all the same length from cuticle to extension edge.



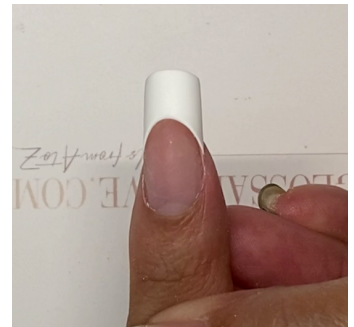
4 Use a 180-grit file to shorten the tip and shape.



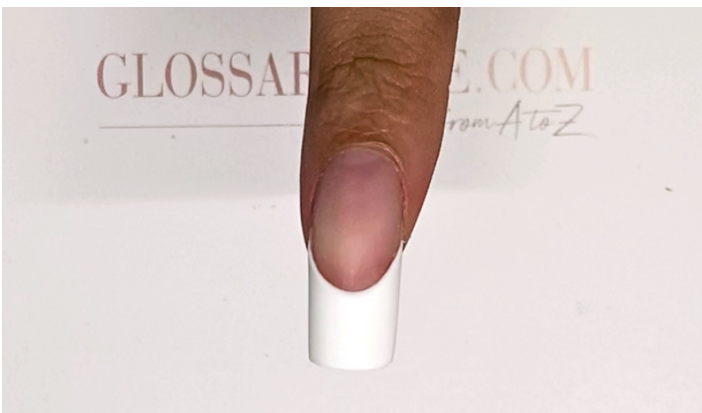
5 Now buff the surface of the nail tip using a softer sponge file.



6 Using a sanitized nylon manicure brush, remove any dust from the nail and tip. The bristles are firm enough to remove stubborn dust and debris in the lateral folds.



7 The nail is prepped, you can now apply primer to the natural nail plate, as you are ready to proceed with the overlay. Choose the product system for the overlay service ie. LED/UV gel, fiberglass, or perhaps liquid & powder.



In this workbook you learned how to customize a French tip to make the smile line deeper and cleaner. You learned how to apply French tips to fit your client perfectly. These are so quick and easy to use, you are going to love using them in the salon.