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Nails from A to Z

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It's been an inspiring few months watching the world wake from its slumber after the pandemic shut downs.

We've been out, away from our homes, enjoying the summer, and I've even had the absolute thrill of being back at a trade show and judging competition nails for *Naillympia Orlando*. Yes, in person!

After long months of working over Zoom, many of the *GlossaryLive* team members were able to meet in person and work together in one location. It was very exciting and inspiring, and caused a stir in my heart for teaching LIVE again. It's crazy to think that it's been over two years since my last LIVE training, but yes folks, I'm knocking the dust off my nail kit and hitting the road soon! I have a couple of trainings in the works for this year and lots of exciting plans to take *GlossaryLive... LIVE!* So keep an eye on our social media, and the soon to be published, *EVENTS* page at *GlossaryLive.com*, to find dates near you.

Of course we can't be everywhere, so if you're unable to attend one of our LIVE events, you can always learn and be inspired at *GlossaryLive.com*.

xoxo, Alisha

FINGER FASHION FACTOID



A poll commissioned to mark the launch of the new Samsung Galaxy A53 5G, has uncovered that 72% of respondents, have been inspired to take up a new interest as a direct result of watching clips on *Tik Tok* and *Instagram*. The Gen Z 18-25 year olds polled, noted stamp collecting, extreme ironing, pet portraits, knitting, extreme make-up and foam nail art as hobbies they've turned into business' or used to capture more followers. Southeast London nail artist, @angelmylinh noted that her content has taken off so substantially that through its reach she's been commissioned by Megan Thee Stallion and Tems to create nails.

did you know



The art of decorating nails has been used throughout history as a status symbol, a social or political statement. For example, ancient Babylonian soldiers painted their nails in green (soldiers) and black (officers) before going into battle. It was believed that by coloring their nails for combat, they would look more fierce and instil fear in their opponents. As part of their combat equipment, archaeologists have found evidence of a gold manicure kit, which dates back as far as 3200 BC.



newsworthy NAILS



Celebrating its 17th anniversary this month, the UK's Leighton Denny nail brand has introduced a series of products and a nail lacquer capsule collection, *Affection*. Inspired by the colors of the SS22 catwalk, the orange, lemon and pastel blush colors are stunning alone, or when cocktailed over another polish to create a totally new, stand-out shade. To set it apart 75% of its ingredients are sourced from plants such as maize, wheat and potato, and it houses eco glitter. However, what caught *GlossaryLive's* eye, was its next generation crystal nail file. By exposing the file surface to natural light on a windowsill, its titanium dioxide photo catalytic surface eliminates 98% of bacteria and viruses in four hours.

@leightondennynails



PEELBACK THE POLISH

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The nail world attracts characters from all walks of life who bring their own flavor of style and inspiration to the nail table.

One such persona, Croatian-born, Zrinka Vuksan, brings a truly fresh and enigmatic mood to the industry, which, when coupled with her nail skills, galvanises creativity with motivation and incites a whole new frame of reference for her student or colleague. Moving into nails simply because nothing else appealed to the young Zrinka, she was soon drawn in by the allure of structure and the clean visual created. "I always had a feeling nails could be so much more and from day one, I started striving for more; first structure, then art," she reflects. "I know it sounds cliché, but nails are literally an extension of our character, a simple yet effective way to define and present our identity." Quickly developing her own unique style of nail structure and styling, Zrinka recalls, "My dream was to attract alternative women to my nail studio. Dark, ominous, artistic nails were my forte and persona at that time. I was doing nails

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unlike anyone else and so I used that hook to carve my identity and did enjoy a successful business in Croatia before I moved to Canada.”

Starting out on her nail path in a *Salon Perfection* class for advanced techs, Zrinka freely admits she embellished her experience to get on the course, only to find it showed her more than expected. “I scraped through the course, acting like I knew more than I did, however my biggest teacher became my mistakes. I was failing big time and one day I realized, ‘I think I’m better than I actually am!’ It was at that moment I started all over again. I needed that restart.”

Introspective and precision-led, Zrinka cites her strongest nail skill as being the ability to see mistakes in the nail architecture. “Teaching myself how to look at nails and having the ability to see every mistake in my own work and then in other’s work, is my innate nail skill, hence moving into judging was the perfect path for me. Being able to see your mistakes, allows you to address and correct them. Seeing flaws in your work and having the courage to admit them and work every day to fix them, is the path to success in my view,” Zrinka shares. “I believe the secret to great skills is to find an educator that inspires you, learn from that person and then express what you’ve learned in your own way. Never feel you’ve wasted your money, as nail education is so important for your progress.”

Now running the Zrinka B Nail Academia and Private Studio located in Yaletown, downtown Vancouver, Zrinka, an award-winning nail competitor now international judge and educator, has enjoyed a rich and eclectic nail

career to date. “I teach 1:1 classes in my studio and then travel to host group classes across 3/5 days. In the next few months’ alone, I’m educating in Ontario, Quebec, Croatia and Serbia while stopping in Germany to judge for *Nailympia*. My dream was to live in Canada and see a whole new world of nails open up for me. And it did. I have groomed Hollywood actors, Canadian singers, models and worked on numerous editorials, music videos, movies and commercials. So, I’ve run the whole gamut of opportunities relating to nails.” Adding to her career repertoire, Zrinka was also invited to design an extreme nail form for nail brand, Ugly Duckling. Z Extreme Nail Forms encompass everything Zrinka wants when creating the best extreme shapes, from the quality of the paper and adhesive, ensuring the form will not budge, to using them for salon shapes too. Adding to this industry diversion, Zrinka has also created the Smart Set, her own manicure kit sporting sharp detailed flexi scissors and a pusher for cleaning the nail plate and cuticles.

With a slick marketing strap line that clearly defines her nail orbit – *Zrinka Private Studio welcomes clients with meticulous and detailed taste in the architecture of the nails they are wearing* – there’s no confusion as to what Zrinka is offering and expecting. It’s genius and a recipe for success.

Inspired by lines, angles and the world around her, the enigmatic Zrinka closes with these words of wisdom, “Close your eyes and think about who you want to be and where, then vibrate that energy. Manifesting is real. I love the quote: *Today in my mind, tomorrow in my hands.*”

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PRO Q&A

WHAT DOES UNDERCURING & OVERCURING ACTUALLY MEAN?



Curing refers to the polymerization process or the hardening of nail enhancement products. When using light cured gels, the product contains a photoinitiator that is stimulated by a violet UV or LED lamp. Once the molecules are stimulated, they begin to vibrate, causing heat, which causes the monomers to join or link together and harden.

Each product has its own special formulation and cures under a certain shade of violet, a particular strength or wattage of light, and for a specified amount of time. All of these variants should be noted on the product itself, in the directions for usage, or at the very least, on the SDS sheet.

If these specifics are not followed you can often under cure or over cure your UV/LED gel.

Under curing causes some of the molecules to not polymerize. This can cause excess gel to be rubbed onto the skin, eventually or potentially causing allergies. This can also cause breakdown of the product, since it’s not cured completely and therefore not as strong as it could be.

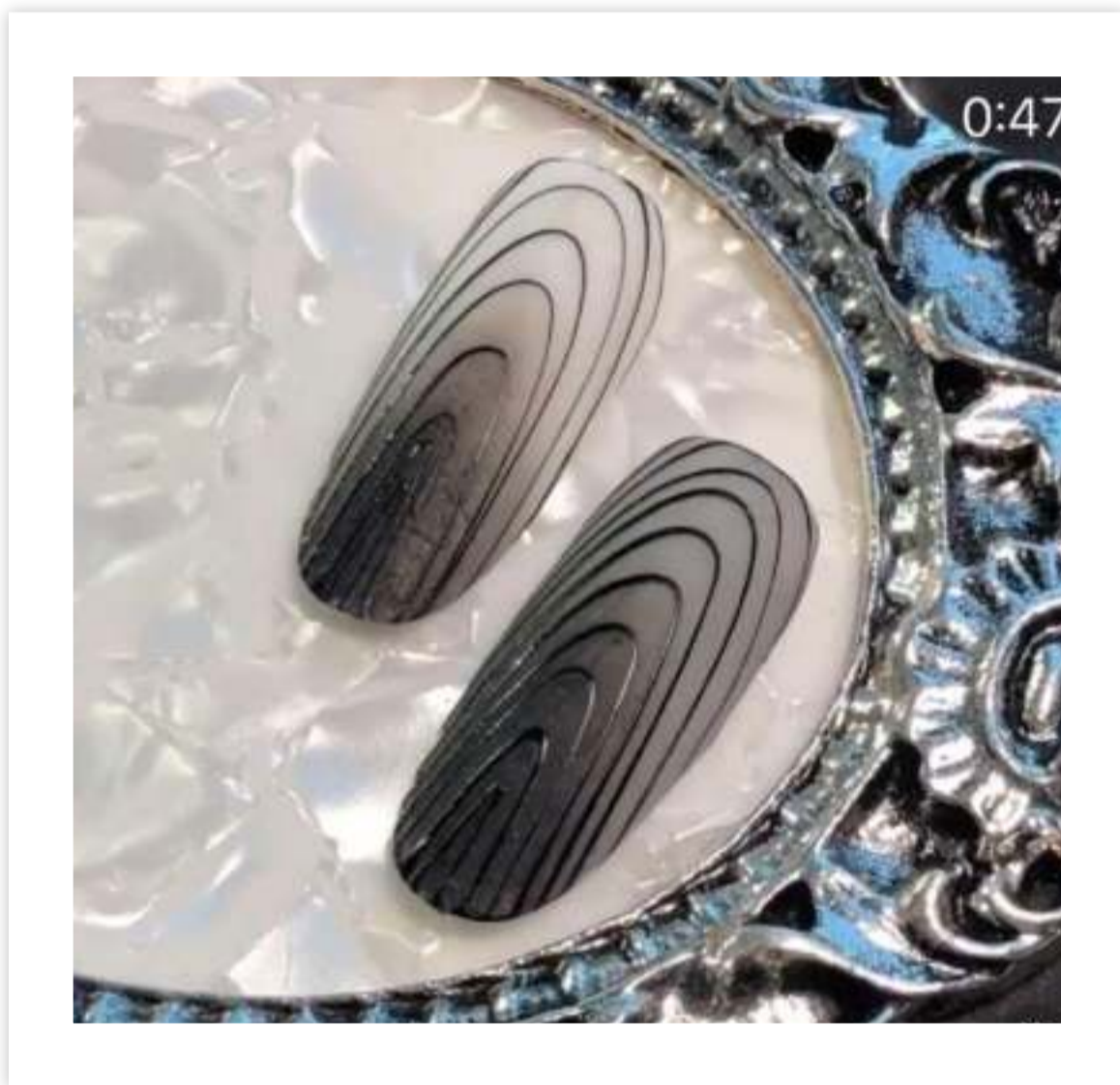
Over curing can also be a problem, because you are artificially aging the product by keeping it in the lamp too long. This can cause the product to yellow and/or become brittle prematurely.

So the bottom line is, follow the manufacturer’s directions on the type of light UV or LED, the wattage of the lamp or light unit to be used and the length of time the gel product should be exposed to get a full cure.

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WHAT'S HOT IN **NAILS NOW**

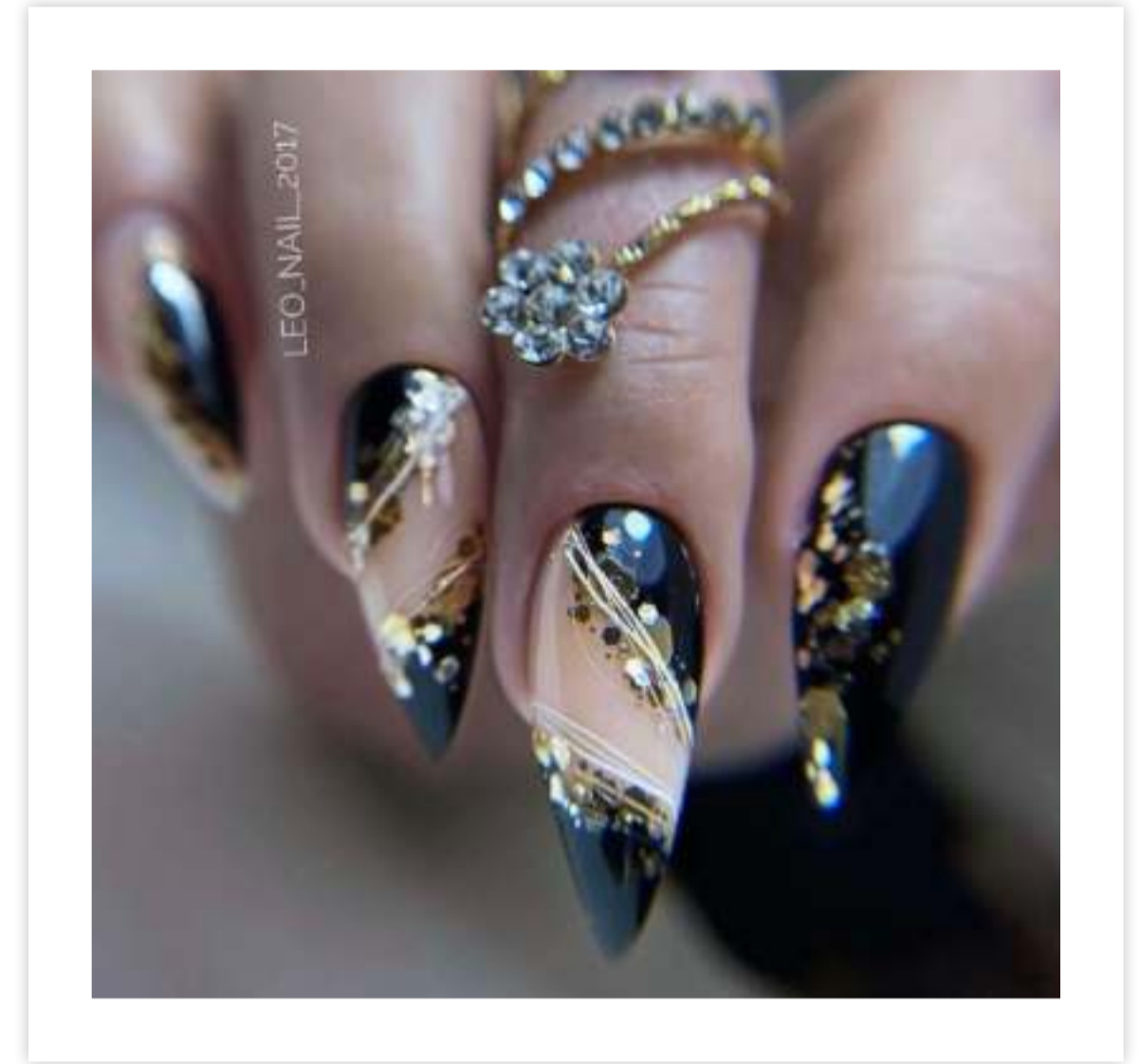
For the love of spider gel! Its simplicity & immediate results make this the nail artist's dream art medium when creating intricate line detailing, styling flowers, in fact anything that requires the thinnest of lines that are placed with ease & speed. A line here, & a line there; its perfection is exquisite.




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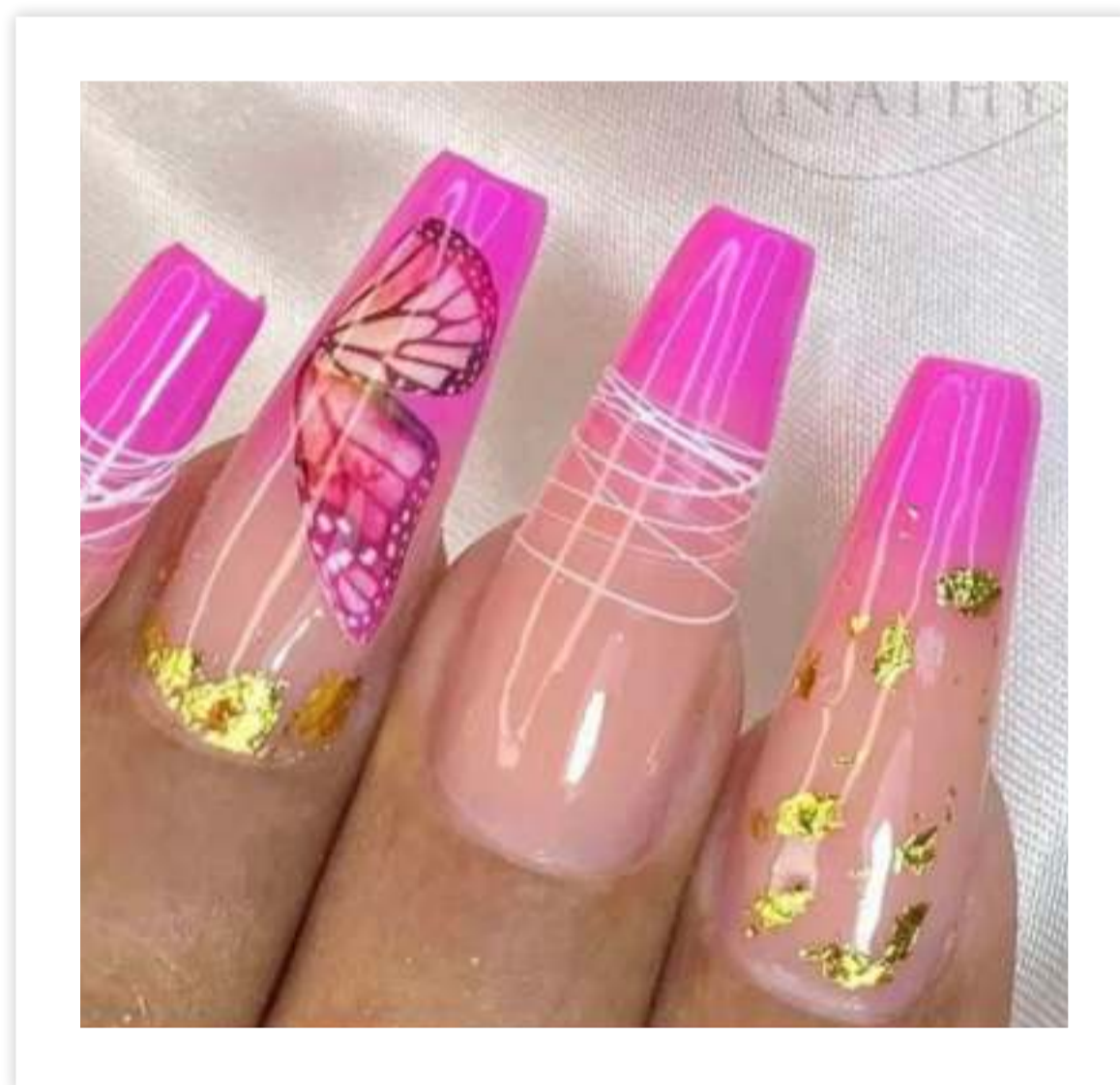
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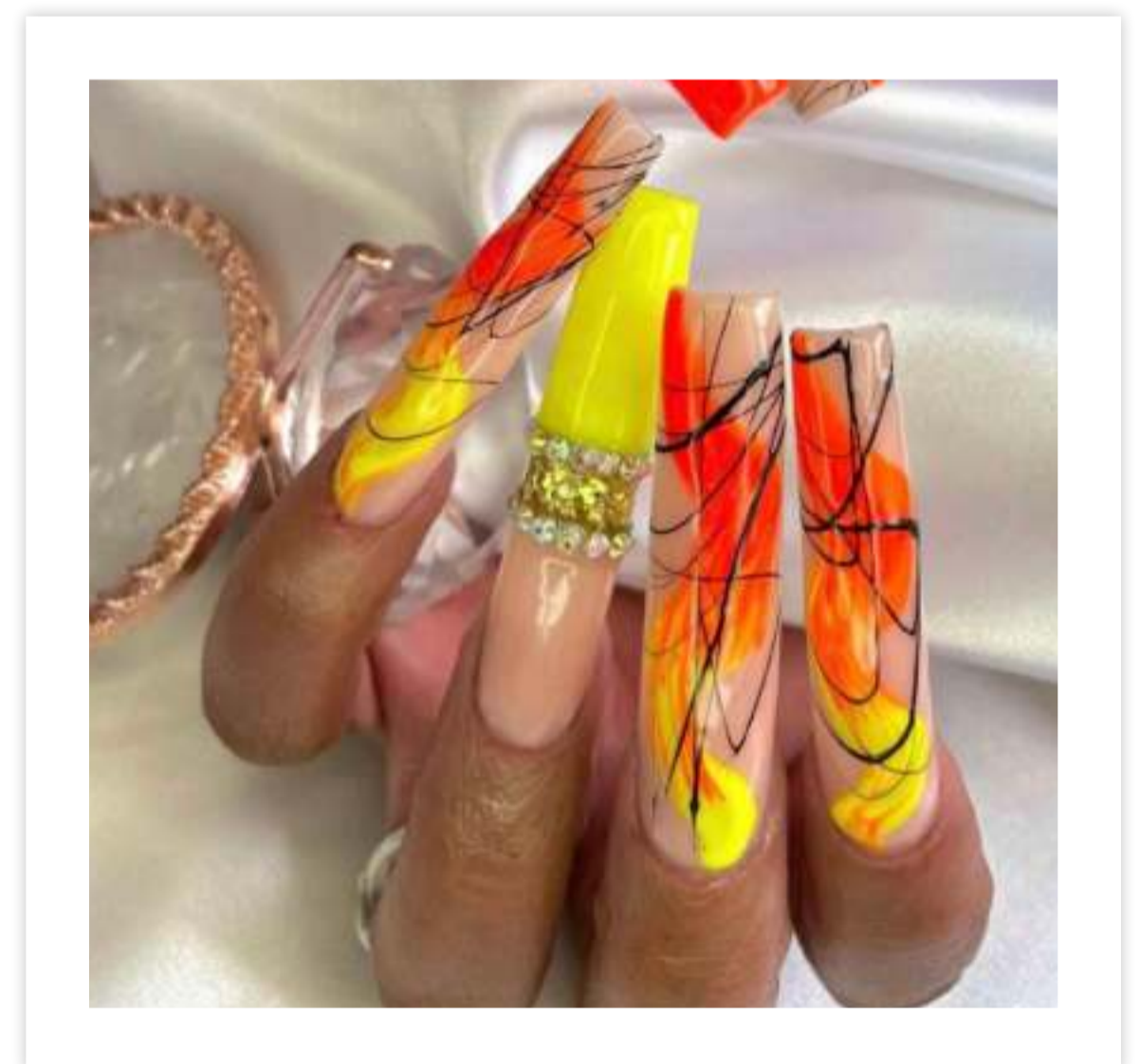
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REFLEXOLOGY ree-flex-AHL-uh-jee

What it is: A manicure or pedicure upgrade, or stand alone technique that stimulates reflex points on the feet, hands and head that are linked to different parts of the body.

How to use it: A salon service used to relax the body, increase blood circulation, relieve tension and believed to help treat illness.

*Of the moment, be.
In the moment, live.
The art of remaining
in the present, learn.
Neither the past nor
the future exists.*

— MAHATMA GANDI



FREESTYLE *nail art*



ANGELA WILDEN

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1

Apply Sandy G UV/LED gel polish in Pantone color Dewberry (dark flecks give it added character) down the left side and cover the rest of the nail with UV/LED gel polish in white & cure. Then cover the entire nail tip in UV/LED matte top coat. Sketch a flower in the center of the nail design using a light mix of art gels in Pantone colors Dahlia violet and white. Cure.



2

Paint the petals of the flower using the same colors. Make sure to vary the shades of violet, using the white to highlight the outer petals and taking the violet darker towards the center to create dimension & movement. Cure.



3

With a darker tint of violet, now add shadows to the design. Create a deeper sense of dimension as you go darker in the center of the petals through several steps. Flashcure in between each layer.



4

Make the design more colorful & bring it to life by applying a hint of neon orange art gel to every petal. Use it scarcely. Next, create leaves using dark green, lime green and yellow shades. Place shadow & highlights where needed. Cure the design & apply a UV/LED glossy top coat over the Dewberry violet frame & UV/LED matte top coat on the flower.



5

Add contour lines in white & violet UV/LED non-sticky art gels to brighten & dull areas as if catching the light. Use white to draw the stamen & dark orange for its anther. Frame the inner of the purple crescent edge with a mix of clear acrylic powder & pigments added to the UV/LED gel & cure. Brush off excess powder & Voila!

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