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Nails from A to Z

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As 2022 comes to a close, the *GlossaryLive* team is grateful to all of the nail artists that have been a part of the journey this year. The passion, artistry and stories that they've shared and the commitment they have to the nail industry. We have so much on the horizon as we move into 2023 and more fun ways for you to be part of this nail community. Start by sharing your nail art designs with us by entering the new *Take 5* contest each month. Sign up for a FREE account and enjoy our newsletters, special promotions, giveaways, as well as invitations to meet your favorite artists from MasterClass, and be the first to know about upcoming trainings and special events where you can meet and mingle with the nail artists from the GL shows. There's so many ways to get involved. This is your community and it's getting bigger and better each day. So please join us, reach out and share your stories with us. We'd love for you to be the next featured artist on *GlossaryLive.com*

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newsworthy NAILS

@nailympia_mexico
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The *Nailympia Mexico* second edition wrapped up the competition circuit for 2022 in Mexico City in early December. Attracting 114 competitors from eight countries who took 355 competition seats, the event was a resounding success story as 14 competitions were undertaken over two days.

Hosted & organised by nail artist & educator, Dafne Fernandez, nails were scrutinized by the international judges; head judge, Alisha Rimando (USA), Lulu Desfassiaux (Mexico), Zrinka Vuksan (Croatia/Canada), Giselle Caballero (Mexico/Canada), Damon Ho (USA), Emese Koppanyi (Hungary/USA), Fabiola Flores (Mexico), Gleidys Carpio (Colombia), Lisa Boone (USA) and the army of floor judges, which paced each competition included Gloria Méndez, Atzimaba Padilla, Dulcesita Olivera, Any Ortiz, Momo Rodríguez, Paola Betanzos, Nery Sanchez, Nancy Pereyra, Adriana Gómez with assistants, Lucy Urban & Lizeth Sanchez supporting the team.



The event saw the awarding of 13 trophies; the winners comprised; **Overall Top Scorer** Nicolas Paggi (Argentina), **Winner of Winners** Div 1 Claudia Cervantes – Mexico, Div 2 María Aurelia Tovar – Mexico, Div 3 Lena Kurach – Poland, **Art Winner of Winners** Div 1 Claudia Cervantes – Mexico, Div 2 Idaly Flores – Mexico, Div 3 Nicolas Paggi – Argentina, **Top Mexico Tech** Div 1 Claudia Cervantes, Div 2 Grisel Aguilar, Div 3 Paulina Gutiérrez, and the **Team trophy** winners were Div 1 – Beauté Team Div 1, Div 2 – Beauté Team Div 2, Div 3 – Laku Team

did you know

Researchers from Macromedia University, Germany and the University of Vienna have worked together to find out why most people shudder at the sound of nails on a chalkboard. After exposing participants to nails on a chalkboard, a fork scraping a plate and other unpleasant sounds, the researchers concluded our adverse reaction is part physical and part psychological.

During the tests, participants had their blood pressure, heart rate and skin conductivity measured. The results concluded that the noise frequency we find unpleasant ranges between 2000 and 4000 hertz, a range that's naturally amplified by the shape of the ear canal.



IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS
CHRISTOPHER
holcomb

12/12/1966 – 10/28/2011

The nail industry is still young in comparison to other sectors of the beauty industry and many of its pioneers and trailblazers can be found dotted around the globe, bar one. One man and his nail kit is heralded for the massive footprint he made, the techniques he devised, the ideas and products he brought to life and shared across the world during his career. This man changed the path of an industry and gave direction to a generation of nail techs. GlossaryLive shares his story, salutes his life and pays homage to his artistic genius.



PEEL BACK THE POLISH



If you would like to honor his passion and dedication to the nail industry with photos of his work and life, email them to alisha_&_alex@glossarylives.com so they can be added to the dedication page. [Click here to view the dedication page.](#)



Born to Pam and Richard Holcomb in Riverside California on December 12, 1966, Tom Holcomb was artistic and a perfectionist early in life, according to his mother. After high school he enrolled in Gino Robair Beauty College and found his passion for beauty in all aspects of that world. While still a student, he was encouraged to compete in nails and found himself winning every competition he entered. Although his passion was in hair, he found himself dividing his time between the two crafts once in the salon.

Competitions became a craving that he couldn't satiate, and perfecting the newly developed pink and white acrylic French nail became his passion. By the mid 90's he had deepened and shadowed the smile line and introduced a soft white moon during a competition. This introduction was a shocking yet enlightening development, as the perfection of the moon and smile lines were mirrored, the thinness of the extension and depth of the C-curve were unlike anything that the industry had seen at that time. He traveled the world showcasing this technique, as well as introducing acrylic itself to the very start of emerging nail industries across Asia and Europe. The fire quickly ignited in Japan and he found himself traveling there monthly from 1997-2005.

While in Japan, he quickly realized that French wasn't enough to satisfy the overwhelming craving for nails growing in its market, and in 1998 he carved a white acrylic circle pattern design inside

a clear acrylic nail, and design sculptured nails were born. Over the course of a few months, he began to inlay flowers using pigments he found at a craft store in Tokyo and he then hand-mixed the first colored acrylics for inlaid design.

This technique became a sensation with nail artists the world over, with many vying for seats in his classes and wanting to see his creations. Although unpopular for clients still obsessed with French nails in the early 2000's, by 2015 it became mainstream for every mega star on the planet.

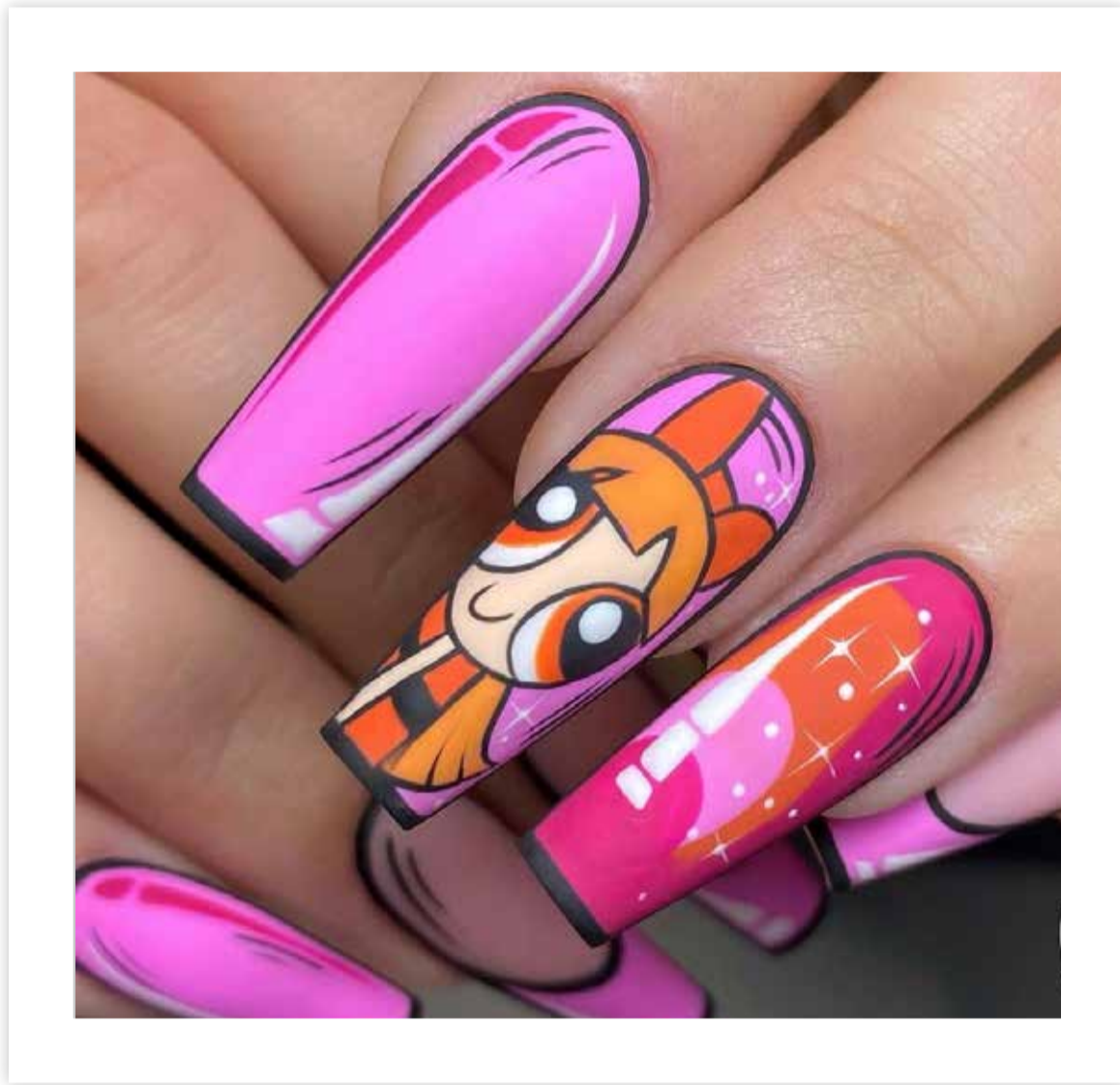
During the craze ignited by inlaid design and still obsessed with perfecting pink & white, Tom got out his pestle & mortar in a hotel room in Japan to create a stunning pink powder that would cover the flaws in the natural nail and extend it to provide the perfect nail plate to aid in the perfecting of the competition smile line. With this invention any person could now wear a set of stunning competition French nails.

Tom dedicated his life and time to his craft and the thousands of nail techs around the world he trained and mentored. His passion for travel and competition led him to winning every championship in his time. From Dusseldorf, to Tokyo, Austria to LA, his name, reputation, style, humble and infectious persona will always be remembered and honored by those he met. The title 'the godfather' of the nail industry was bestowed upon him in respect of the many techniques and styles he pioneered.

TAG THAT *trend*..

WHAT'S HOT IN **NAILS NOW**

Cartoon nails AKA comic nails has been a hot global nail trend that has seen a wide variety of truly fun yet stylish nail art over the last few months. This illusion brings exciting yet quirky looking nails that promise to be a talking point as the general public tries to understand just how this nail is crafted.



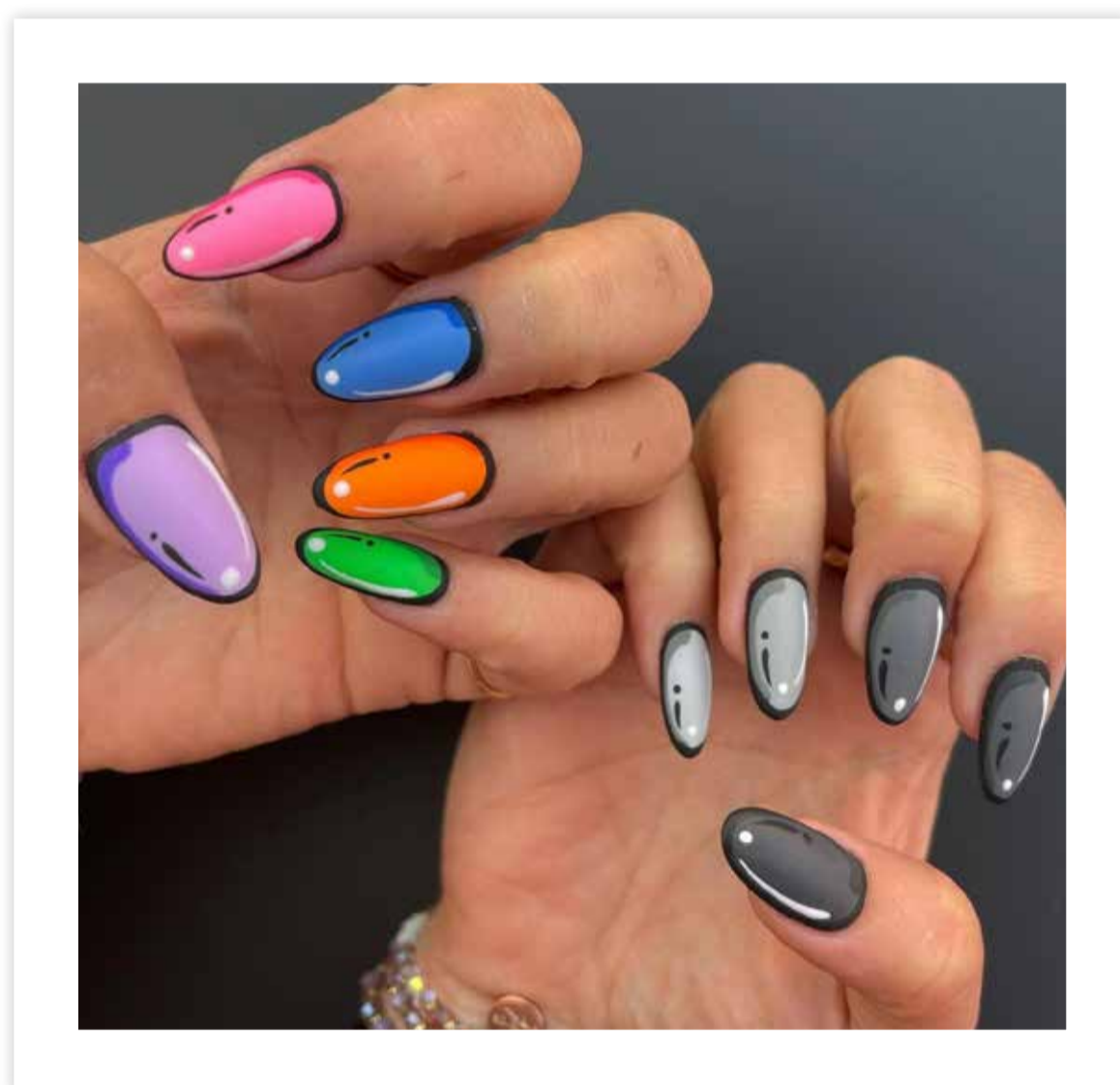
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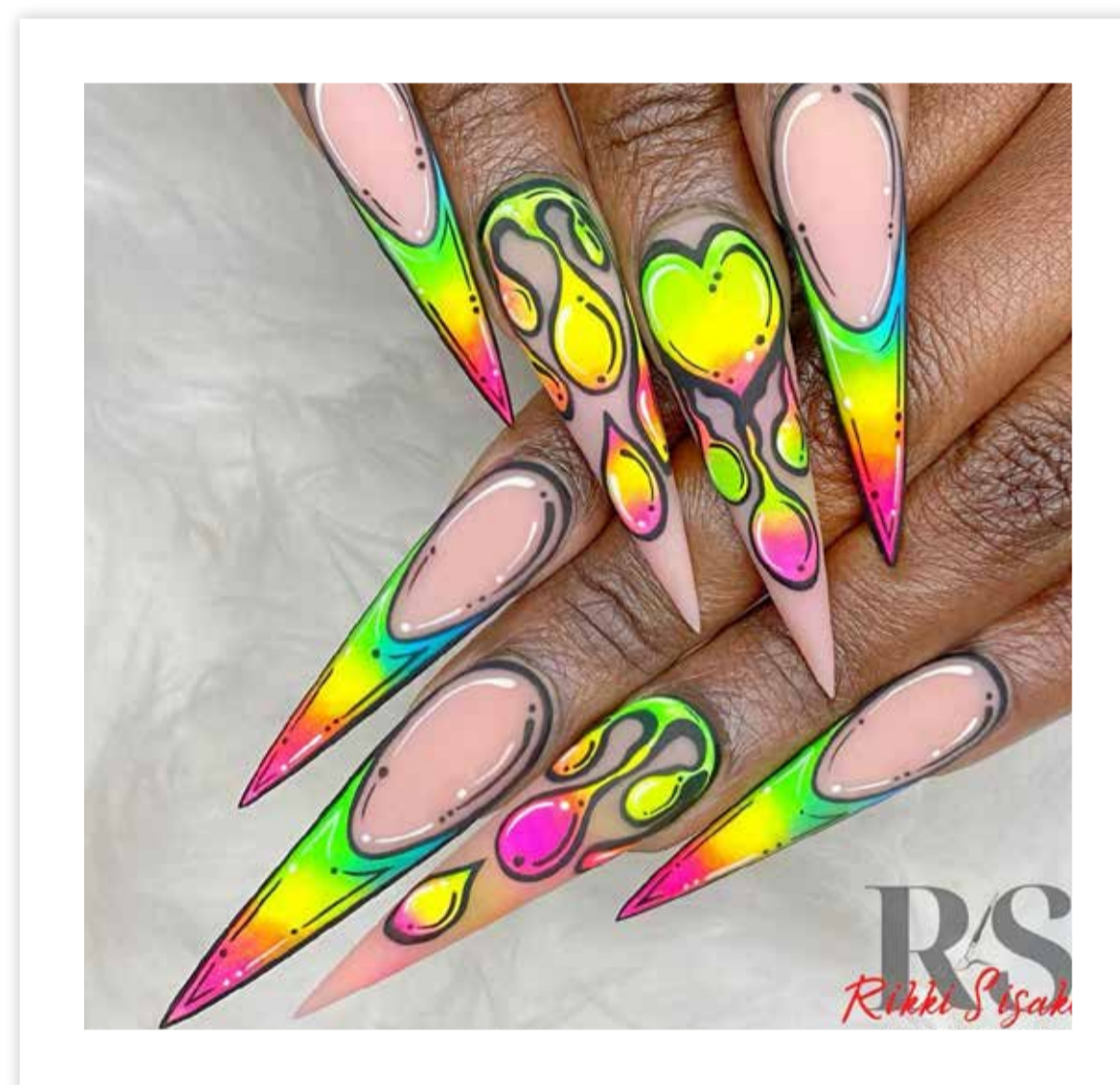
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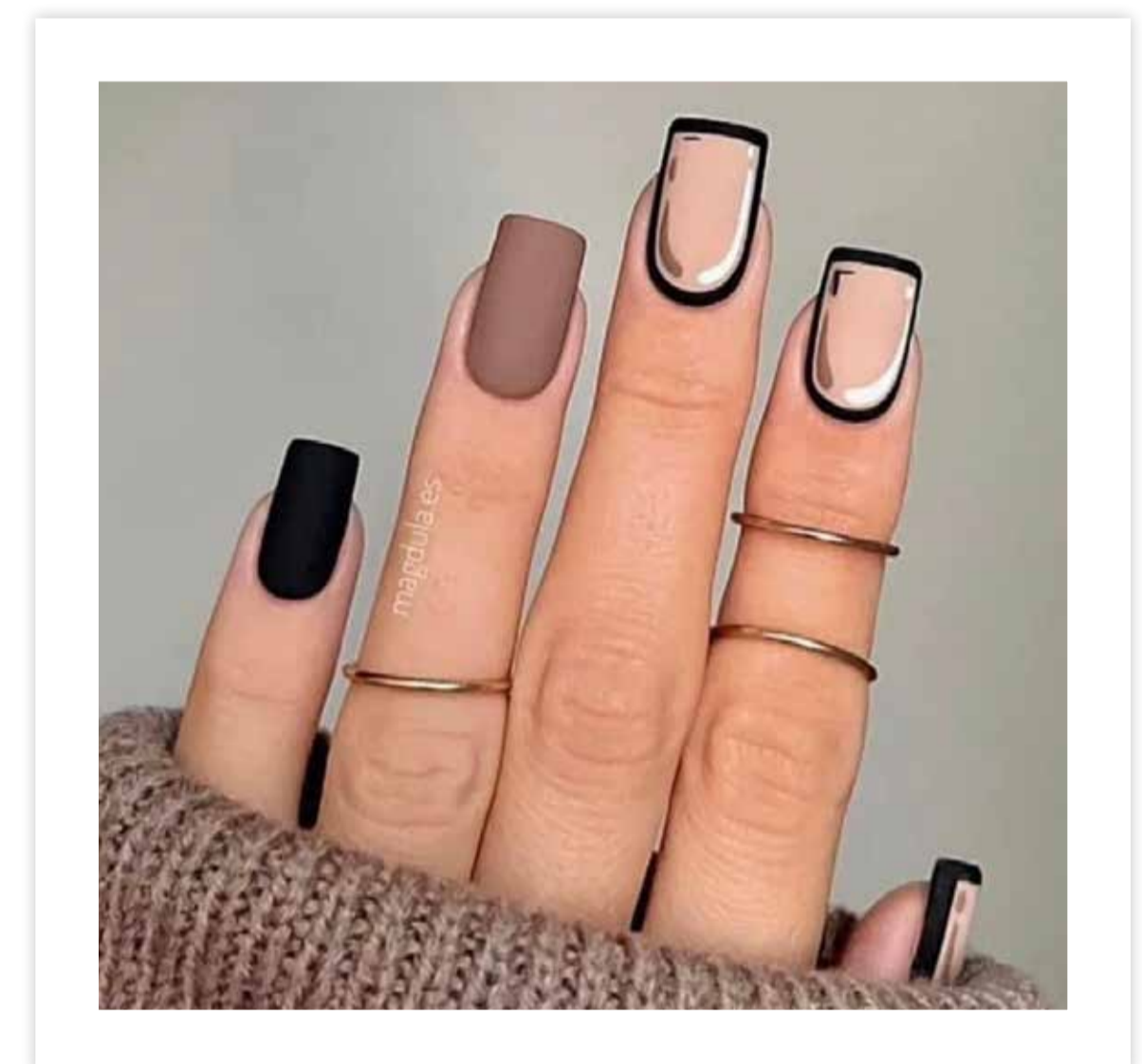
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PRO Q&A



WHAT SHOULD A NAIL PROFESSIONAL LOOK OUT FOR DURING AN INITIAL CLIENT CONSULTATION?

Some conditions require extra care or a modified treatment, such as diabetes or thinning nail plates due to ill health. Reynaud's Disease is associated with the circulatory system and can leave clients with very little feeling in their fingers and/or toes and so they may not feel if they are nicked during the service. Ask if the client is allergic to anything? Especially any ingredients that you may have in your products. Enquire if the client has recently been under anaesthetic, is pregnant or in the menopause, as all of these can affect the nails.

Once any conditions are documented, next observe the current condition of their nails, ask about their lifestyle and the results they are looking for. Look out for fungal, bacterial or viral infections, evidence of allergic reactions, diseases affecting the nail bed or plate. A nail professional, should not get involved in the medical side of nails, they should only work on healthy nails and not diagnose or treat nails, instead refer them to a doctor for everybody's safety.

*The only place
SUCCESS
comes before
WORK is in
the dictionary.*

— VINCE LOMBARDI



FREESTYLE *nail art*



KAMILA BOROWIEC – UK & POLAND

@glamliciousnails



1

Create ombré by merging two colours together & apply one coat of a milky white on top.



2

Create petals with different shades of pink to create the ombré effect.



3

Add the stem & some leaves between the petals.



4

Start adding shading to the petals by adding a darker pink to the bottom of them. This gives movement to the art.



5

Add another layer of an even darker pink & extend the petals out a little bit. Take a darker green shade & go over the leaves & stem to add tinting for depth to the image. To complete the design, add a white outline to the petals & cure.

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CURETTE [KYOOR-et]



What it is: Small, scoop-shaped manicure stainless steel implement.

How to use it: For efficient removal of debris from the nail folds, eponychium, hyponychium and nail plate areas. Use after an accredited manicure course, for gentle cleaning & nail debris removal.

How to disinfect: Cleaned thoroughly in hot, soapy water & sterilized between clients.

How to store it: In a covered or sealed container in a dry place.

JOIN THE CONTEST!

Theme: CARTOON
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TAKE 5
Contest

Share your nail art - best photo - following the latest **Newsletter** theme & participate to be featured on

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Nails by @hazeldixon

The theme for the inaugural *Take 5 Glossarylive* competition is cartoon nails. To participate in the new monthly *GlossaryLive.com* nail competition *Take 5*, click on this [link](#) to be directed to the rules & regulations. The winner will be invited to design a nail tip for *Feature This...* & will receive a 1-year subscription to *Glossarylive.com* content.

