

MASTER class

CRYSTAL OBSESSION - IN THE SALON



WHAT YOU NEED

E-file, diamond prep bit. 100-grit file, nylon brush, acrylic system, full cover nail tips, non-acid primer, nail prep, glide solution, UV/LED lamp, details brush, glittery or holographic UV/LED gel polishes, gem gel, selection of crystals in all shapes, sizes and colors, dish for crystals,

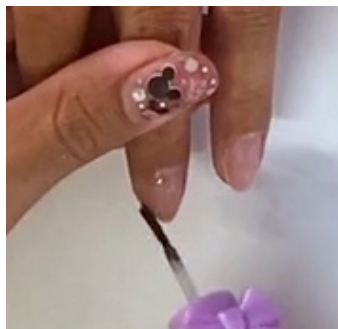
GETTING PREPARED

Ste up your table ready to learn how to create interesting and diverse color compositions for crystal nail art designs. Make sure you work from an uncluttered working space. Place the nail tips and all other necessary products tray with your chosen colors on the table.

PREPARING THE NATURAL NAIL



1 Take the diamond prep bit & put it in your e file (or use a hand file) & gently remove the shine from the natural nails & prepare for tip application.



2 Remove all the nail dust with a nylon brush & apply one coat of nail prep & one sparing coat of non-acid based primer & let it air dry.

PRO TIPS

- Use the e-file in one direction only. Do not go back & forth across the nail as this will cause friction & friction causes heat to build up.

Max Estrada



Being born into the beauty industry & with more than 10 years of expertise & experience, Max Estrada has always had a strong belief in nail education & artistry. Max started playing with his mother's nail products & reading trade publications at a very early age, even attending his first trade show at the age of 5. He started his professional career working in his family's salon in Arizona. Within the first year, he aspired to grow bigger as a nail technician & decided to enter his first competition. At the tender age of 16 & already sporting a quick & accurate acrylic application, Max entered his first professional nail competition.

Confident in his work, Max competed & placed in the top 10 for his division & category. Full of determination, his goal was to improve his skills & conquer the competitive world of nails. Now, Max places in every competition he enters & his focus is on further refining the nail shape & developing nail technologies that make the nail artist's life easier. He believes that the best competition to win is the one with yourself; always strive for your personal best. Max's ultimate dream was to have the best products to complement his education for the nail care industry. In 2014, he designed & invented his own product line, aptly titled Exclusive Nail Couture Professional. Today, Max competes all over the world & hones a true passion for his art. Max is now sharing his knowledge around the world in his classes & through his product line.

Being an industry trendsetter, Max says, "The nail industry is not about where it has been, but where it's going."



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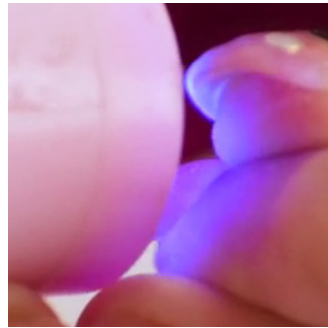
APPLY THE TIPS



3 Use a spatula to scoop out a bead of UV/LED gel & place 1 bead of product on each nail plate.



4 Place full well tip onto the nail plate, press to secure in place ensuring no gaps or air bubbles between the nail plate & the full cover nail tip.



5 Flash cure for 5 seconds to secure the tip in place.



6 Repeat this nail tip application to the rest of the nails, flash curing each for 5 seconds after application.

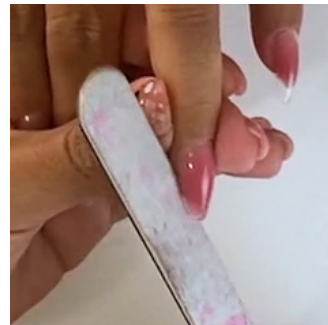
REFINING FULL WELL TIPS



7 Smooth the product on the underside of the nail tip with a brush dipped in glide solution, brush towards the end of the tip to pull the product & smooth it out.

PRO TIPS

- While buffing, check the cuticle area to feel for any demarcations, then use a buffer to smooth them out.



8 Use a 100-grit file to file the perimeter of the nail extension.

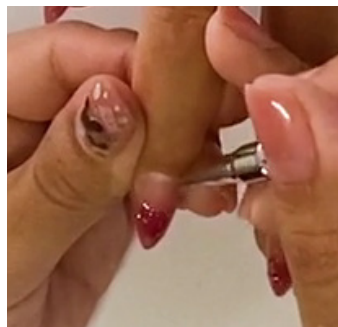


9 Buff the surface of each nail tip to remove the shine & remove all dust with a nylon brush.

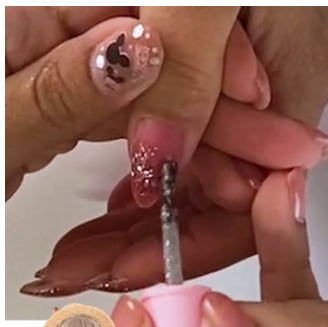
RHINESTONE CLUSTER DESIGN



10 Choose 2 glittery or holographic UV/LED gel polish colors. Take the darker shade & apply a thin coat onto the second half of the nail towards the free edge.



11 Use a detailer brush to feather the UV/LED gel polish back towards the cuticle to create an ombré effect. Cure for 30 seconds in the UV lamp.



12 Next apply a second coat of your chosen glitter or holographic UV/LED gel polish. Use your detailer brush to once again feather the gel polish towards the cuticle for the ombré effect. The second coat brings more sparkle & dimension to the design.

PRO TIPS

- Always have fun with your designs & don't overthink what you're doing. If you make a mistake nobody knows except you, so make it part of the design journey.

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13 Apply UV/LED top coat to all 5 nails & cure. This rubber top coat does not stain, so it's good for hair stylists, smokers & people that use tanning products.



14 Apply gel or adhesive where you want to add your crystals or embellishments.



15 Add rhinestones to the nail & flash cure as you go, in order to hold the stones securely in place. Then repeat this application process on the second accent nail.



16 Fully cure when the design is complete & then apply nail oil to the skin & cuticle area to hydrate the area & bring life back to the dry skin.



In this workbook, you have learned how to apply quick and easy rhinestones and crystals for dazzling accent nails in the salon. These designs are super simple, super fun, commercial, easy to replicate and customize for clients' needs and wants. This will add a new and exciting element to your nail art menu.