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LACE EFFECT DESIGN ON EXTREME NAILS



WHAT YOU NEED

L&P acrylic artificial nail system, color & pink powders, dappen dish, sculpting brush, series of chosen UV/LED gel polish colors, UV/LED lamp, sugar effect powder, UV/LED gel paints, one stroke nail art brush.

GETTING PREPARED

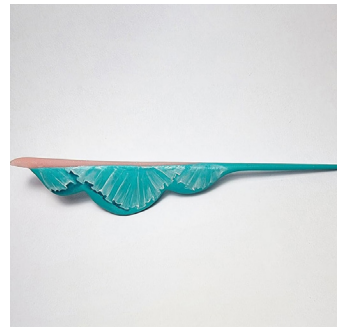
Prepare your table in an organized manner eliminating cross contamination from the products. Make sure all necessary products are within hand's reach, so the gel pots & colors are ready to use on the nail desk.



1 Sculpt an extreme nail in any shape using cover pink for the elongated nail plate (French) & paint the extended nail plate & sides with your choice of UV/LED gel polish color or gel paint.



2 On the smooth sides of the nail use white UV/LED gel paint & start to draw lines to create a lace effect across the sides & cure.



3 Use very little UV/LED paint, shade in these lines to create a transparent lace effect, then cure in lamp. This technique uses white paint in fine lines & shading to create the effect of lace hanging down the side of the nail.



4 Once you're finished with your white lace shading. Use a darker color UV/LED gel to shade underneath the bottom part of the lace drawing. This brings the lace to life & the effect becomes more realistic as it appears the lace is lifting away from the nail. Later, you can cover this design with a velvet top coat to help the shading effect to look more beautiful.



5 Continue to fine tune & refine each element of the lace with delicate shading & highlighting across the design.



6 Once you've completed the lace design. You can now start to paint beautiful one stroke flowers onto the nail. Start in the middle section of the side of the nail using 2 complementary or contrasting colors & the one stroke technique.

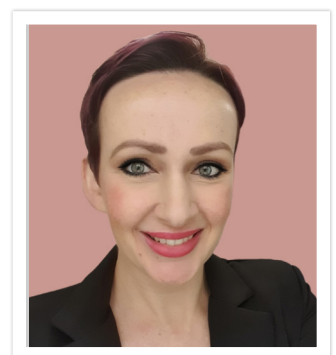
Erika Nortier



Erika's nail journey started in South Africa, where her passion was ignited as a very young girl. After marrying & moving to Italy, Erika discovered a whole new world of nails & realized she had to study them. "I started studying all over again, day and night. I participated in nail camps where I won my first masters. After that I went to Budapest to participate in an *International Master Nail Camp*, which is where I became an *International Master Educator*." Taking every step of the way slowly & carefully, Erika, built upon her nail skills while following her dreams & realizing her passion. "In 2019 I entered *Nailympia London*, where I won my first gold medal. After that moment, there was nothing holding me back," she enthuses. "I then developed my own brand of nail products, *You B You Nails*, in Italy. The name '*You B You Nails*' is exactly how I am as a person & is designed to represent every woman that loves to be herself & express who she is through the nail style she wears every day.

"I created the *You B You Nails* brand packaging full of beautiful colors & flowers on the labels. I've even created labels for all the salon staff & my students by putting their names on the gel polish bottles, I felt it was a special touch. I believe as a teacher, the small things matter & a great teacher leaves her mark in the best possible way."

"Until now this journey has been amazing. I've met so many people that I can call friends from all over the world... what can I say...we're so lucky to be part of such a great industry."



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7 Continue to build up the flower design, adding petals in a circle. You can now decide on the effect you're looking for. You can choose to cover your nail with velvet, shiny or matte UV/LED top coat.



8 Place an inner layer of petals & start a fresh flower to the left of the first. Use a dotting tool to add the stamen in the center of the flower.



9 Complete the second flower. Next add leaves to the design & shade them using a small amount of the color used for the petals. To finish, draw a white line around the border of the French with a white UV/LED gel paint. While this line is still uncured, you can throw sugar effect powder over it for added texture before curing in your lamp. Once it's dry, remove all excess powder with a brush.



In this step by step you have learned how to craft & sculpt an extreme nail shape. To take it to the next level, careful shading & highlighting has been added to create a lace effect & give dimension. This shading presents a fantastic illusion of structure down the sides of the nail. The one stroke painting technique has then been demonstrated to add the final design aspect to the nail.