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*Nails from A to Z*

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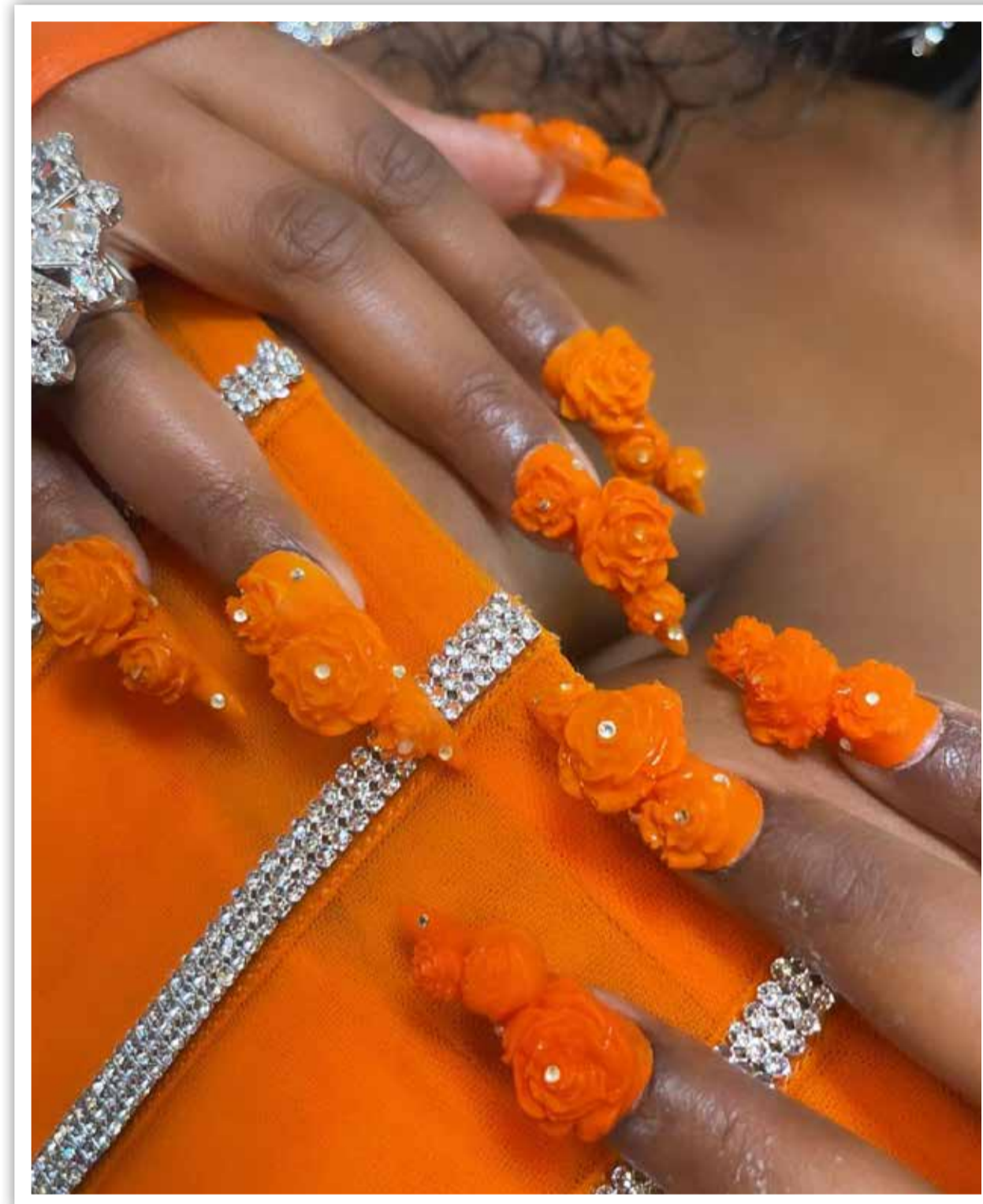
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## newsworthy NAILS

### SHOW-STOPPING NAILS AT THE GRAMMYS 2023

Get the 'Lizzo Look'  
Nails by @eriishizu using @opi

"I molded 3D flowers with acrylic onto the nails and applied OPI GelColor in 'Silicon Valley Girl' from the new collection #MeMyselfandOPI and cured in an OPI UV/LED lamp. I then applied a second coat of Silicon Valley Girl and cured. Crystal detailing was added using OPI GelColor Stay Strong Base Coat to hold them in place and the look was finished with OPI GelColor Stay Matte Top Coat." states @errishizu.

"For Lizzo's Grammy look, we decided to have a monochromatic vibrant look that evokes a spring awakening. Spring is a time of change, reinvention and color, and with this bright, bold and beautiful outfit, I wanted to create statement nails. I used the OPI shade Silicon Valley Girl to inspire the same feelings, similar to her dress. We matched the florals on the dress to create springtime 3D nails."

#OPIObsessed

PHOTOS: @ERRISHIZU

***"Never give up. Today is hard, tomorrow is worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine."*** – Jack Ma

**SCRATCH MAGAZINE** has launched The *World's Star Nail Artist* (WSNA) competition, which is calling creative nail experts across the globe to immerse in themed challenges over 10-weeks in a bid to win a cash prize, trophy and more. Uniting the global nail industry with this project, entry is open 1-28 February 2023 via [scratchmagazine.co.uk/wsna](https://scratchmagazine.co.uk/wsna) to nail professionals worldwide who want to express, create and execute exceptional nail artistry.

Entrants will be shortlisted before competing in nail art challenges from April 2023, to be submitted online. These challenges will be sponsored by leading global nail brands, and a nail artist will be eliminated at the end of each challenge. In an exciting twist, Wild Card challenges will give eliminated nail pros the opportunity to re-enter the contest.



PEEL BACK THE POLISH

# hazel DIXON



*An international nail champion, educator, product developer, expert, judge and artist, Hazel Dixon has her finger in every nail pie imaginable, but where did it all start?*

known as an award-winning *Fantasy Nail Art* champion, Hazel was up to her neck in nappies, AKA diapers, when she was drawn into the world of nails. Seduced by the creative edge that nail styling presents, as well as the ability to stay at home with her three young children, Hazel swiftly immersed herself in everything nails. "I was drawn to the idea of doing nails when I saw an airbrushed set sporting the Nike logo. I'd never seen anything like it before," Hazel recalls. Her interest sparked and creative taste buds tickled, Hazel looked directly into courses as, she confesses, "I felt it couldn't be that hard, but boy was I in for a shock!" ↓



Attracted to a schedule of working evenings and weekends around her family, Hazel quickly realized it was more a calling than a quick-fix solution. "I love nails," she chuckles. "I can explore my creative edge while transforming nails into tiny pieces of art. The buzz I get when I've finished a set, and see the client's face light up, renders me speechless, it's such a powerful, positive feeling."

Boasting a wide repertoire of nail skills, Hazel admits her strengths lie in both structure as well as all nail art genres including extreme techniques. Entering the world of nails in 2006, she took her initial training with CND and has since taken over 73 different classes with an array of brands including Akzentz, NSI, EzFlow, Crystal Nails, Brillbird, as well as completing an NVQ3 in nails, and untold trainings with a host of award-winning educators across the world. Hazel cites, "Great education, lots of patience, an immense amount of practice and fantastic ongoing support from educators," as the secret to her ongoing success.

Keen to share her entrepreneurial spirit, the highly decorated trophy and medal winner, Hazel, hung up her competition brushes in 2021 and picked up the mentor mantle. With her own nail brand (HD Professional Systems) and academy to run, alongside her salon, Hazel stood down from the competition circuit in order to use her expertise to support others moving in that spectrum. Working one day a week in her salon, Purely Nailz, Hazel's philosophy steers her into keeping on top of her salon skills while innovating and raising industry standards. She explains, "The HD Nail Artist Academy has several locations up and down the country where the 10-strong educator team presents a full array of ABT accredited courses plus workshops from total beginners to the most advanced techniques." Located in the patchwork of pines and heathland that make up Thetford Forest in

Norfolk, Hazel's trinity comprising salon, academy and warehouse is a hive of activity and a thriving family business. "My academy offers something for everyone. Over the past few years I've written over 100 classes and workshops, presenting an array of training that best suits individual needs. I offer both in-house and online training, however, it's my belief that complete beginners should only be taught in-house due to the science that must be covered.

I feel it's so important the educator be beside the student every step of the way."

A boost like no other, a mentoring program offers significant advantages to those who take the plunge. Mentor, Hazel advises, "Find a fellow, passionate nail tech or mentor. Surround yourself with like-minded people that will encourage, motivate and help you through the good and bad times. Having someone you can call or message that 'gets you', is so important. I don't know what I'd have done without the people who keep me motivated on a daily basis." Hazel also encourages nail pros to, "Invest your time and money wisely. Research the academy properly before taking a course, to ensure it can provide you with the skills and outcomes you're looking to achieve, then be specific about this, don't try to 'learn' too much, too quickly. Take your time and be sure you've successfully learned and perfected each skill before moving onto the next. Choose one that offers ongoing support, as this is so important."

Believing in a 'practice makes perfect' work ethic, Hazel concludes, "I don't get time for hobbies, but I always make time for my husband and family, as well as indulging in retail therapy and dinner dates. Quality time outside of nails is essential to success, for balance as well as to relieve and relax the mind." Hazel's mantra sums this up nicely, "Be happy with what you have, while working for what you want."



# TAG THAT trend...

TAKE 5  
Contest

## WHAT'S HOT IN **NAILS NOW**

This winter season has seen a wild flurry of aura nails. Using blooming gel or airbrushing, this trend, designed to reflect your mood onto your nails, floats colors together for a gradient design with a dimensional element giving an ombré effect.



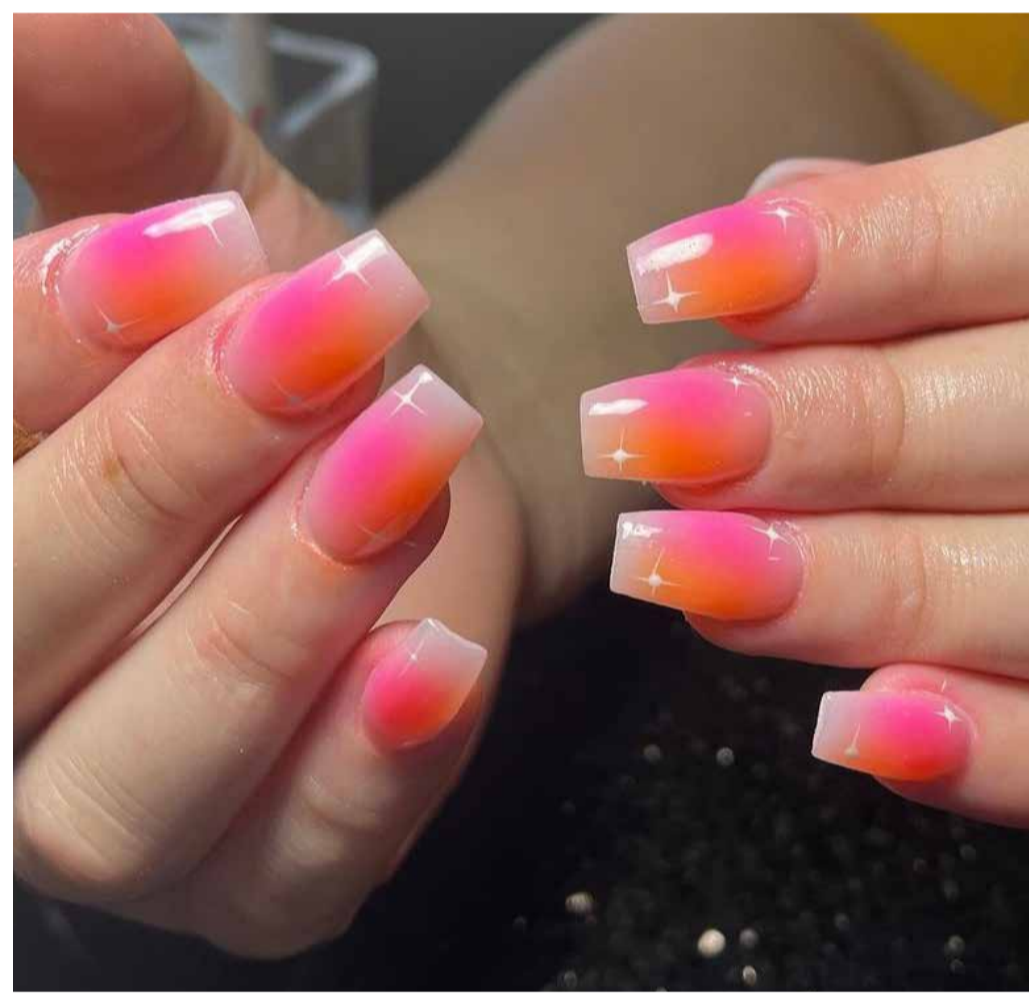
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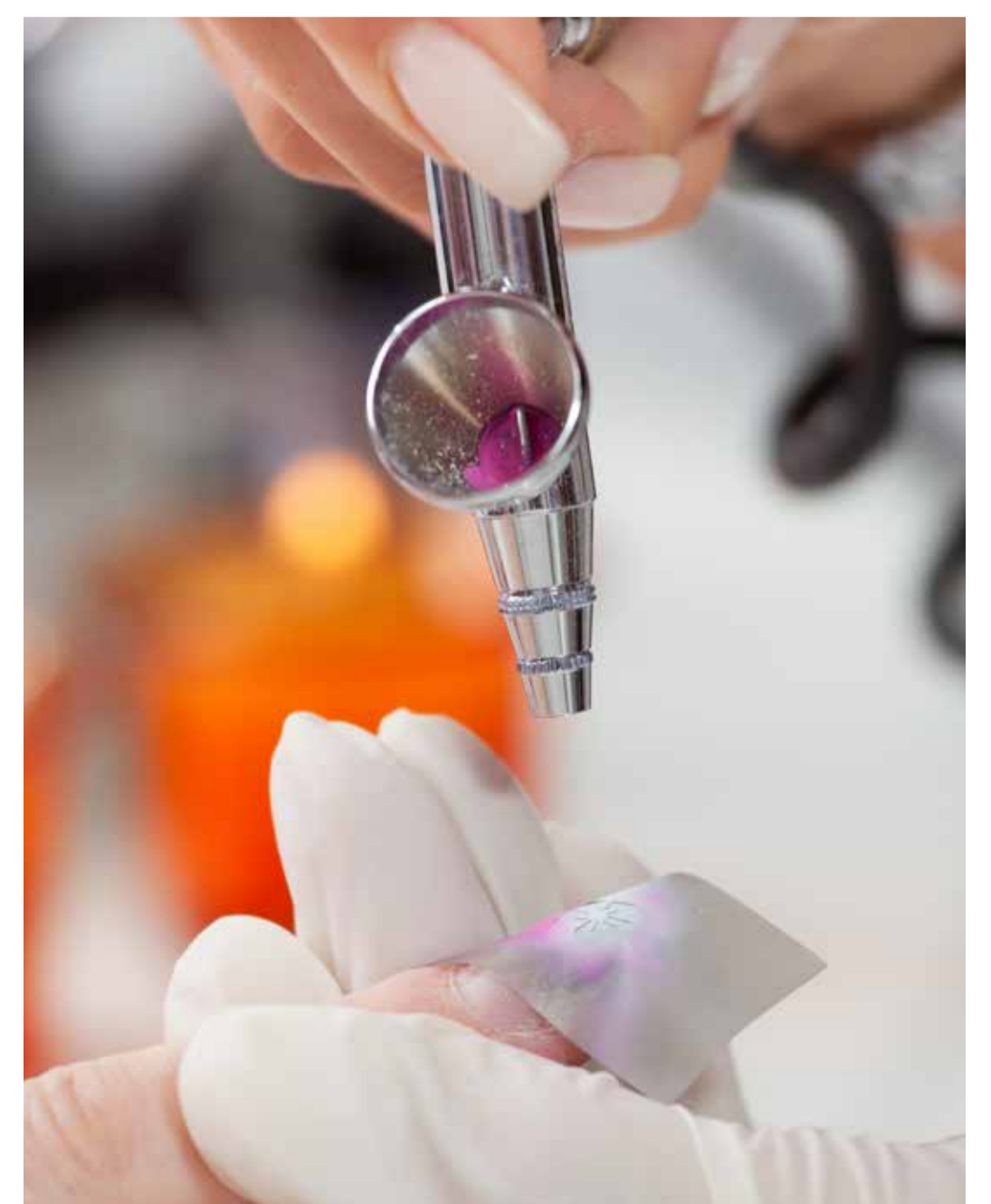
# GLOSSARY

## Airbrush [air-bruhsh]

**What it is:** An air compression machine that forces air through a hose to a hand-held gun that sprays a thin mist of various media, most often paint but can be ink, dye, diluted polish or gel polish. It is held in the hand almost like a pen.

**When to use it:** Used to create nail art that requires a thin application, or an easy way to create color fades or graduations. Also perfect for using with stencils to create intricate art, fast.

**How to use it:** Airbrushed art is created by holding the airbrush handle and pulling the trigger back at various distances from the nail to spray the color at different opacities. The amount of liquid sprayed is controlled by how far the needle is pulled back with the trigger. Airbrush guns come in two main types, single action (least-expensive option) and dual-action (offers finer control of the spray).





# FREESTYLE *nail art*



CLAIRE LAING FANTOOSH NAILS

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1

Paint the nail tip in your chosen pink UV/LED gel polish & cure.



2

Wipe off the inhibition layer with a lint-free gauze & then using a UV/LED gel polish, paint on a black heart & cure.



3

Take gold chrome & rub it over the heart. Apply UV/LED top coat to the nail tip & cure for 60-seconds.



4

Paint outlines of the heart shape in your chosen color & sugar the nail with clear acrylic powder. Cure for 60-seconds & brush away excess acrylic powder.



5

Use a dotting tool dipped in the same gel polish to create a dot pattern. Sugar with clear acrylic, cure & brush away excess powder.

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## PRO Q&A

I SEE BIAB EVERYWHERE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS & WHAT IT'S FOR?

Simply put, BIAB is a builder gel in a bottle. A builder gel has a higher viscosity compared to a regular UV/LED gel polish and this medium to high viscosity allows it to be applied or floated onto the nail with the ability to form a structure before curing, such as building an apex, to give the nail more strength, flexibility and offer greater longevity. Builder gels are used to either overlay the natural nail or, when used with tips, can create enhancements. Builder gels are not new to the industry, they've been available for many years in a jar or pot as opposed to a bottle. For ease of use, the builder gel has migrated into the bottle and can be mistaken for a gel polish product, however it is a traditional hard gel and full training is essential for application.

RAINBOW AURA NAILS by @4lovers.jpg

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Theme: **AURA NAILS**

**TAKE 5** Contest

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

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Take your current mood and reflect it onto your nails for this month's theme – aura nails. Harnessing either warm or cool tones on the nail, take your favored color palette, some blooming gel, an airbrush gun or a small sponge and create a set of ombré nails that fit your current vibe!

SHOW US YOUR NAIL DESIGNS & STREAM THAT THEME. IT'S FREE TO ENTER...**JUST CLICK ON THIS LINK** TO FIND OUT MORE.