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MEETS ENGLISH
COUNTRY GARDEN



Steph Smith



Starting her nail journey from sheer boredom while working for a high street bank in 1999, Steph Smith, already qualified in depilation, decided to go to college to get further qualifications. After completing manicure and pedicure, Steph took a Saturday job in a salon to gain experience. "I was quickly put onto more professional courses and asked if I'd train in gel nail enhancements, which I gladly did," Steph recalls. "After working in a series of salons, I opened my own in 2004. Not knowing the industry so well back then, I threw myself into *Nail Professional of the Year* and *Nail Salon of the Year* competitions and was surprised when I reached the finals of both categories for three consecutive years. "Several years later, emerging from personal trauma, I found myself renting salon space and fitting from here to there, never completely settling. However, 19 years down the line, I've built everything back up and now run my own salon again. I made the career change into nails at the age of 40 and now, as I approach my 60th birthday, my love of nails is greater than ever. I'm delighted to be in my own salon again. You're never too old to chase your dreams."

WHAT YOU NEED

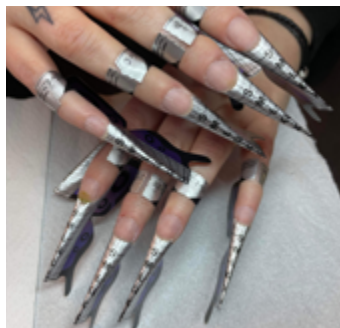
Acrylic powders from www.Ana-nailsystems.com, Mino Vo Acrylic brush, base coat, top coat, gel polishes, art gels and brushes www.Ana-nailsystems.com, Rose stickers from Etsy, Bluestreak Crystals.

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 colors are ready to use on the nail desk.



1 Sanitize, then prepare the natural nail for enhancement work.



2 Tailor & fit sculpting forms to the nails.



3 Start constructing the stiletto nail shapes with your chosen L&P acrylic system. Sculpt some using glitter powders to lift them & add a design feature. Craft others with a peach nude solid base to add art onto at a later stage.

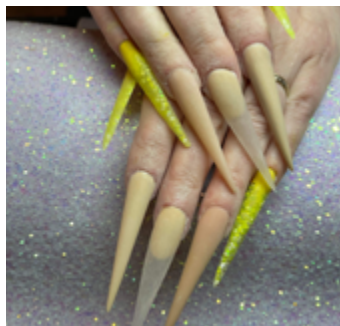


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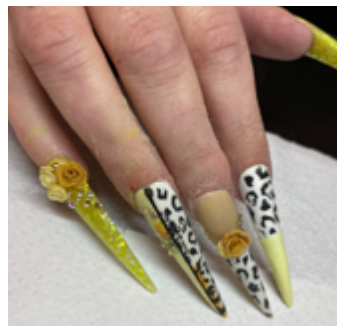
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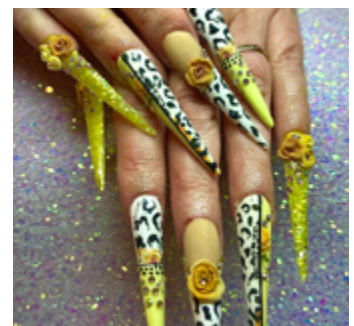
4 Perfect your structure & shape the surface with an e-file.



5 All constructed & ready to apply art, design & decoration.



6 Paint areas of the nails in white using gel paints, then paint on black leopard spots. Next, sculpt various-sized roses from acrylic beads & apply them using a small clear bead of acrylic. Steph used all kinds of art materials to achieve this design.



7 Complete your design by adding stickers & crystals to give bling, depth & character.

In this workbook you've learned how to fuse two separate nail art ideas into one design for a powerful result. Once you've mastered the art of sculpting stilettos, there's no end to the styling potential when blending a host of nail art accessories and techniques.