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7 Little Known Nail Hacks Every Nail Tech Must Know To Earn More And Stress Less!

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1. In the beginning don't stress about super expensive nail art tools, one of my favorite brushes was from a pound store! I used it for years! If you don't have much money to invest at the beginning, get creative, a toothpick or a bobby pin, make fabulous dotting tools, and head to Amazon for some nail art tool bargains until you've built your confidence up! You can invest in expensive ones once you are more confident, think of it as a treat to yourself after working hard!

And you don't need to buy everything. Buy the essentials and just get going! You can build up your collection over time.



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2. MIX AND BLEND. You only really need 5 art gels... the primary colours (blue, red, yellow) and a black and a white. This way you can mix whatever colours you like, so when you are trialing new products to see if you like the consistency, always go primary so you won't waste them as the possibilities are endless! (just don't mix across brands)



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3. On that note, for fine line work and just to make your life easier, if nail art is your thing, art gels in any form are way better than gel polish for details, they will change your life! No bleeding or running, super pigmented, you won't look back, thank me later!



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4. Three thin coats are ALWAYS better than two thicker ones, if you are struggling to get the pigment you want from a gel polish, don't just do thicker layers. This can lead to under cured products which will lead to enhancements not lasting and worse case allergies! Keep coats thin, it'll help give that professional finish too. No one wants chunky thick nails



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5. Invest in a brand that has multiple basecoat options. If they have basecoats, or builders that can be applied without basecoats too for example, it gives you options! This is fab! Nails are a lot like skin care, you can get oily nail beds, dry nail beds and they all call for different things, by doing this you know you'll be able to find something to last on any client 99.9% of the time



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6. If you are using regular polish on nails or toes, apply a small layer of cuticle oil over the whole nail after, (just use a pipet and drop it on or brush around the cuticle and use your finger and a super light pressure to spread it over the nail.) This will reduce the risk of your client ruining their manicure, the oil acts as a slip and slide layer, it won't protect from knocks or dents but if your client brushes their hand past their hair or lightly touches their clothing, this technique can save the day!

A top tip used at London Fashion week



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7. Flash cure the outlines. If you are creating a checkerboard design or an intricate line work design, flash cure each section for about 15 seconds during the creation of the outline, it just means if you make a mistake and you need to wipe a piece off, you will protect the majority of your design.



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BONUS TIP

DON'T OVERWHELM YOURSELF, remember a brain surgeon is fab because they specialize in the brain an optician is good because they focus on the eyes, if you are at the beginning of your journey pick 3 - 5 looks and practice them again and again til you master them, having a few looks mastered before you try to learn it all will help you with your confidence, help you figure out which looks you love creating the most and take the pressure off feeling like you need to know it all!



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