

Mixed Media Junior Division

The products used for the mixed media designs are:

Colored acrylic. Flowers are all hand created.

Mylar pieces, bullion and rhinestones.

Design Steps:

1. Tips chosen to hold design.
2. Background comprised of two tones of green very thin and placed in no certain order.
3. In small areas (over one tone of green at a time) a super thin and wet wash of white powder was placed. While wet, leaf lines were scrapped in the white to give the background a dense leafy effect.
4. Various flowers were either created right on the nail off the brush or prefabbed on a nail form.
5. Green mylar pieces were then added to open areas of the background for a shiny effect.
6. Colored bullion was added to some of the flowers as an accent.
7. Rhinestones were added to some of the flowers as an accent.

Media Information:

Pictures were taken with a *Kodak Easy Share* camera. On the plain submission, the art was placed on black velvet to absorb excess light from the flash.

Magazine Style Information:

Since the competition was computer based, I thought it would be fun to use my artistic ability graphically and forgo an attempt at artistic photography. I created the image using *PhotoImpact 8*.

1. I first created the black and grey background.
2. I then captured each nail design and gave it an embossed effect in grey and white tones to create the circular backdrop for my artwork.
3. Onto the embossed background I placed each of my designs and centered them.
4. I then added the "Strut Your Stuff" text and wrapped it into the design.
5. Last was the "2004" at the bottom.

No computer alterations were done to any of the designs.