

Materials used for the sculpted acrylic nails:

- * Prep solution
- * Forms
- * Pink acrylic polymer
- * White acrylic polymer
- * Acrylic Monomer
- * 100/180 grit file
- * 240 grit file
- * Buffer
- * Shiner board
- * Oil
- * Red polish

Camera: Olympus Camedia D-390

Editing Software: Adobe Photoshop 6.0

My model and I washed our hands, then I prepped her nails with a 240 grit file. After removing all debris with the prep solution, I placed forms on her nails and began to sculpt. I used the white polymer to create the free-edge, extending the smile line a bit farther than in a salon application, then added the pink polymer to finish the nail. C-curves were pinched into each nail after they were set up sufficiently.

I shaped each nail with the 100/180 file, then graduated the grits down to the shiner board in order to achieve a glossy shine. My model washed her hands, I re-conditioned her cuticles, then we proceeded to take the presentation shot before polishing. After the required shots were taken, I polished two of her nails with red polish, ensuring the sidewalls and free edge were covered, and took the rest of the photos.

Editing software was used for cropping photos to the correct size and resolution.