

I created my entry for the Enhancement Junior category by using pink and white acrylic over blended natural tips. Here's the step by step:

1. Washed and sanitised hands
2. I applied cuticle remover and let it work for 1 minutes, then I pushed back cuticles and removed non-living tissue from the nail plate
3. Using a 240 file I removed the shine from all nails and shaped the free edges
4. I removed dust from the nails using a soft brush
5. I applied and blended natural coloured tips
6. I cut the tips to a balanced length and refined the shape of the free edge
7. I dehydrated all nails
8. Using white and pink (liquid monomer and powder polymer) acrylic I created the look and shape of the nails
9. I refined the shape using a 150 grit file
10. I removed scratches using a 180 grit file
11. I refined further using a 240 grit and then buffed cuticle oil into the nails using a 400 grit buffer
12. I glossed to a shine using a Glossing Buffer
13. Photographed presentation shot, apex and barrel shots
14. Painted 2 nails red
15. Photographed close up

I used a Panasonic Lumix digital camera for the photography

I used Corel Paint Shop Pro to crop and re-size the photographs