

Essay

Pink and white competition style nail enhancements using the liquid and powder system.

Prep

Sanitise client and technician hands.

Push back eponychium and remove all non living tissue from the nail plate.

Shorten length of the natural nail free edge.

Gently remove shine using a 180 grit file.

Remove dust using a sanitised manicure brush.

Apply one coat of nail dehydrator.

Apply one coat of primer and allow to dry to a chalky white finish.

Application

Apply nail forms.

Pick up a bead of white powder and place on the nail form. Push up towards the free edge and starting from the centre push the bead down towards left and right to create the smile line.

Pick up a bead of pink powder and place on the nail bed. Press the bead out to cover the nail bed from eponychium to the smile line.

Pick up a smaller bead of pink and place on the nail to create the apex.

Gently pinch the nail with thumb nails to deepen the c curve.

Finishing

Start to shape the nail using a 150 grit file.

Move down to a 180 grit file to start removing file scratches and refine shape.

Start to buff with a soft buffer to further remove scratches and start to bring the nail up to a high shine and finish with a 3 way buffer to bring the nail to a high shine.

Finish with cuticle oil, massage into the nail and surrounding skin. Remove any excess oil.

Polishing

Use 2 coats of red crème polish and apply to 2 nails.

Camera used – Samsung D85 and Sony Cybershot

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