

## Here Fishy, Fishy Nails step-by-step

This nail design is a reproduction of an art quilt I created in 2007 it is a completely original design.

1. polish nails with two coats of glittery white
2. fill a bowl with room temp water
3. add one drop dark blue polish followed by one drop aqua polish and one drop light blue, placing each drop in the center of the previous one after it has spread, immediately swirl colors together to get desired marble effect.
4. Dip nail into water, wait 5-10 seconds, clear excess polish from water surface around nail and remove. Repeat 3 & 4 for each nail
5. all design work was done using acrylic paints and an 18/0 liner watercolor brush. Using light brown apply base for ground to all nails, layer with medium reddish brown in side to side strokes, followed by darker brown and lastly very small strokes of charcoal.
6. Apply gold highlights when dry
7. use lighter brown to make rock house for eel, accent with darker brownish-black, use black to mark doorway
8. using green, teal, purple, yellow and orange add seaweed
9. using ball stylus add pink and white dots to seaweed
10. use white to paint various fish shapes and snails
11. use light pink and lavender for starfish, add dots with salmon pink
12. color fish with green, red, blue, purple, orange, yellow, black, pink, and white, use stylus to add dots to fish.

The “presentation” and “head shot” photos were taken with a camera phone

The “close-up” and “side view” were taken with an 8mp digital camera

All photos were resized and cropped using photo editor + no other editing was done.