

## Nail Essay

The theme I chose for my nail art is the beauty of flowers. Flowers bring happiness and colors in people. Therefore I did various shaped flowers scattered around the 4 tips in different sunny, warm colors to emphasize the vibrancy in the flowers. I also added butterfly wings in a different contrast of tone on either side of the 4 tips to embrace the flowers and attract instant visual attention.

### Step by step procedure

- 1) I painted the first layer of pink metallic polish onto the 4 tips
- 2) Then I painted the second layer of pink metallic polish on one size 2 tip, I quickly diagonally stroke 1 line in black striper polish, followed on with 1 stroke of grey striper polish and lastly 1 stroke of white striper polish
- 3) I then stroked equally through the 3 colors of striper polish with the white striper polish to create the wing effect, because the effect would only work with wet polish (this is including the base coat of pink)
- 4) Then below the first half of the wing I repeated steps 2-3 in a different angle working quickly before striper polish and basecoat dries. (this method is obtained from gel nail art yet transferred to using normal polish)
- 5) Then on the other size 2 tip I repeated steps 2-4 but in the opposite direction.
- 6) I started working on the size 3 tip and painted the second layer of pink metallic polish, and again with the striper brush, I dotted 5 dots of polish quickly and spaced it out so the dots don't run and blend into each other. On top of the red dots I lightly dotted white striper polish and with the same technique as step 3 I stroke quickly with the white striper polish through the dots to create heart like peddles
- 7) I repeated step 6 on the other size 3 tip yet having the dots in a upside down star pattern with orange and white striper polish and in another angle
- 8) Then I switched to colored acrylics for the left over flowers to create 3D effects, using the white acrylic powder as the main color, I dapped it lightly into the red acrylic powder to create the blending effect, and started building the peddles one on top of the other, with judgment I estimated the last peddle position on the other size 3 tip and padded it into shape. I dragged the tip of my sable brush onto the edges of the peddles to emphasize the 3D look, then wipe clean the sable brush on a lint free wipe ready for the next flower
- 9) Then I repeated step 8 to make the next 3 flowers randomly over the tips yet using different color powders to bring up the warm colors, and I dragged the tip of my brush further to create different lengths of the flowers. I used yellow, beige and purple for the other 3 flowers, then with the white striper brush I did a few small dots randomly to even the effect
- 10) I used clear polish and stroke carefully on the outer edge away from wings of the size 2 tips and sprinkled pink glitter to define a margin to end my design

### Camera Information

- Nikon COOLPIX S200