

Essay.

Theme: Rose Garden.

1. I used clear tips as a base for my nails. I then applied forms to these nails to enable me to sculpt out the desired length and shape using a size 10 brush, purple, black and aqua coloured/glitter acrylic powders.
2. I then capped the nails using a size 10 brush and clear acrylic powder, the forms were removed and then all nails were filed and shaped, using 180 and 240 grit files. Then I dusted all the nails to remove any contaminants and dust particles, ready for polishing.
3. Next I applied an ultra violet top coat polish to all nails and allowed it to dry before adding my design.
4. I then added embossed roses using purple, pink, pale green and white coloured acrylic powders using size 4 and 6 brushes. The leaf detail added to the roses was done using dark and pale green coloured acrylic powders and again a size 4 brush.
5. I then applied a dark brown coloured acrylic powder using a size 4 brush to create the stems for the trailing ivy.
6. Next I made the butterfly using a size 4 brush, black, pale green and white coloured acrylic powders. Then I added some gold coloured bullion beads around the edge of the butterfly's wings. Detail was added to the butterfly using black, copper and multi coloured glitter acrylic paints and a stripper brush.
7. Using dark and light green coloured acrylic powders and a size 4 brush, I started to add the ivy leaves to the nails. To give the design more depth, I also made some of the ivy leaves on forms using the dark and light green coloured acrylic powders and the size 4 brush. Then using tweezers I gently peeled the ivy leaves off the forms and applied them to the nails using a small bead of green coloured acrylic powder.
8. When I was finished adding the design, I then randomly added small drops of clear builder gel to all nails using a size 6 brush to give the effect of raindrops. All nails were then put under an ultra violet lamp and cured for 3 minutes. Once cured, the nails were removed from the lamp and a liquid cleanser and lint free pad was used to remove the sticky residue off the nails where gel had been applied.

Camera used: Samsung digimax A7

Editing software: Microsoft windows photo gallery