

Strut Your Stuff 8 - Essay

Materials used:

Gel : Pink, white, clear glitter and sealer gels
Acrylic: Pink, green, white, clear
Paint: Acrylic white
Other: Silver micro pearls

Brushes: Gel brush #4, acrylic design brush, painting brush #10

Camera: Canon EOS 5D with EF 24-105mm lens

Software : Photoshop photo-editing software

Step-by Step Instructions

Repeat each of the steps on all ten nails.

1. After the form is applied to the finger, use clear glitter gel on the nail bed and create an extension in the approximate shape of the stiletto. Cure with UV lamp
2. Use pink gel to create longer nail bed. Prepare this for a future smile line
3. Use white gel to create the white wavy lines seen in the longer extension. Start with the gel brush by creating lines and curves using white gel to give the underlying decoration. Attach the white lines to the pink edge. Cure in UV lamp.
4. In the spaces between the white lines, add the micro silver pearls in a fairly random way but not too many.
5. Next apply clear gel over the entire nail. Create the arc and use pincers to improve the C-curve. Cure in UV lamp.
6. Wipe the nail with Cleaner to remove the gel stickiness
7. Using a 120/120 file, shape the sides and surface. Make sure that the side of the gel extension continues the line of the natural nail.
8. Apply sealer gel over the entire nail and cure. This step allows you to see the white gel lines.
9. Take the painting brush #10 and white acrylic paint to make thin diagonal lines over the nail in the free edge zone

10. Use the pink, green and white acrylics and sculpt the decoration using the acrylic design brush
11. Add some silver pearls to the middle of the flowers and attach with clear acrylic.
12. Add sealer gel over the entire nail and cure with UV lamp. This makes the acrylic design glossy and protects the pearls. The design is now finished.