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*Peek-a-boo Camouflage Chic!*

Color wheel

3 pre-mixed custom colors of opaque uv gel; baby pink, turquoise and yellow-green

1 clear overlay gel mixed with very fine holographic glitter-pink

Clear overlay uv gel

2 colors of nail art foil and adhesive for that, foil matching pink and blue

Dotting tool

UV Gel light

*Grown up camouflage with a little peek-a-boo glimmer and glitz!*

- Perfect and shape the thin natural color acrylic nail, leaving the surface of the nail rough by using a course grit file.
- Determine the 3 opaque UV gel colors needed to mix by using a color wheel and a split complimentary color scheme. Mix your gel colors ahead of time on a ceramic tile with an art spatula.
- Design: To make a "camouflage spot", use a dotting tool and apply gel on the diagonal on the nail making a sideways scribble like a "z" but closer together.
- It is key to the design to cure each color separately to avoid colors running together.
- Glimmer! Using a dotting tool apply clear UV overlay gel mixed with a fine pale pink holographic glitter in 3 camouflage "spots" on each nail ,making these very thin. Cure per gel instructions.
- Apply the lightest gel color 1 first, using "3's" of each color throughout the design in the "camouflage spot" design. Cure.
- Apply color gel 2 and 3 in the same manner curing between colors but leaving on the dispersion layer. Cure.
- Apply a thin layer of overlay gel to protect design during filing. This layer "holds" the gel design together. You will file down the "spots" to reveal the design next.
- Remove dispersion (tacky) layer and gently file with a cushion board, remember your nail has been perfected so this should be done only to reveal crisp lines and make the design look like camouflage instead of cartoon-y.
- Remove dust from nails with large makeup type brush (do not wipe nail with cleanser as this could cause bubbles.)
- Using dot tool, apply foil adhesive to three "spots" per nail and dry thoroughly with warm air. It should be clear when dry. Two minutes approximately.
- Glitz! Apply pale pink and sky blue foil to each nail (by lightly pressing the foil to the adhesive)
- Dry again with fan one minute because we will cover with gel and the adhesive has to be completely dry.
- Apply two separate coats of overlay gel curing each layer.
- Remove dispersion layer and admire!

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