

Reptile Print Stiletto

Stiletto is my favorite shape of acrylic enhancement so it was only obvious that I would submit an entry for the Strut Your Stuff 2008 Contest with stiletto. I wanted to achieve a 3-D affect with these stiletto to appear "reptile like" or "snake skin print".

To achieve my acrylic stiletto look, I used a combination of colored monomer, colored acrylic, colored glitter acrylic, mylars and a netting impression. The nail bed is sculpted with a clear pink acrylic. I always complete my acrylic enhancements using the "reverse" method, meaning completing the nail bed first.

My reptile stiletto were sculpted using forms pinched to a narrow, sharp point to create the stiletto look. First I applied a black colored acrylic at the smile line fading it down toward the tip. Then, I applied a black glitter acrylic mix slightly below the black acrylic, bringing it down toward the tip, then covering the middle of the stiletto with "splashes" of a light green and dark green colored glitters. Into the green, went green mylars. I capped the entire stiletto tip with a green colored monomer, then impressed the corner of the tips with a netting impression to create "scales". I applied black colored acrylic over the impression to fill in. I filed the stiletto into perfect points, then applied a gel polish and cured with a UV light.

I was my own model. I sculpted my reptile stiletto on myself!