

Ocean Life

Step by Step

1. Line up 10 no. 2 nail tips in a row.
2. Polish the background with 3 polishes starting from top to bottom with light blue, then aqua, and then dark purple. Use a wet on wet technique that fades the colors into each other.
3. Using acrylic paint, ocean blue and white, work in the dolphins in the distance.
4. Paint in the diver and ripples in the water with ocean blue, white and black acrylic paint.
5. Paint in the dolphins and fish with ocean blue, yellow, black and white acrylic paint.
6. Paint in the coral, starfish, and plant life using red, black, yellow and green acrylic paints.
7. Mixing red, orange, and yellow acrylic powder with orange sparkles, I sculpted the coral that frames part of the design, I sculpted the coral by placing a flat nail form at the corner of the nail and building the coral on top of it. After allowing the acrylic to harden, I then removed the form and continued sculpting around the coral and in various areas of the design.
8. Add topcoat.

For this design I took a liner brush and trimmed it down to my taste.

For the acrylic sculpting, I used a no. 6 Kolinsky acrylic brush that I had trimmed to my taste.

The camera was a Panasonic DMCLZ7, and I used windows photo gallery.