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# ACRYGEL™

HYBRID UV NAIL TECHNOLOGY



STRENGTH OF AN ACRYLIC / CLARITY OF A GEL

1. Sanitize Hands - Have client scrub hands with Star Nail pH-balanced Sani Scrub. Dry thoroughly.

2. Using a birchwood stick, plastic pusher or metal spoon pusher gently push back cuticle and remove excess debris from the nail plate.

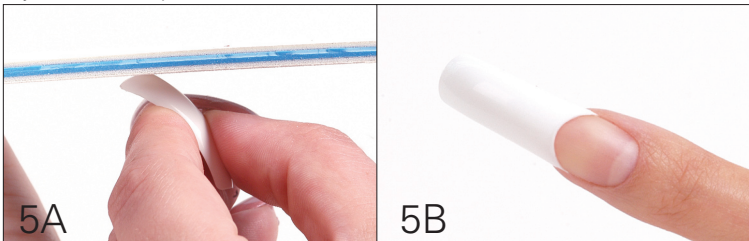


3 Prepare Nails - Shape to desired length. Using the ultra fine buffing block (220 grit) buff the nail from cuticle to free edge. **\*Note: With the grain of the nail. Remove the shine from the natural nail. Do not thin the nail. Be sure to buff the entire nail plate, paying special attention to the nail grooves**

**and cuticle area. This step is very important to ensure proper bonding of the Acrygel to the nail.**

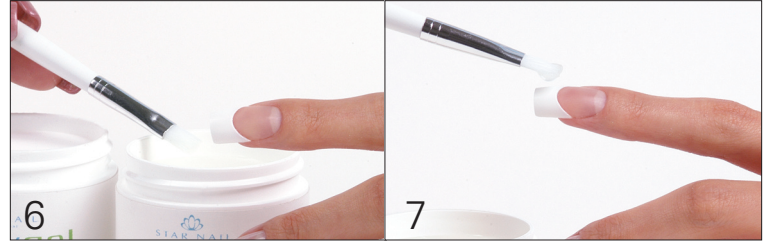
4. Sanitize Nails - using Star Nail Sani-Spray antiseptic, spray the nail plate and wipe immediately with a lint-free pad to remove any remaining dust, debris and oil. Sani Spray will also serve to dehydrate and sanitize the nail.

5. Tip Application - Choose desired size and type of tip to be used. The tip can be wellled out for an enhanced smile line Keynote: Welling-out is to file the smile line of the tip in the middle with a 180 or 220 file. Using an approximate 45% angle. Turning slightly down for a deeper smile line and slightly up for a shallow smile line. Make any adjustments for a perfect fit.



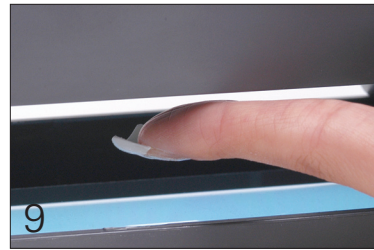
**\*Note: Wipe off the tip with finishing wipe to remove any excess debris. Adhere the tip to the nail and cut the tip, file to desired shape and length. For a french manicure look, use a white tip.**

6. Using a lint-free pad moistened with Finishing Wipe, cleanse the nails. Use Primer Pen on the natural nail only. Let primer dry to a chalky white. Do not apply primer to tip or existing product.



7. Using a gel brush, carefully scoop Acrygel onto the tip of the brush. Then dip the brush into the Acrygel Strengthening Powder. No ratio, do not be afraid to over dip.

8. Apply a thin coat of Acrygel with strengthening powder over the entire nail plate from cuticle to free edge. Like polishing a nail, push the Acrygel with strengthening powder toward the cuticle (to get close to but not touching the skin) and slowly pull it to the free edge. Cure the nails for 3 minutes under UV light.



9. Apply a second application of Acrygel with the strengthening powder in the middle of the nail and feather out to create an "arched effect" (arch location). Cure for 3 minutes with the nail upside down facing directly at the light. You will need to turn your UV light upside down for this cure. **\*Note: During application, be sure the brush hairs do not "fan" out.**

**If they do fan out, you are working the Acrygel with the strengthening powder too much and not enough Acrygel with strengthening powder will be left on the nail plate to allow for shrinkage during curing. The result of this will be tiny craters where the Acrygel with strengthening powder has pulled away during the curing process. Do not over-work the Acrygel with strengthening powder as this will result in air bubbles.**

10. Apply a third coat of Acrygel dipped in strengthening powder and go over the entire nail. Cure for 3 minutes. This third coat may or may not be necessary.

Repeat this process on four fingers of the hand. Before curing, check your work again to be sure the entire nail plate is evenly covered with a thin layer of Acrygel with strengthening powder. Check the cuticle and sidewall lines to be certain that no Acrygel with strengthening powder is touching the skin, and if so, remove it with a birchwood stick.

While you are curing one hand, start working on the other hand in the same manner.

11. Remove the hand from the light and clean the nails with the Finishing Wipe. This will remove the tacky layer on top of the enhancement. Buff the nail with the gold ultra fine buffing block. **NOTE: Inspect nails for any uneven surface, and if "craters" are evident, apply one thin layer of Acrygel and cure. Repeat step. After doing the four fingers on both hands, start on the thumbs.**



12. Finish by applying Gel Seal and curing for 3 minutes. Then finish with the Finishing Wipe.

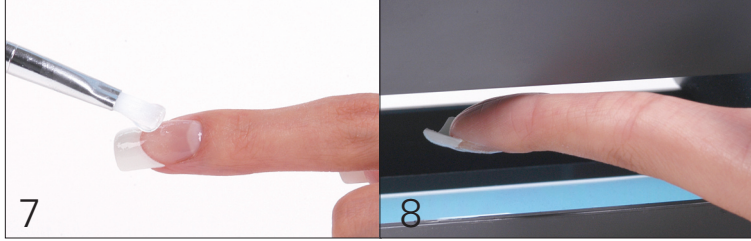
## Sculpting with Acrygel

Prepare nails following steps 1 - 4.

5. Use Primer Pen on the natural nail only. Let primer dry to a chalky white. Do not apply primer to existing product.

6. Fit a nail form snugly under the nail. Check the form fit from a side view, as well as, the front view, to be sure it is on straight and is the desired form.

7. Apply a thin coat of Acrygel dipped into the Acrygel strengthening powder over the entire natural nail and nail form to produce the desired length of nail. Flash Cure for 30 seconds.



8. Apply a second application of Acrygel with strengthening powder in the middle of the nail and feather out to create an arched effect (arch location). Cure for 3 minutes with the nail upside down facing directly at the light. You will need to turn your UV light upside down for this cure. Proceed with the application on the other hand while the first hand is under the light.

9. Apply a third coat (optional) of Acrygel dipped in strengthening powder and go over the entire nail. Cure for 3 minutes. Cleanse the nail with Finishing Wipe to remove the sticky surface residue.

10. Remove form and use a 240-grit file to shape the nail and then buff the nail with the ultra fine gold buffing block.

11. Cleanse the nail with Finishing Wipe and apply Gel Seal and cure for 3 minutes wipe with finishing wipe. Polish if desired.

## Sculpted White Tip Nails

Prepare nails following steps 1 - 6 under **Sculpting with Acrygel**.

8. For white tip: Apply a thin coat of White Acrygel dipped into the White Acrygel strengthening powder over the form to make the white tip to produce the desired length of nail and smile line. Flash Cure for 30 seconds Apply a second application of white Acrygel with the white strengthening powder over the white nail tip. Cure for 3 minutes.

9 Apply a thin coat of Clear Acrygel dipped into Clear Acrygel strengthening powder over the natural nail and feather into the white tip. Cure for 3 minutes. Apply a second application of Acrygel with strengthening powder in the middle of the nail and feather out to create an arched effect (arch location). Cure for 3 minutes with the light and the nail upside down facing directly at the light. For white sculpted tips only remove form and cure underneath the nail under the uv light for 3 minute. Apply a third coat (optional) of Acrygel dipped in strengthening powder and go over the entire nail. Cure for 3 minutes. Cleanse the nail with Finishing Wipe to remove the sticky surface residue.

Finish: Follow steps 10 and 11 on Sculpting with Acrygel. Pink Acrygel and Pink Acrygel Strengthening Powder is also available.

## PRECAUTIONS

- Do not attempt to apply Acrygel over cracked, split or extremely thin natural nails or in instances where the skin surrounding the nail is sore, inflamed or infected.
- Clients may feel a slight sensation of heat during the curing of Acrygel. This is normal. If the sensation becomes uncomfortable, the hand may be temporarily removed from the lamp and replaced when the sensation has subsided.
- Women who have skin allergies or are under medical care should check with a doctor before having Acrygel nails applied. A patch test should be done to see if there is a reaction.
- Customers taking Tetracycline or any Antibiotics should be aware that these medications are light sensitive.
- Do not look directly into the UV lamp while in operation.

- Keep a cover on the Acrygel container at all times to prevent exposure to the light. Failure to do so will cause the Acrygel to harden in the container.
- Keep a cover on the Acrygel and Acrygel strengthening powder to prevent any dust or lint from accumulating and causing contamination.

## MAINTENANCE

Maintenance should be done when nails are cracked, chipped or grown out. Acrygel nails should be maintained every 2-4 weeks.

1. Wash hands with pH-Balanced Sani Scrub. Remove any polish on the nails.
2. Gently file the growth area and blend with the natural nail. Do not pull or pry away product with cuticle nippers.
3. Gently push back the cuticle and remove any overgrowth.
4. Buff the new growth area with a gold ultra fine buffing block. Shape the nail with a 240 grit nail file. Buff away surface layer of existing Acrygel to remove shine. Use primer pen on the natural nail new growth only.
5. Spray nail with Sani Spray and wipe with lint-free pad.
6. Apply Acrygel dipped into Acrygel Strengthening Powder onto new growth area of natural nail only.
7. Cure nails for 3 minutes. Do not remove tacky layer.
8. Apply a second coat of Acrygel with strengthening powder to the entire nail from working from cuticle to free edge.
9. Cure nails again for 3 minutes.
10. Apply a third coat (optional) if desired.
11. Remove tacky layer with Star Nail Finishing Wipe.
12. Apply a coat of UV gel seal and cure for 3 minutes.

## REMOVAL

The preferred way to remove Acrygel is by growing or filing it off the nail. Picking, pulling or prying the product can result in damage to the nail plate.

Soaking-Off Method

1. Place Star Nail Pure Acetone or Miracle Soak-Off, in a glass bowl. Place marbles in the bowl to give your client something to do. Add a few drops of oil to help moisturize the skin.
2. Trim or file excess artificial nail length. With a coarse (80 or 100 grit) file, roughen the surface of the acrylic while removing excess thickness. The less product there is to soak off, the faster the removal process. Always be careful not to file into the natural nail.
3. Have your client immerse her finger or fingertips into the bowl and cover with a terry cloth towel. DO NOT lift the nails out of the liquid to look at them during soaking as any re-exposure to the air will allow the product to begin hardening again. After 10 minutes, remove the towel and gently scrape at the nail surface with a manicure stick while the nails are still under the surface of the soaking agent. Keep the fingers in the removal solution until all of the remaining residue is dissolved and can be wiped from the nail with a paper towel.
4. Product removal is very drying to the skin so be sure to re-moisturize with lotions and oils. Petroleum jelly can be applied to the cuticles before soaking for extra protection. If the client feels discomfort during the soaking process, simply file to remove the remainder of the product or file it so thin that it is not noticeable and can be grown off without any damage to the nail. If your client has any cuts or breaks in her skin, soaking in acetone or removers is not advised due to the discomfort it may cause.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The Acrygel will continue to harden for the first 24 hours following application. Instruct your customer to take extra care with her nails during this time.
- Instruct your client not to file their nails after application. This can result in a broken seal at the free edge which will initiate chipping or peeling of the Acrygel.
- Should any Acrygel get on the skin or cuticle, stop and wipe the area thoroughly with a pad moistened with Finishing Wipe. This will minimize the chances of an allergic reaction or skin irritation.
- Replace the UV lamp bulb regularly to ensure the efficient curing of the gel. It is recommended to keep an extra bulb on hand as UV bulbs don't "burn out" like an ordinary incandescent bulb. Even though the bulb may appear to be normally lit, the UV output may be low resulting in incomplete curing. A good time to change the bulb is twice a year when moving clocks to or from daylight savings time.
- Periodically clean the UV lamp bulb with Finishing Wipe to remove dust. Be sure the lamp is unplugged and the bulb has cooled down.
- UV lamps with bulbs of less than 6 watts may require longer curing time for the gel.
- Acrygel should be at room temperature before application.
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