



Do-it-yourself pedi

Sure, a salon pedicure is nice, but mastering your own skills is cool. O.P.I director of education Karon McKendrick tells us how...

Trim and shape your toenails and remove any existing polish.

Soak your feet for about five minutes. This will soften the skin and brighten the nail plate.

Apply a good moisturiser to your feet and lower legs and massage it in thoroughly.

Buff nails, then wipe over with polish remover to remove any residue.

Sool kit:

TWEEZERMAN SPA \$49.95.2. SOAP & GLORY HEEL GENIUS AMAZING FOOT CREAM, \$14.95. 3. KIT COSMETICS TOE SEPARATORS, \$4.95.

Separate toes by placing folded tissues between each toe or inserting toe separators.

A base coat will help prevent the lacquer staining the nail plate and will help to increase the life of your nail colour.

Apply two coats of polish. Using thin coats allows for more control of the product and a quicker drying time.

Finish off with top coat. Top coat not only adds shine but will also protect the lacquer so that you won't need to change it for weeks.

Face it, waiting for polish to dry is a bore. But with the rise in popularity of nail foils, there's no down time (and no smell): you just stick them on, smooth them over with the heat of your finger, then trim them to shape. The bonus? You can play with a myriad of patterns. Fun!





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Gone are the days of thick, obvious acrylic nails. Sturdy, believable gel options last for weeks and are virtually chipproof. Two of our faves are Shellac (cndshop.com.au) and Bio Sculpture (bio sculpture.com.au). The latter even offers a pedi using real (naturally shed) snakeskin!

Pretty polishes: paint toes perfect Slick any of these new summer colours on your toes and be totally on-trend.

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