



# Party nails

Because your wardrobe shouldn't have all the fun!

#### Shattered glass

For DIY sparkle, apply a clear polish. While it's still wet, sprinkle craft glitter on top for a shattered glass effect (craft stores have a huge selection of colours for around \$8 each). Pat down with a brush and remove any excess glitter. Finish with a clear top coat to ensure it stays put.

Ruby Rock-It Glass Glitter in Gold, \$8.30; Sally Hansen Diamond Shine Base and Top Coat, \$16.45.

# Black and white chevron

Can't get enough of this popular print? Now your nails can get in on the action too! Have a go at doing it yourself by applying your base colour, letting it dry, then painting on a zigzag pattern with a small pointed paintbrush.

Another way is to use sticky tape or cheat with a nail art pen.

Manicare Glamnails Nail Art Pen in Jet Black, \$9.95

## Colour block

Paint a light colour at the base of the nail and, once dry, apply a darker colour to the top half of the nail. Let dry and then paint a black line in between the two colours using a small paintbrush or striping brush. You can change the look by alternating colours.

Sally Hansen Complete
Salon Manicure in Kook A
Mango, \$14.95; MAC Nail
Lacquer in Nocturnelle,
\$22; Bourjois Rendez Vous in Paris So Laque
Glossy Nail Polish in
Rose Lounge, \$12.

### Sky blue birds

If you're not the artistic kind, cheat by using a sticker instead of polish. The trick is to make sure your base colour is properly dry before applying the sticker with tweezers. Always apply a top coat to make sure the stickers are secure.

Bourjois Easy Nail Art Kit, \$10 Tip: Always make sure your base colour is completely dry before trying this method.

#### Palm trees

Apply ombré (see our how-to on page 128) or a plain colour polish as a base. Once it's dry, use a small pointed paintbrush to paint on the palm trees. Do three strokes for the trunk and then a couple of smaller strokes for the palm leaves. Like a piña colada for your tips!

BeautyPro Nail It Extra Long Striper Nail Art Brush, \$9.95

