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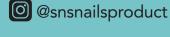
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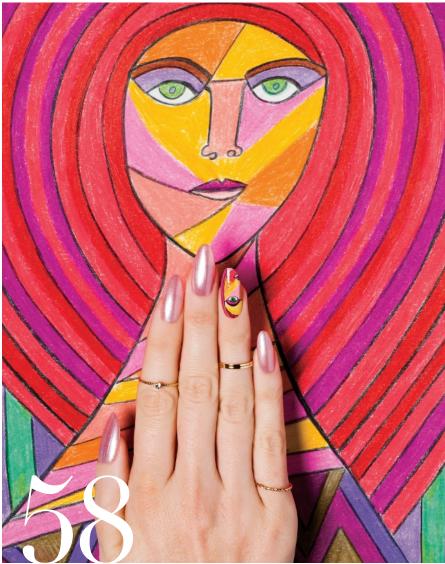
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### EDITOR'S NOTE



#### #MYMANICURE

When your influencer nail pro tells you that your choice for an emerald and gold design

is right on the money, you listen! Hence this stare-worthy set from Yvett Garcia (@yvynails): almond-shape acrylic overlays coated with gorgeous green gel polish, then topped with gold embellishments sourced on a recent trip to Hong Kong. And the fab prop is actually a *cookie* made to look like a crystal, created by Good Vibes Cookie Co. (@goodvibescookieco) founder Jodi Mannis.

### ON MY RADAR

DISCOVER SOME OF NP EXECUTIVE EDITOR STEPHANIE YAGGY LAVERY'S INSTA-FAVORITES.

Whether you like it, love it or loathe it, the fact is that social media and its influencers hold a lot of sway—which is why we've dedicated the March issue to the subject. And when it comes to the business of nails, Instagram is a no-brainer. It's the app where you can find all kinds of #nailinspo and a must for anyone trying to make it in manicuring. But social media is a beast that never tires and must be fed constantly—which puts immense pressure on you to post and engage in addition to everything else that you do. So, we're giving you a leg up with social-savvy tips from some of our industry's best influencers. To start, read "Brand Slam" on page 52 to get branding strategies (that really work!) from top nail influencers. Then head over to Workshop on page 30 to learn how to organize your Instagram page so it's cohesive and visually

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**#TOTALEYE** I first spied Total Eye 3-in-1 Renewal Therapy SPF 35 as a sponsored post in my IG

feed. Then it arrived on my desk as a new product launch. Once I started using it, I was hooked! Now, imagine my excitement when Colorescience (@colorescience) launched its newest addition: a kit that includes the Instagram fave Total Eye, plus Total Eye Concentrate and Hydrogel Treatment Masks, and when they're all used together, they give you the brightest and most youthful eye area-seriously! «Colorescience Total Eye Restore Regimen, colorescience.com» sohotrightnail Los Angeles, Cal

### #FOLLOW

For this influencer issue, I had to mention two IG accounts to follow (because one just wasn't enough!). Bel Fountain-Townsend (@sohotrightnail) and Fariha Ali (@nailjob) are killing it on the social scene thanks to their beautiful, creative and somewhat unconventional artwork; bright, simple photos; and their on-point branding. With 144k and 83k followers; respectively, and full books to boot, they're certainly ones to keep your eye on.

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When it comes to spring color collection trends, they often go one of two ways: bright and cheery or soft and muted. This season, it's the definitely the latter, as we see teems of wonderfully subtle pastels appear in every hue (check them out in "Fine Artistry" on page 58). To be sure, Morgan Taylor and Gelish didn't miss the memo, as their spring 2019 collection-The Color of Petals-flourished with toned-down blush, peach and plum polishes. Dynamic duo Danny Haile and Vu Nguyen, Gelish CEO and dean of education, respectively, joined us in studio this month to put their stamp on this trend. First, they expertly extended our model's nails with Hand & Nail Harmony ProHesion Liquid + Powder over tips for an extremely natural look. Then, they polished all but the ring fingers with lilac cream Merci Bouquet. Next, they coated the accent nails with subtly shimmering pink Follow the Petals. And the coup de grâce? Haile and Nguyen tag-teamed a 3-D bloom once the nails were dry: Haile sculpted the flower and Nguyen hand-painted it with custom-blended Gelish Art Form Gels for a realistic finish.









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### Jenny Bui shares her go-to nail tools.

Even if you aren't familiar with Jenny Bui (@nailson7th), you've definitely seen her work on the red carpet, at award shows and onstage. Tending to her most well-known client's nails (Cardi B!) takes special attention and a few product essentials–including those from her own line, Jenny Secret.

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**1. Dubai** I've been in love with that place since the moment I laid eyes on it. It's so beautiful, not to mention the fabrics and textures found there are perfect for nail art inspiration.

**2. Fall** It's the perfect time of year for transitioning colors and shades when creating nail art, such as an ombré. The leaves and foliage always provide great inspiration for me.

3. Fashion Week I've participated in New York Fashion Week doing nails for DKNY, Luca Luca, and Alice and Olivia. It's so dope to see the fabrics and prints in some of the clothing. I gain so much inspiration from clothing, it's crazy!

**4. Swarovski** I gain tons of nail art inspiration from the Swarovski store, and I visit my local one quite frequently. They have the best crystals and shapes that are perfect for creating nail embellishments.

5. Cardi B She has an intoxicating energy that I absolutely love. She's a celebrity who I would love to work with. She's brought so much attention to nails and nail art, highlighting the skill and craftsmanship that goes into the art form. Her glam team even incorporates some of her wardrobe looks into her nails, which is inspiring to an artist like myself.



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Rockingham Red and Sunset Blvd Nude, along with The Brentwood Base Coat, The Hills Top Coat and Above Sunset Cuticle Oil—all of which contain myrrh extract to strengthen nails and prevent breakage. "Nailvana LA is the result of my quest to find the best natural products to keep my clients' nails healthy and beautiful," says Alcedo. "It's been a real passion project for me. Starting with the cream designed to strengthen and condition cuticles to honoring the Brentwood, Los Angeles, neighborhood where I made my start, the line naturally helps to improve nail quality." The collection is available online at nailvana.la and at a selection of high-end salons.

### HOW-TO SHOOTING STARS

Phoenix-based nail technician Leibnitz Barragan (@leibnailz) started honing his nail art skills at the age of 16. Here, he shares his technique for creating a galactic nail design. "I was inspired by the dark colors in the galaxy, while also incorporating the gleaming light of every star," he says.



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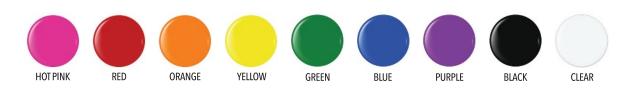
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### BUSINESS IN THE CLUB

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Promoting frequent, recurrent client visits is the goal of every nail salon owner, and from prebooking guests at checkout to offering loyalty rewards for repeat visits, there are a number of approaches entrepreneurs can take to realize this goal. Some nail salons, however, like Paintbucket in Brooklyn, New York, are adopting a more direct approach to acquiring regular visits: encouraging clients to join membership programs that offer a variety of enticing perks. "From a business standpoint, we love the memberships because they guarantee a fixed amount of income each month," says Paintbucket founder and CEO Kristin Pulaski, who estimates that the salon has acquired around 40 members since opening in 2017.

Paintbucket offers a Basic Membership and a Luxe Membership (higherend services and products) that include a set number of monthly manicure and pedicure services, along with unlimited express services and touch-ups. Both plans offer clients a significant savings over the salon's á la carte menu prices. Along with each membership, Paintbucket gives clients their own toolkits, which are stored at the salon and include a nail clipper, cuticle pusher and cuticle nipper–all sanitized and disinfected after each use.

Another nail salon utilizing a membership model is Prose, a new franchise business with current locations in Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona, and planned openings in a dozen of other states. "Customers today frequent their salons consistently, and because their hands and feet welcome continual care, the membership program is a perfect fit," says Prose founder and CEO Dave Crisalli. Prose offers several membership options that allow clients to save on service prices: two, three or four services (manicures or pedicures or both) each month and a group membership for families. "Because consumers want flexibility, members can use their services at any Prose location in the country and can transfer their services to family and friends at no additional cost," says Crisalli.

The membership model may not be the right fit for all salon businesses, admits Crisalli, so it's best to talk to clients about their needs before jumping in. "As with any new product or service, you really want to listen and learn quickly to harmonize how the service fits," he asserts. "You also have to know when to say 'what we're doing isn't working well and be willing to change." Case in point: Paintbucket refined its initial approach to memberships by giving clients the option to purchase a package of services that can be used over the course of six months as an alternative to a monthly membership, and now boasts 115 series members. "After chatting with clients and figuring out what would benefit them most, we started to offer packages as well," says Pulaski. "I find that customers use their full series before the six months are up and then purchase another one. We like having both options for our customers because each woman is different, and we want to be able to cater to everyone."

Beyond providing businesses with a reliable source of income and allowing regular clients to save on services, memberships can also help build a sense of community within a salon. Creating an appealing atmosphere where clients enjoy returning to time and again, asserts Pulaski, is part of that community-building process. "[Our space is] a true escape, and we do our best to always make sure our clients leave with amazing nails and maybe a new friend or two," she says. "After being open for a year, our staff and loyal customers now refer to Paintbucket as a sort of 'girls club,' which says a lot about the kind of vibe we've been able to set in the space."



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### Plastic Fantastic

Just in time for raincoat season, plastic has arrived on the scene ripe for your wardrobe pickings. At Fendi, clearly cool plastic coats, both short and long, felt decidedly sporty despite being trimmed in luxurious caramel leather—with full leather pockets to boot! Slightly naughtier, the Christian Cowan raincoat redux came in smoky topaz, black and clear, doing very little to cover up the equally scant rhinestone sheath underneath. But not all PVC fabric begot raincoats; at Balmain, iridescent paper-bagwaist pants cut a chic silhouette, while literal shards of plastic fit together like a puzzle on a Balmain party dress.

Though plastic might not be the go-to for those seeking comfy clothing, the see-through material serves as a perfect muse for sophisticated nail art. Guest artist Pattie Yankee shows the clear advantages to plasticlike manicures with three designs that take advantage of transparent tips. No matter the rhinestone or Mylar shard affixed to your clear base, the floating effect is pure fantastic plastic-inspired magic.



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### Get a Handle on It

Julie Kandalec incorporates her two passions into her Instagram posts: nails and travel.

INSTA-GURU NAIL PROFESSIONALS SHARE THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE ORGANIZATION HACKS.

We live in an era where we can create a business, promote our brand and build a community of industry professionals all in one app. For nail professionals, Instagram has certainly changed the game, but the key to success is maintaining a consistent feed. We asked a few pro nail Insta-stars to break down the way they organize their Instagram pages—and it all comes down to three strategies: color scheme, planning ahead and post performance.



#### **COLOR SCHEME**

Keeping to a specific color theme is crucial to maintaining a consistent brand, but even the truest of pros find this concept difficult to execute. "As an artist, aesthetic is crucial for me," says New York-based celebrity manicurist Julie Kandalec (@julieknailsnyc), whose 22,000-plus followers are hooked on the global beauty traveler's engaging mix of exotic destination, celebrity and editorial nail posts. "I'm all about the usage of color. I arrange posts for the colors to work diagonally in the grid." This strategy can be challenging, says Kandalec, when a shoot comes out with photos that don't fit into her current color scheme. When that happens, Kandelec simply saves the photo to post a week or two later when it blends into her feed better.

Santa Monica, California-based nail artist Katie Masters (@nailthoughts), who has more than 44,000 followers on Instagram, also groups similarly colored or themed photos together to create an aesthetically pleasing feed. "It's important [to have a cohesive look] when someone sees your feed for the first time, because they usually decide whether or not to follow you within seconds," says Masters. The nail artist steers clear of filters and over-editing to prevent presenting a false impression. Instead, she posts nail photos with consistent backgrounds, lighting and hand poses. "With nail photos, we're lucky to have a built-in color scheme, because we can post different designs with the same background or accent colors, and-boom!-we have color schemes," she says.

#### **FUTURE FEED PLANNING**

Organization is key to building a cohesive feed for both your brand and audience. Masters uses the free app UNUM and Kandalec uses Planoly to visually organize, plan and schedule their grids. These apps allow users to see how a post will look within a feed before actually posting.

"I'm pretty strict about my posting method: travel, nails, travel-that unto itself has created a cohesive feed," says Kandalec. "I also take lots of different shots when I travel, because I know it'll give me more options later when I want to post it next to a nail set." Kandalec creatively combines her two passions, nails and travel, by taking photos of her



Katie Masters uses a similar background and lighting for all of her posts.

own nails in the places she visits.

At first glance, individual posts may appear tiny on an Instagram profile page, sometimes making it difficult to see nail artwork. To gain foot traffic on her page, celebrity nail artist Jenny Bui (@nailson7th) uses the PhotoTiling app to create individual images of one main photo (also known as a "roadblock"). The app automatically organizes the tiles on an Instagram page to appear as one image, like





Julie Kandalec's "American in Paris" post.

a puzzle. "I do this to bring more attention to my photo and artwork," says Bui, whose 640,000-plus followers are hooked on the crystal-covered nail sets she creates for hip-hop artist Cardi B. "The tiles allow you to see artwork up close and add a nice look to your page."

#### POST PERFORMANCE

"Incorporating my travel posts with nail art was the hardest for me because, visually, they're so different-and they perform differently, too," says Kandalec. "Nails shot in natural light do really well, colorful travel posts get the most likes, and simple nail looks are the most saved." She suggests asking clients to take photos of their nails in natural light the following day

"Ask them to take a photo [of their nails] holding a cute coffee mug, against their jeans or in front of a cool wall," says Kandalec. If you decide to post multiple images showing the before-and-after looks, never post

the before nail photo as the main image in the carousel, she warns; post the final look first. Another tip: Only show your very best work; your feed is like your portfolio.

Masters created her own recipe for success for her Instagram page. "Rushed posts with generic captions like 'beautiful' or 'obsessed' make the artist seem like just another Instagram robot, when really we all just want to see the person behind the art," she says. "Take your time with captions and put thought into them. Brighten your photos to ensure they're nice and clear." Masters sees the most engagement on posts where she incorporates all of these elements.

Of course, adding a celebrity element will always get you more likes. Bui agrees, saying that her posts of Cardi B's nails get the most interaction. "My audience also likes videos more than still images," says Bui. "Videos show the true shine of the Swarovski crystals I use. Adding a popular song over the video also yields more views."

Ultimately, top performance comes down to knowing your audience and the kinds of posts that speak to them best. Use this information to help determine how to organize your page in a way that showcases your brand and talent in order to gain more exposure and, hopefully, build your clientele. NP



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Step 1 Apply two coats of light gray gel polish.Step 2 Use a dotting tool to create a polka-dot pattern across the nail with dark gray gel polish.Apply matte gel top coat.

Step 3 Paint the word "Pow" in block letters

down the nail with black gel. Allow some of the letters to bleed off the nail. Add curved black accent lines around the word. Then, use a detail brush to apply glossy top coat to the black gel only.

TIP! Cure a pattern like this section by section to keep the gel from traveling.







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**Step 1** Apply one coat of black gel polish. Then, apply no-wipe top coat.

**Step 2** Coat the entire nail with blue chrome pigment powder using a makeup sponge or silicone tool. Apply a thin layer of glossy gel top coat.

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## What was the biggest mistake you made when opening the salon?

"Choosing the wrong contractor for buildout. Hiring the right contractor is key to opening on time without delays. I hired a contractor who wasn't efficient and cost us additional time and money."

## What was your most recent impulse buy for your salon?

"A fabulous 72-inch chandelier from Restoration Hardware."

## What's your best advice for new salon owners?

"Hire the right team. They'll make or break your salon. Highly qualified, seasoned and talented professionals will help build your business. Don't rush the hiring process; check references and have the candidate perform a live, onsite demonstration."

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POP ROCKS Celebrity manicurist Mazz Hanna's signature Crystal Healing Manicure is in high demand with her A-list clientele.

SALONS AND SPAS ARE USHERING IN A NEW AGE OF NAIL SERVICES HARNESSING THE POWER OF HEALING CRYSTALS.

#### By Lotus Abrams

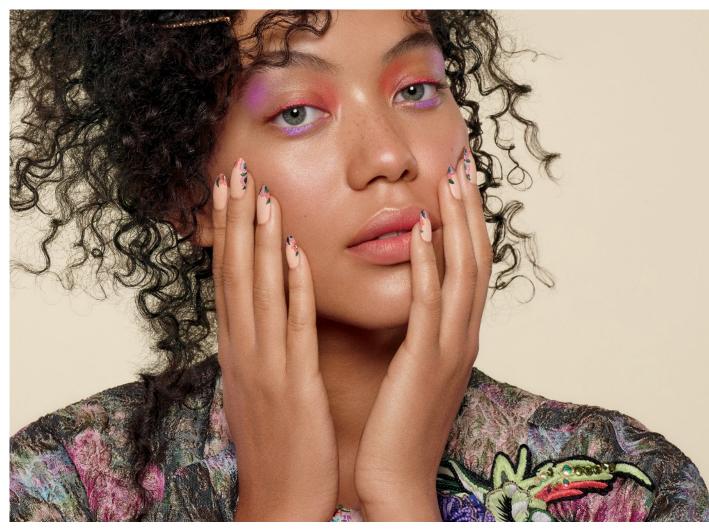
thing is clear: Their growing mainstream popularity is undeniable. As evidenced by the recent proliferation of crystal-filled water bottles and crystal facial rollers– and their endorsements from high-profile fans–these healing stones are being lauded as the new must-have accessory. Singer Adele has been known to carry crystals during her performances; Australian model Miranda Kerr says her clear quartz crystal wand studded with rose quartz is a treasured possession; and pop star Katy Perry has proclaimed that her favorite crystals are rose quartz and amethyst. No longer just for new age enthusiasts, healing crystals

hether or not you've personally experienced the healing power of crystals, one

are even starting to be incorporated into a variety of nail services designed to appeal to spiritually inclined (and curious) clients looking to soothe and treat the body *and* the mind, all while beautifying their nails.

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At Chicago-based Allyu, for example, the signature Indonesian Wild Ginger & Coconut manicure and pedicure includes an energizing heated quartz, jasper and tourmaline crystal massage. At Salt Water Spa in Savannah, Georgia, nail technicians apply flecks of crystals like black tourmaline, amethyst and red jasper directly onto the nails during the Vibe Crystal Nails gel manicure and pedicure service for "beautiful nails that are sure to attract positive vibes," according to the spa's Instagram page. And at Côte's Los Angeles location, the new Healing Crystal Pedicure service, which features a rose quartz and essential oil soak, as well as a crystal massage using labradorite and blue calcite, has been so well received that the owners are considering offering it at their New York nail salon as well. "Customers have been over the moon enjoying this treatment," says Côte cofounder Leah Yari. "We've had bridal showers based on this service because it's such an amazing experience."



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### Proponents believe that crystals can focus energy in the body, and that each type of crystal has unique healing properties.

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Hanna, a former creative director in advertising, left her career to follow her true passions, crystals and nails. Her trademarked Crystal Healing Manicure is now in high demand with her A-list clientele, including Julia Roberts, Emma Roberts and Selma Blair. "My mission from the very beginning was to make crystal healing practical, which is what led me to create the Crystal Healing Manicure," says Hanna. The service begins with a chakra analysis, which Hanna consults before creating custom-blended tinctures, sprays and oils using various essential oils and crystals catered to her clients' individual energetic needs. "From there, I sage the space, create a crystal grid, give a CBD- and

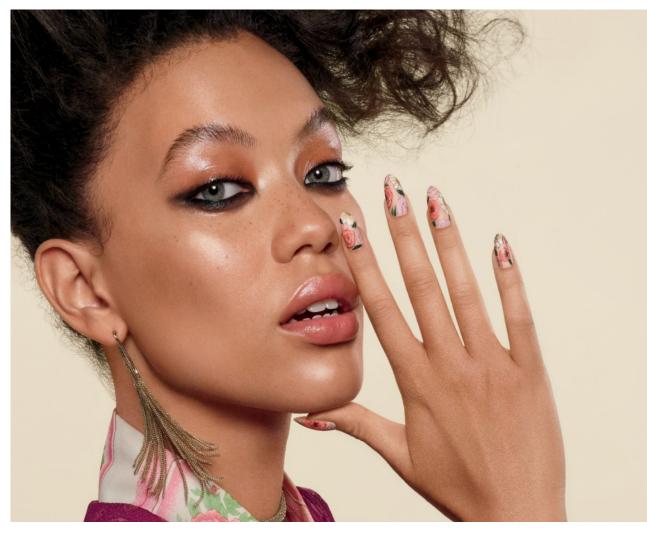
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Sweet Treat

The perfect complement to crystal healing nail services, Good Vibes Cookie Co. (@goodvibescookieco) Crystal Cookies come in a variety of designs inspired by different stones. Each cookie is handmade and hand-painted by founder Jodi Mannis. "My Crystal Cookies are replications of actual crystals made by Mother Earth with their healing properties," she says. "The sky's the limit since I'm a trained artist and graphic designer, so basically, if you dream it, I can create it!" Despite the recent boom, however, crystal healing is not new. The practice of using crystals to cure ailments and protect against disease actually dates back about 6,000 years to the Sumerians of Mesopotamia, and was later used in ancient Greece and Egypt, and in religions like Buddhism and Hinduism. Proponents believe that crystals can focus energy in the body, and that each type of crystal has unique healing properties.

"The basic laws of physics teach us that everything in the universe is made of energy, vibrating at different frequencies," explains certified crystal healer and celebrity manicurist Mazz Hanna. "Crystals vibrate at a very high frequency, and humans-for a variety of different reasons-vibrate at a much lower one. The way that energy works is that it naturally wants to entrain with whatever energy is vibrating at a higher frequency.



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crystal-infused massage to the arms and hands, and then get to work putting crystals on their nails," she says. "Having crystals on your nails is a practical way to reap their energetic benefits."

To complement her nail services, Hanna recently launched a luxury line of crystal-infused skincare products. "As a certified crystal healer, it was very important to me to use crystals that help with whatever issue our product is trying to resolve," says Hanna. "For example, our cuticle oil has an amethyst roller ball; amethyst is the stone to call on if you are trying to break bad habits like biting and picking. All of our products are clean and natural, using organic ingredients whenever and wherever possible."

Côte has also launched a crystal healing nail care product for retail, the Treatment Traveler Set, which consists of six of the salon's popular treatments-including Resurface & Repair Base Coat and Protecting Base & Top Coat-each infused with crystals. For salon owners who aren't ready to introduce a healing crystal nail service, retail certainly provides an approachable means to tap into the trend. Namaste in Studio City, California, stocks crystal water bottles in its retail area, while other salons offer a curated selection of crystal jewelry and books about the practice of crystal healing.

While crystal healing nail services may not be the right fit for every salon or client, their emerging presence is indicative of the increasing number of nail salons gravitating toward a wellness approach. "I think that wellness is going through a transition that extends beyond physical self-care into the mental, emotional and spiritual realms," says Hanna. "In the busy world we live in, it's important to integrate this new type of wellness into our routines and rituals. Pairing crystal healing with nails-a ritual most women prioritize on a weekly basis-makes total sense."

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> **CITRINE** Thought to awaken creativity and imagination and soothe digestive issues.

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#### **By Francesca Moisin**

From a two-day intensive workshop by Instagram hero Tony Ly (@tonysnail) to advanced bling lessons with Yvett Garcia (@yvynails), influencer-led instruction is all the rage right now. While completing a course taught by a nail tech with thousands of Instagram followers could potentially boost your business, it's important to remember that not all education is created equal. Here, we break down the basics of how to vet an influencer-led program before you decide to make the investment.





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#### NARROW YOUR CHOICES

When it comes to influencer-hosted talon tutelage, there's a dizzying array of options, says Ashley Gregory, independent educator and creator of The Nailscape blog. "Influencer-led education can happen in person or online," she says. "Some seminars are held in standard conference rooms, while others occur on cruises." To avoid becoming overwhelmed by choice, techs should first limit course content to that which matches their own scope of practice, stresses educator Jaime Schrabeck, owner of Precision Nails in Carmel, California. "There's no benefit to learning about something you're not legally allowed to perform on clients," she explains.

Next, identify classes taught by influencers whom you respect most, and ask yourself what you hope to learn from them. Make sure that the courses cover the skills for which those specific influencers are known. "Whether it's intricate nail art, devastatingly beautiful sculpting or extreme shaping, instructors should be proficient when it comes to teaching signature styles," Gregory emphasizes.

Schrabeck also urges prospective students to consider this trio of factors when selecting an influencerled education program: The course should increase business efficiency, tangibly eliminate problems and produce better results. "Classes providing nothing more than motivation are not as likely to be helpful," she says. Still in doubt? Gregory suggests seeking programs tailored to a salon environment, as they offer the biggest bang for the buck in terms of direct, immediate benefits.





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#### **RESEARCH THE INSTRUCTOR**

Just because an influencer has a huge social media following doesn't necessarily mean he or she has the qualifications to teach a particular class. Once you've honed in on the program that you're most interested in, double check the instructor's experience level–just as you would for any other education offering, advises Gregory. "Research the credentials of the instructor and determine his or her qualifications by considering total industry experience," she says.

Also, ask about the methodology of instruction– lecture format, demonstrations, hands-on workshop– and the specific topics that will be covered in the class so you know what to expect. Some trainers may only relay a limited trademark technique or fail to paint a complete picture if serving as an unofficial spokesperson beholden to a sponsor brand. Schrabeck advocates for independent educators (as opposed to manufactureremployed sales reps).

#### **SEEK REVIEWS**

"There's no existing rating system to ensure the quality of courses or hold teachers to an industry-accepted certification standard," points out Schrabeck. "That makes it essential to verify any information provided, including consulting trusted professionals about their past experiences." Gregory agrees, stressing that registrants should make an effort to reach out to former







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#### **CONSIDER THE COSTS**

After thoroughly researching the course, make inquiries regarding fees. It's easy to get caught up in the magic of social media and the chance of spending one-on-one time with an Insta-star. Make sure that the cost of the class fits into your budget—as some can be quite pricy—and that the spend is worth it in terms of results. Ask about additional fees and if there's a refund policy, and be sure to factor travel and lodging costs into your budget. Additionally, it's important to find out what, if anything, registration fees include. "I've attended classes where



product was provided, and others where I was expected to bring everything myself," says Gregory. In cases of new releases or methodology, hands-on education is the best way to learn. "Any class advertised as hands-on should either provide a supply list or kits," says Schrabeck.

#### **REAP THE REWARDS**

Whether you've learned new techniques or honed existing skills, it's important to capitalize on your newfound knowledge after completing a course taught by a high-profile instructor, Gregory stresses. "In order to receive the biggest return on investment for any class, techs should add new services to their menus based on what they learned in a course if it's right for their clientele and makes good business sense," she says. Also, increase your existing service prices if you've gained relevant expertise.

Finally, make sure your clients know that you've invested in learning new skills and techniques. "The best way to broadcast your new educational experience is through social media," says Gregory. Post an Instagram story during your course so clients can witness firsthand as your skills improve. Snap and share a photo of your certificate, send an email blast detailing what you've learned and watch your appointment book fill up.

## WARNING SIGNS

Steer clear of classes and instructors waving these red flags, as they're indicative of courses that may not be legit:

- No announced venue within 30 days of start date.
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Francesca Moisin is a New York-based journalist and the author of Phasmantis: A Love Story.

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#### By Theresa Gonzalez

Developing a strong personal brand can help you build your nail business both in *and* out of the salon. But in order to be successful, you also need to know how to promote that brand. It's a skill that influencers like Los Angeles-based celebrity manicurist Kimmie Kyees (@kimmiekyees) have mastered. "You want to be known for something specific," says Kyees, who boasts more than 77,000 Instagram followers and an A-list client base that includes Chrissy Teigen and Issa Rae. That special something can encompass anything from your creative style to your technical approach to your personality–whatever clients can connect with emotionally that will keep them coming back for more. Here, the industry's most savvy influencers share the five best ways to build a solid brand and loyal following.

# YOU DO YOU



#### **STEPH STONE**

Editorial nail artist Los Angeles, CA **@stephstonenails 231k followers** "Do what feels authentic to you and that's where you'll find your niche. If it feels forced, others will be able to tell, too. It's good to have role models, but your aesthetic will shine through more if you focus on strengthening your own craft versus trying to keep up with what others are doing."



CHAUN PETH Celebrity nail artist Los Angeles, CA @chaunlegend 287k followers "Post high-quality photos and witty captions. For example, when I post a new color, sometimes I describe it with

my favorite food: 'Matte caramel and brown = yum, reminds me of a deep-fried turkey.' It throws people off, but it's funny and relatable."



#### MARIA SALANDRA

Celebrity manicurist New York, NY **@redhotnails 22.9k followers** "Post something [on social media] every day. No matter what the post is, make it a statement of who you are. Followers like that. I've been called 'redhotnails' since the '80s, not just because of my nails, but because I'm a natural flaming redhead."



#### GINA OH

Freelance nail artist New York, NY **@ohriginails 25k followers** "Find out what your best quality is and keep working at it. You can develop your own niche by just knowing what style you like. I've always loved abstract contemporary art and busy geometric linear art, so finding my [nail art] niche was natural."



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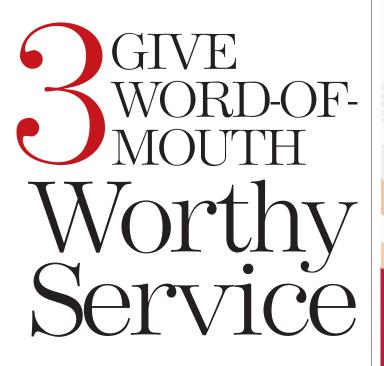
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Walk into any museum or gallery, and it's clear that art comes in many different mediums and styles. Similarly, scrolling through nail art hashtags uncovers a slew of designs from understated simplicity to extreme intricacy. But at the heart of it all is an artist exploring his or her ability to create. Here, we paired two talents in one interconnected story: Artist Judy Kleckner utilizes watercolor pencils for her bold paintings, while nail artist Vu Nguyen tied elements of each piece into his gel paint designs. The crucial link? The soft notes in shades of pink, lilac and aquamarine from the spring lacquer collections that marked the foundation for all the creative play.

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# SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP

LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND TREAT TRIGGER FINGER BEFORE IT WREAKS HAVOC ON YOUR CAREER.

As a nail technician, your livelihood depends upon having full mobility in your fingers, so even a minor injury can become a major disruption to work productivity. If you find yourself with a finger or thumb that's painful, snaps, locks, or doesn't bend or move properly, you may have a condition called trigger finger. Here's what you need to know about the troublesome ailment and how to treat it.

#### WHAT IS TRIGGER FINGER?

Also known as stenosing tenosynovitis, trigger finger is a common ailment related to the tendons in the hands or digits. Trigger pain is usually felt in the palm just before the point where the finger or thumb attaches to the rest of the hand, and a snapping or locking sensation is typically felt in the first joint of the finger or thumb–all of which can make it challenging to perform even the simplest of tasks as a nail technician. People with trigger finger may also develop a lump at the base of the finger on the palm side of the hand.

The way tendons work underneath the skin can be likened to a line attached to a fishing rod, bending or flexing as the finger (the "line") is moved, explains Rachel S. Rohde, MD, associate professor of orthopaedic surgery at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and a spokesperson for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) based in Michigan. The tendons glide underneath soft tissue straps called pulleys. "We think that trigger finger is caused by thickening or hardening of one of the pulleys or swelling of the tendons, which makes it harder for the tendons to glide,"



says Rohde. "They get stuck and this can lead to any or all of the above symptoms.

#### WHO'S AT RISK?

Rodhe says that women are more likely than men to develop trigger finger, as are people living with diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis or are undergoing chemotherapy. Individuals in certain professions, including nail technicians, may also be more susceptible to developing the condition. "[Trigger finger is associated with] a lot of gripping, like when gardening, gripping an elliptical machine and so on," says Rohde. "But many times, we have no idea what caused it."

#### **SEEKING TREATMENT**

Applying ice or heat to the affected area can provide some relief from trigger finger symptoms, and anti-inflammatory medications, such as ibuprofen, aspirin or naproxen, can help soothe tendon swelling. In addition, simple exercises can help alleviate discomfort. (See "Finger Fitness" on page 67.) Rohde also recommends using wrist and hand splints at night. "They keep the joint straight where the finger meets the hand," she says. She also recommends avoiding or minimizing gripping activities with the hand. "That's hard to do if you're a nail technician though," she admits.

Trigger finger pain and swelling may go away on their own without treatment, but don't ignore worsening symptoms, warns Rohde. Visit a physician if the finger seems slightly bent, won't bend all the way, or gets stuck and won't open at all, she advises. The most common treatment is relatively straightforward. "Cortisone injections work

### TRIGGER FINGER FACTS\*

Doctors first wrote about trigger finger in a French medical journal article in 1850.

Trigger finger typically occurs in a person's dominant hand.

Trigger finger tends to develop between the ages of 40 and 60.

People suffering from trigger finger tend to hear an audible "snap" or "pop" when bending the affected finger.

In about 25% of all trigger finger cases, the symptoms disappear without treatment.

Sources: The National Center for Biotechnology Information, ncbi.nlm.nih.gov; Fitzmaurice Hand Institute, fitzhand.com; WebMD, webmd.com for most people, and perhaps 50 percent of the time for people with diabetes," says Rohde. "If the injection doesn't work, or works temporarily but the symptoms return, a second injection or a surgical procedure that releases (i.e., cuts) that problematic pulley is the next treatment." Even surgery, however, is not an effective treatment in some cases, she cautions.

To minimize the risk of developing or aggravating trigger finger, Rohde recommends taking some simple

#### FINGER FITNESS

If you're experiencing discomfort due to trigger finger, try these simple exercises, recommended by healthline.com, that can be done anywhere, require only a few objects and can be completed in 10 to 15 minutes. If the exercises are performed daily, trigger finger sufferers can expect to see some improvement within a few weeks to six months, but if there's no change or symptoms worsen, it's best to consult a doctor. For more information and additional exercises, visit healthline.com/ health/fitness-exercise/trigger-finger-exercises.

#### **Finger Extensor Stretch**

- **1.** Lay your hand out flat on a table or solid surface.
- **2.** Use your other hand to hold the affected finger.
- **3**. Slowly lift the finger and keep the rest of your fingers flat.
- **4.** Lift and stretch the finger as high as possible without straining.
- **5.** Hold the position for a few seconds and release it back down.

#### **Finger Spread**

- **1.** Bring the tips of your fingers and thumb together.
- **2.** Place an elastic band around all of your fingers.
- **3.** Move your fingers away from your thumb so that the band becomes tight.
- **4.** Extend your fingers and thumb away and close to each other 10 times.

#### Palm Press

- 1. Hold a small object (like a rubber ball) in your hand.
- **2.** Squeeze it tightly for a few seconds.
- **3.** Release, opening your fingers wide.
- 4. Repeat a few times.

precautions on the job. "In general, nail techs have a profession that's difficult on the hands, and anything that can be done to make the ergonomics better is a plus," she says. "Everything from instrument size and shape to table height and position to the position of the hands while working can affect their function and longevity." NP

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A. True

B. False

#### 2. Which of the following is a sign of trigger finger or trigger thumb? **A.** Pain

**B.** A snapping or locking sensation when moving the affected finger or thumb.

**C.** Being unable to bend the digit, or being unable to pull it out of a bent position

**D.** All of the above

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ is another name for

trigger finger. **A.** Arthritis

- **B.** Stenosing tenosynovitis
- **C.** Tendinitis
- D. Raynaud's syndrome

#### 4. Trigger finger occurs more

#### commonly in people who \_

- A. Have diabetes
- B. Have rheumatoid arthritis
- **C.** Frequently use their hands to grip things **D.** All of the above

## 5. Surgery is never recommended to treat trigger finger.

A. True B. False

## 6. \_\_\_\_\_ can cause trigger finger symptoms.

- A. A painful lump forming on the palm
- B. The tendon in the finger or hand gets stuck
  C. Swelling underneath the skin that prevents the digit from moving properly
  D. All of the above
- All of the above

#### 7. The first way to treat trigger finger

- is \_\_\_\_\_ A. Surgery
- **B.** A cortisone shot
- **C.** Ice, heat and/or anti-inflammatory medication **D.** Physical therapy

## 8. Trigger finger typically develops in the dominant hand.

- A. True
- B. False

#### 9. Trigger finger is most likely to

#### develop in \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Children
- B. Teenagers
- C. People who are between 40 and 60
- **D.** The elderly

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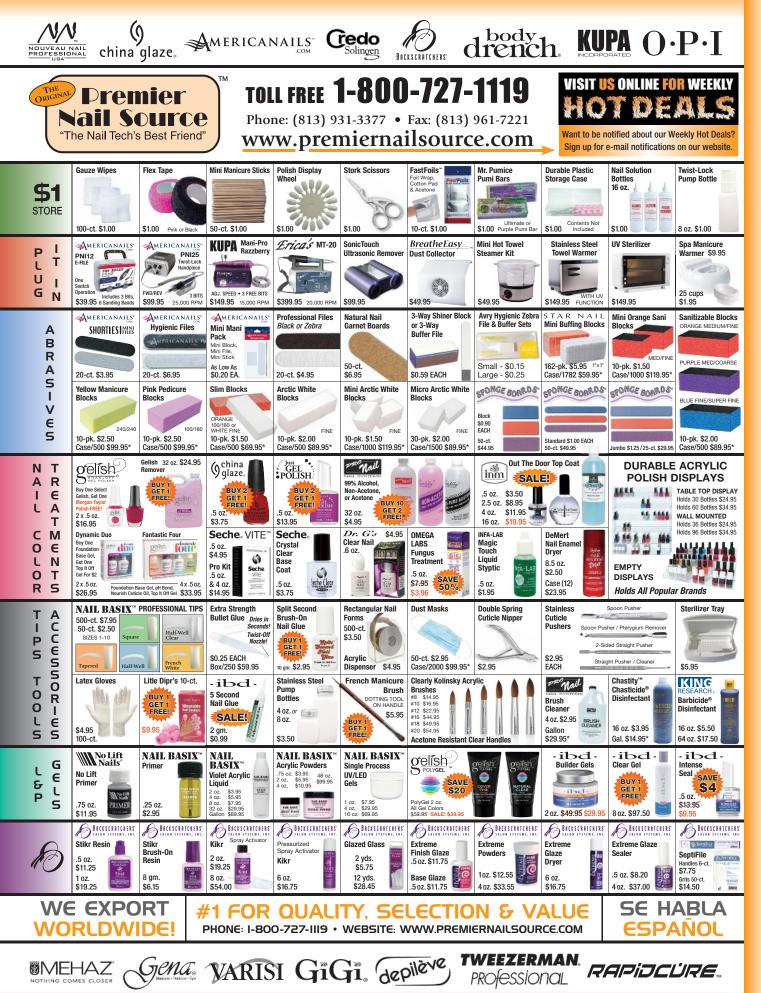
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#### JULIA ROBERTS

Inspired by Julia Roberts' stunning Stella McCartney pantsuit, celebrity manicurist Mazz Hanna (@mazzhannabeauty) mixed yellow gold with rose gold for a custom muted-metallic mani and matching pedi. "Instead of going with a classic nude or red, we decided to pair the pantsuit with this eye-catching–but very wearable–custom shade," says Hanna

## DANAI GURIRA

Celebrity manicurist Tracylee Percival (@luxybytracylee) chose OPI Got the Blues for Red to complement Danai Gurira's custom Rodarte gown, which was inspired by the flame lily, Zimbabwe's national flower. "This color is a burgundy red with the perfect warmth that looks beautiful next her skin tone," says Percival.

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## GOLDEN MOMENTS

Hollywood's elite actresses lit up the red carpet at the 2019 Golden Globes with shimmering gowns and dazzling jewels, but when it came to nails, most opted to play it safe with classic monochrome manis. Many wore sophisticated nude shades, including Emma Stone and Lili Reinhart, while others went for a classic bold red, like Nicole Kidman, Laura Dern and Danai Gurira. And some nail pros added a signature touch to several manis in the form of custom-blended shades or a hint of bling, as seen on Debra Messing (check out her look on page 14).

#### LILI REINHART

Playing off Lili Reinhart's sparkling diamond earrings, celebrity manicurist Steph Stone (@stephsstone) enhanced the actress's Essie Gel Couture Buttoned & Buffed mani by adhering a single Swarovski crystal at the base of each nail. "The finished look was a perfect neutral nail with a hint of glam," says Stone.





## RACHEL WEISZ

To create Rachel Weisz's nude nail shade, celebrity manicurist Elle (@enamelle) used her signature technique of layering two different colors: one coat of LeChat Dare to Wear Cocoa Kisses followed by one coat of Dare to Wear Innocence. "Rachel's dress was black and white, so we wanted to do a 'mannequin hand' and elongate them with a nude nail," says Elle. LeChat Dare To Wear Cocoa Kisses

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