



GEL RETOUCH

FILE PREP

1. Sanitize both yours and your client's hands before beginning any nail service.
2. Redefine the perimeter and reduce the length of the extension edge using the Shaper.
3. Thin and reduce the extension edge using the Shaper by about 40%. Be sure to remove all surface shine from the entire nail using no higher than a 180 grit file to ensure adhesion of the new gel layers.
4. Gently file along the re-growth area along the eponychium to thin existing product and remove any areas of lifting.
5. Gently buff away the surface shine from the exposed natural nail using the Refiner following in the direction of nail growth. Use a lint free Brush Wipe or towel to wipe dust and debris from the entire nail surface. Be sure to double-check the lateral folds and cuticle area, contaminants left in these areas will cause lifting.

PREP

6. Gently slide pusher along the nail plate towards the eponychium to loosen cuticle.
7. Use nippers to remove loosened cuticle from nail plate including along the lateral walls where it can hide and cause lifting.
8. Cleanse and dehydrate the surface of the nail by scrubbing the nail plate with Natural Nail Prep and a Brush Wipe.
9. Apply a very thin coat of Nu Bond non-acid primer. Dip brush and press against the edge of the bottle to drain. Starting with the thumb apply one coat to each nail being sure to avoid contact with the surrounding skin. Apply to one hand at a time prior to product application to avoid contamination.

PRODUCT APPLICATION ~ Overlay

10. Apply one or two thin layers of clear, Pink or Nudite pink gel and cure each layer for 2-3 minutes. On flat or ski jump nails additional layers may be required to build a proper apex for additional strength. Each layer must be cured for 2-3 minutes. Dip your brush in Natural Nail Prep and clean on a Brush Wipe in between colors or when needed.

**** At any point while applying gel finger to finger you may freeze the product into place by placing in the UV Lamp for 10 seconds; be sure to complete the final cure for a full 2-3 minutes****

11. Remove the sticky layer with Natural Nail Prep and file the nail into your desired final shape using the techniques from the **SHAPE AND PERFECT** section below.

Brush on White

12. Create the smile line using a technique similar to the one used when creating a French manicure with enamel. Be sure to cap the free edge before curing. Repeat this step if extra coverage is needed.
13. To clean and define the smile line; dip your brush into the Natural Nail Prep and clean on a Brush Wipe. Then use it to carefully define and smooth out the smile line. Cure for 3 minutes.
14. Apply a coat of clear over the entire nail to smooth the surface if needed and cure for 2-3 minutes.

PRODUCT APPLICATION ~ Sculpting

15. Apply one thin base layer of Clear, Pink or Nudite Pink over the entire length of the enhancement and cure for 2-3 minutes. This thin layer will reduce the possibility of burning and allow for better workability of the White Gel application.

Builder White

16. To build your free edge start at the upper corner of where you wish to begin your smile line; gently touch the White gel to that spot and string/drag the product down towards what will be the center and lowest part of your smile line. Repeat this process on the opposite side of the nail.
17. Gently brush the product from the smile line to the free edge making sure to cap the free edge. Applying the White gel layer too thick or in multiple layers can cause under curing.



18. To clean and define the smile line; dip your brush into the Natural Nail Prep and clean on a Brush Wipe. Then use it to carefully define and smooth out the smile line. Cure for 3 minutes.

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19. Apply one layer of clear, Pink or Nudite pink gel and cure for 2-3 minutes. On flat or ski jump nails additional layers may be required to build a proper apex for additional strength. If using Pink or Nudite Pink be sure **not** to pull gel over the white free edge. Each layer must be cured for 2-3 minutes. Dip your brush into Natural Nail Prep and clean on a Brush Wipe in between colors or when needed. Apply a coat of clear over the entire surface and cure for 2-3 minutes.
20. To perfect the shape of the nail remove the form and the sticky layer with Natural Nail Prep and use the techniques in the **Shape and Perfect** section.

SHAPE AND PERFECT

21. Use the Shaper to define the perimeter.
22. File along the lateral walls of each nail. Be sure that the line runs straight from the cuticle area to the extension edge. Flip the hand over with fingers facing forward to ensure that the length and sidewalls are consistent from nail to nail.
23. To define your lower profile gently pull down the lateral fold and define the sides of the extension edge, tapering slightly straight from cuticle area towards the extension edge.
24. Starting along the center of the cuticle area use the Refiner slightly angled toward the eponychium to blend the cuticle area into the lower profile. Using rounded motions file from the center of the nail down into the lower profile, from the cuticle out to the apex.
25. Change directions and file from the free edge back towards the apex. Use rounded motions along the sides and file up from the lower profile to the center of the nail, from the free edge to the apex. This will ensure that the nail is thin, even and tapered from sidewall to sidewall. To avoid flat spots use your opposite hand to rotate and swivel the finger from side to side as you file. Be sure to leave the apex area untouched.
26. Continue by using long fluid strokes down the length of the nail starting at the cuticle area towards the free edge making sure that the product tapers in all directions from the apex.
27. Use a dry manicure brush to remove the dust and debris from the nail surface.



SEAL and PROTECT

28. Apply a thin layer of UV Gel Top Coat and cure for 2 minutes.
29. Finish the service by massaging Cuticle Oil into the nail and surrounding skin. The oil will penetrate the nail and provide a protective cushioning within the nail itself to help prevent breakage.

