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Painting your nails is more than just a fun activity. It's a creative outlet. It's a way to express yourself through unique nail colors and designs. You can also commemorate the passing seasons and special holidays through your nail style.

If you want to know how to apply nail polish like a pro, take a look at our simple five-step process:

### Layer Your Polish .

A general rule of thumb when painting your nails is to apply one base coat, two coats of polish, and finish with one top coat to seal everything off. The base coat makes the polish on top last longer, and the top coat protects your color from chipping after it dries.





# **Apply Three Strokes**

Another general rule of thumb is to apply three brush strokes for every layer. Start in the middle and work your way out.

## **Clean the Edges**

After applying the top coat, clean the edges of your nails for a sleek finish. The easiest way to do this is to dip a small, thin makeup brush in some polish remover and touch up the edges.



Apply Cuticle Oil Applying a thin layer of cuticle oil on the topcoat protects the polish from chipping.

# Dry With Cold Water

If you're tired of waiting forever for your nails to dry, try dipping them in or rinsing them with cold water. This helps them dry a little faster.

