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"IF I WASN'T
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A Mod Mani INVASION

This month in manicures, we're inspired by the '60s mod era of clashing colours and abstract prints. Here are six fun designs to kick-start your nail art binge.

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FRENCH IN REVERSE

No, we're not talking about speaking in French backwards, although, that would be rather entertaining now, wouldn't it? The reverse French manicure has made its way back into the book of nail trends this season and we love everything about it. For a relaxed end-of-summer vibe, try a mixture of mint green, baby pink and dark teal. Together, they look like cute pastel-coloured watermelon slices. After applying the pink shade all over your nails, layer the two green shades onto the base of your nails for a reverse French effect. A matte top coat keeps the overall look chic and sophisticated.



WAVES OF CHEVRON

The secret to achieving perfect chevron nails is precision. You can either map out the inverted V pattern with a scotch tape, or paint it on freestyle. The latter requires lots of concentration, so just take your time – trust us, the results are worth it. Since chevron nails take a great deal of time and effort to do, we decided to make the middle nail the focus of this design, and left the other nails simple with a clean coat of silver chrome, peachy nude and navy blue. Another way to create the chevron design is to use stickers, like we did for the thumbnail. Quick tip: to get your nails looking extra shiny, polish them with a cotton pad soaked with cuticle oil – works like a charm.





MATH OF LOVE TRIANGLES

No need to brush up on your trigonometry for this look. All you need is a fine-tipped paint brush, a steady hand, and plenty of patience. We recommend keeping the triangles slightly apart with a white outline to keep everything crisp and clean. Before painting your three-edged polygons, apply two coats of white nail polish as your base. Then, pick out three different colours for the triangles – we chose a rich brick red, a dusty rose pink, and a light pistachio green. To draw a neat triangle, rest your hand comfortably on a flat surface, and map out the shape before filling it in with polish. Once you're done, top it all off with a glossy top coat.



THIS IS AN ART ATTACK

Paint-splattered nails are super fun and easy to do, and it sure reminds us of those Art Attack days with Neil Buchanan! You can either choose a white or black background for this as it'll really help your colours to stand out. Since it's the last month of summer, go for a combination of colours inspired by warm sunsets and rustic autumn leaves. Try mustard yellow, terracotta red, wild garnet and butternut squash – they really do complement each other quite beautifully. After applying your base colour, dab on your colours randomly onto your nails before spreading the wet paint around with a toothpick. Remember, you don't have to be neat – the messier the better! Lastly, coat your nails with a matte top coat for a dry poster paint effect.

IN THE BLUE ZONE

If you want to make a bright colour pop even more, contrast it against a backdrop of pure white lacquer. Here, we opted for a catchy cobalt blue shade, and drew squares of it on random sections of each nail. We wanted the squares to look like they were dancing around from nail to nail. To recreate this look, start by laying down an opaque coat of white – two layers should do the trick. Once that's dry, use scotch tape to outline the areas where you want your squares to be. Paint over the outline with a bright blue lacquer, and slowly remove the tape when it's dry. Finally, seal it all in with a glossy top coat for a brilliant shine.



OF SWIRLS AND SPIRALS

We've got our hearts in a whirl for these pretty pastel swirls. Pastel shades look great on all skin tones, and the freehand spiral designs add a whimsical touch to this look. Here, we used a total of four shades – a soft apricot, periwinkle blue, lilac pink and a faded turquoise. Start by layering the base colour of your choice. Once that's dry, go in with your second colour in a spiral pattern. The trick is to keep your hand steady and draw the swirl in one clean sweeping motion. Carry on with the rest of your colours until you achieve the desired spiral effect. Since the colours are pretty girly and demure, we pared down the sweetness with a mattifying top coat.

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