

Elegant Glass Technical Manual

STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR ELEGANT NAILS FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY

APPLICATION-PREPARE & SANITIZE THE NAIL

This step will prepare natural nails for application of Elegant Glass and ensure proper adhesion.

1. Examine nails for any imperfections or white spots, this is important because Elegant Glass is transparent and you will see these through the wrap. Gently, with the Pumice Stone, push back the cuticles exposing the pterygium. Using the stone like an eraser remove the pterygium. This membrane contains a significant amount of oil and will interfere with adhesion if not completely removed.
2. Gently with the Roller buff 320 grit buffer, remove the oily shine from the natural nail. Remember, Elegant Glass is gentle to the natural nail so it is not necessary to "rough up" the nail. REMOVE ALL DUST.
3. Lightly spray Thymol Septic 6-7 inches from the nail. Hold fingers in a cupped position to spray 5 nails at one time. Do not let client touch her nails after they have been sprayed. Let dry completely.
4. If clients nails are extra oily or she has had trouble with lifting in the past, use the Affix solution to completely dehydrate the nail. Apply an even amount on the nail and let dry completely.

BASE THE NATURAL NAIL

This step will lay a protective coating on the natural nail and increase adhesive bonding of following **Thin Glue and Resin Gel** applications.

1. Using Resin Gel, place a small bead in the center of the natural nail. Always adjust to the size of the natural nail.
2. With the Brush-on-Activator, polish out the Resin Gel. Pull the brush straight out of the bottle and lightly touch the top to remove excess. Start at mid-nail, polish the Resin Gel toward the free edge. Make sure your application is 1/8" away from the cuticle area and 1/16" from the sidewalls.
3. Always wipe excess Resin Gel out of the brush on the Lint Free Brush Wipes before placing it back on the bottle.

STOP! If applying over natural nails without a tip go to application of fiberglass mesh or silk. Or use *Natural Finish* by Elegant Glass.

SIZE THE CURVATION TIPS

All tips are molded approximately for the size of the average client. You will have to customize tips for some clients. You must always use a tip with an overlapping well.

1. Size the top making sure you line up the sidewalls of the natural nail with the sides of the tip as a guideline. The well area of the tip should not overlap more than half the natural nail. If it does, trim with either a tip cutter or a file. Leave the well area square.
2. Apply Brush-on-Activator to well area tip. Let dry!! Apply a bead of Resin Gel to center of well. Spread side to side.

3. Starting at a 45 degree angle, catch the free edge against the well of tip and rock tip slowly onto the natural nail. Be sure to do this step slowly and press out the air as you rock the tip downward.
4. If you use the correct amount of Resin Gel, a small amount will come out the back of the well. After the tip has set for a few seconds, take the Brush-on-Activator and stroke through the Resin Gel blending it over the well of the tip.

SHAPE & BLEND TIP

Shaping and Blending the tip is the step where you will create a natural look for the client.

1. You will use the Red/Peach file 80/120 grit. Use the Peach side first to file tip along sidewalls, narrowing the tip to the exact width of the natural nail. Shape the free edge to desired shape. Then use the Red side to remove the shine from the entire tip. Remember, only remove the shine and do not file on top of the natural nail. This step is very important to give the tip a porous surface to enable the Miracle Dissolve to work. REMOVE THE DUST.
2. Using Miracle Dissolve apply to well area of the tip only, being careful not to let it flow into the sidewalls or under the tip. LET SET FOR 15 SECONDS!
3. Using the Roller Buff 320 grit buffer, start on one side of the nail, gently but with some pressure, start to roll off the tip material. You must press down on the nail, and quickly with long strokes, roll on one direction on the same spot several times before moving to another spot. Stay in the one area until it is almost blended before going to the top of the nail, then go to the other side and roll toward the center. You may need to repeat this step a second time, depending on the shape of the nail and the color of the nail bed, using a smaller amount of Miracle Dissolve. REMOVE THE DUST.

APPLICATION OF FIBERGLASS MESH OR SILK

Application of Fiberglass Mesh or Silk doubles the tensile strength and adds reinforcement to the nail, much like safety glass

1. Using the Wrap Dispenser Box, cut a piece of the mesh or silk to the approximate size of the nail. Lay wrap 1/8" from cuticle area.
2. Press the wrap down the center of the nail with the bonding Sheet, leaving the edges loose. Using the Gemini II Edge shears, cut the mesh or silk 1/16" from sides including the free edge. Notch corner of wrap at cuticle area. Be careful not to touch self-adhesive side of wrap.
3. Press wrap down on the nail with the Bonding Sheet. This will eliminate lifting of fiberglass or silk edges and help with adhesion.
4. When applying wraps to your customer determine whether her nails need extra strength. If this is the case a criss cross layer of the mesh may be necessary. Place a piece of fiberglass on a diagonal across the stress area and out past the free edge. Lay an additional strip of mesh in a vertical direction. Trim both pieces at the same time while resting on the nail. Press into place with the Bonding Sheet.

APPLICATION OF THIN GLUE

Our Thin Glue was formulated to penetrate all of the fibers in the mesh or silk. With the Control Brush-on Glue application is much easier and faster.

1. Hold the finger at a downward slant. Using the Control Brush-on-Glue, pull the brush straight out of the bottle to get the proper amount of glue on the brush. Start in the center of the nail away from the cuticle and stroke downward, allowing the glue to saturate the wrap. (Resin Gel should be applied while the Control is still wet.)

2. If the wrap doesn't completely saturate with the first application, use a smaller amount of Control on those areas until all of the mesh is transparent.
3. If you're using the Thin Glue in the 6 or 3 gram bottle, the edges of the mesh may become snagged on the nozzle or lift up. If this happens use the Fiberglass Bonding Sheet to LIGHTLY press them in place. Do this step only if necessary. This problem can be avoided by using the Control Brush-on-Glue.

APPLICATION OF RESIN GEL

Resin Gel, when used with the Brush-on-Activator, is as easy as polishing nails.

1. Draw a thin line of Resin Gel down the center of the nail.
2. Using the Brush-on-Activator, pull the brush straight out of the bottle. This brush must be fully loaded with Activator. Polish out the Resin Gel starting at the free edge. Cover side to side and work back toward the cuticle edge of wrap. Always polish the Resin Gel toward the free edge. Be careful to stay 1/8" from the cuticle area and 1/16" from sidewalls. Repeat this step, using a smaller amount of Resin Gel. It is better to apply 2-3 thin coats than 1 thick coat. (Resin Gel should be applied while the Control is still wet)
3. Always wipe the activator brush on the Lint Free Brush Wipes before placing back in Activator bottle. There is no substitute for these wipes. Using these wipes will ensure that your activator brush will stay as clean as possible for application.
4. After one coat of Resin Gel has been applied to all ten nails, or once the activator brush becomes sticky or hard, switch your brushes between the Miracle Dissolve and Activator. Be sure you wipe the brushes on a Lint Free Brush Wipe before transferring to the other bottle.

REMEMBER TO STAY AWAY FROM CUTICLE AND SIDEWALLS TO AVOID LIFTING PROBLEMS!

Elegant Glass can be finished in just minutes because of the wonderfully smooth surface you've created.

1. If the product is applied correctly, the Pink Crystal Cube should be all that is needed to finish the nail and create a smooth even surface.
2. If additional buffing is necessary for any rough spots, use the Roller Buff. No coarse grit files should ever be used over the Elegant Glass wrap system.
3. Follow with the Elegant Glass Shiner. Use the Shiner to create a topcoat like finish. Use the pink side first, then the white and finish with the grey.
4. Apply the Esencia Desert Oil to the cuticle area and massage, allowing it to penetrate and nourish the skin.

FILLS

Fills are made easy with the Elegant Glass application and the use of Miracle Dissolve

EVERY 2-3 WEEKS

- Examine nails and push back cuticles with Pumice Stone, removing pterygium.
- Remove oily shine from new nail growth, using the Roller Buff.
- Shorten the nails if necessary.
- Apply Miracle Dissolve over the entire surface, and without waiting, using the Simply Smooth Buffer (600 grit) immediately roll off one coat of Resin Gel (See description on shaping and blending tips.)
- Spray with Thymol Septic. Let dry!
- Apply Affix adhesion Enhancer if necessary on new nail growth only. Let dry!

- Apply 1-2 thin coats of Resin Gel with the Brush-on-Activator.
- Stay your normal 1/8" from the cuticle area.
- Finish the nail as before.
- Remember this is still considered a full price fill.

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EVERY 4-6 WEEKS

- Fill procedure is same as 2-3 weeks, except you apply a second coat of Miracle Dissolve on the nail.
- Roll a second coat off using the Simply Smooth Buffer.
- After the 2 coats of Resin Gel have been removed, spray with Thymol Septic and apply Affix Adhesion Enhancer if necessary to new nail growth only.
- Base the nail again if there has been a large amount of outgrowth, remembering to stay 1/8" from cuticle area.
- Place a thin strip of Wrap across the area of the nail and 1/8" from the cuticle area. The wrap should only overlap at the stress area.
- Apply the Control Brush -on-Glue to saturate the mesh.
- Apply 2-3 thin coats of Resin Gel and Activator staying 1/8" from cuticle area.
- Finish nail as before.
- Be sure you use NON ACETONE polish remover.