



GELS

EDUCATION GUIDE

THE PROFESSIONALS GUIDE TO BEAUTIFUL NAILS

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To Our Loyal Cuccio Educator,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for joining our education team here at Cuccio. I truly appreciate your efforts and dedication to go above and beyond to help further the nail industry and your own nail business. I know your time, involvement and preparation in these advanced classes will give you the tools you need to help build a rewarding career as a nail professional and Cuccio brand ambassador.

We feel our number one priority is the value that education has on the success of your brand. We believe that the focus of educating nail technicians results in not only success for our company, but continued success for every nail technician. Cuccio cares about giving our customers quality nail care products along with the best in education. The importance of teamwork brings growth and we will expand our educational efforts for the future. Cuccio is committed to providing each nail technician the most up-to-date nail education programs and seminars available.

I look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the coming year. I hope you leave this Education Summit fully satisfied with an advanced knowledge of our products and brand so that you can continue to grow with our company.

Tony Cuccio
CEO

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To Our Loyal Cuccio Educator,

We are so proud that you have accepted the challenge to step out-of-the-box, and further develop your skills and knowledge as a nail professional. You are an Cuccio Educator Team member, one of a select few who we have chosen to help us grow the Cuccio brand on a global level. As part of the Cuccio family we want you to know we believe in you because every individual is an intricate part of all of our successes.

We believe in the growth of the nail technician, that each of you should have the same opportunity to accomplish their goals and dreams as I did. At the early age of 16, I remember attending my first beauty show and observing all the competitions. I remember admiring the proud, powerful and knowledgeable educators on the stage that day. It was at that moment that I realized I had found my passion and that one day I would be on that stage winning the World Class Competition. I knew it would take enormous sacrifice and dedication to achieve this goal, but I committed to this and today I am not only a World Class Competition winner, but I am also the Director of Global Education for the Cuccio brands.

At Cuccio, we encourage each individual to become a leader and to master the basic skills it takes to be an ACE (Advanced Cuccio Educator). This education booklet will provide you with the basic steps necessary to achieve this goal. It is the beginning of new possibilities in growing with the Cuccio brand.

Marilyn Olemma Garcia
Education Global Director





T3 LED/UV GEL

T3 LED/UV Gel is a unique thermal bonding process that ensures extra strength, durability, lightweight and flexibility as the micronized fibers ensure a fantastic finished product while maintaining natural nail thickness.

T3 is a one gel system that does not require multiple layers and multiple steps, therefore gel application is quick and easy, saving the nail technician time and money while giving perfect results time after time.

T3 LED/UV Gel comes in Clear, White, Pink, Opaque, Petal Pink, Opaque Brazilian Pink and Opaque Welsh Pink, so you can always match the gel color to the skin tone and give your clients their favorite look.

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GELS

Gel Nails are a big hit with clients and Tech's alike because they're Odour Free, Chip Resistant and are easier to create and apply compared to the Classic Acrylic Nail.

Gel nails are a type of artificial nails that most closely resembles the natural nail. Gel nails are similar to acrylic nails, as they are both made from a combination of a monomer liquid and polymer powder. The monomer liquid reacts with the polymer powder to form long polymer strands or chains. The strands, when dry, form a hard resin that resembles a fingernail. Gel nails, unlike standard acrylic nails, contain additional short chain monomers, known as oligomers.

There are a few basic types of fake nails, all of them from the acrylic family of plastics. The term "acrylic nail" usually refers to liquid and powder mixes, which are combined in front of you shaped onto your nail with a brush, and then air dried.

Gel nails are already mix in a pot, pick up with a brush apply on a nail and then cured under a LED/UV light — the same basic technology as "soft" polish gels, but resulting in a harder nail. Dip nails are created by brushing the nail with glue, sprinkling powder used in liquid and powder systems. But Cuccio use a low % of Peroxide Benzoin, and then adding an activator, sparking a chain reaction between the powder and the glue to create a hard, smooth surface and one of the latest technologies the Builders that in Cuccio is a mix of elastic polymer with oligomers, calcium to protect the nails in Cuccio we have all the systems to construct nails.

Gel nails were introduced to the beauty market back in the 1980s as traditional gels which were hard gels. As time went on, new variations were introduced that were weakened formulas of hard gels known as soft gels and gel polishes.

Benefits of Cuccio Gels

- Can be used with a Nail Form or Tip to sculpt a long nail
- LED & UV CURABLE
- No Yellowing
- No Lifting, Chipping or Cracking
- Different viscosities to choose
- Cover colors for everyone



Before Any Nail Services

Always cleanse, dehydrate and then balance pH or primer.

- Cuccio antibacterial Cleansing Spray- for skin and hands
- Cuccio Prep+Scrub- clean the surface of the nail
- Cuccio nail dehydrator- temporarily evaporate surface moisture for up to 30 minutes
- Cuccio primer-etch the nail
- Cuccio fuse- make the surface of the nail more alkaline (less acidic). This promotes adhesion

Natural nail have oils, moisture, water, debris or any other material that will interfere or affect the adhesion, longevity of nail polish, gel polish, acrylics, dip powders, gels etc.

To achieve a beautiful finish nails and a long wear we need to remove those.

The first steps for a clean start will be the Cuccio antibacterial cleansing spray but this product is design for the whole hand and skin we need something that is for the natural nail to cleanse. Start the dehydration and optimize compatibility with the next step from Nail polish to an enhancement.

The Cuccio Prep+Scrub is used to thoroughly clean the surface of the nail, which dissolve oils from the surface of the nails an adhesion-promoting product, from base coats to acrylic primers, designed to optimize compatibility and create strong bonds between the natural nail and the nail enhancement- all without the burning, strong odor, yellowing or aggressive filing.



T3 LED/UV GEL CLASS

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CuccioPro T3 LED/UV Cool Cure Versatility Gel

Gel nails are known to be odour-free and chip resistant, making them a big hit with clients. They are easier to create and apply compared to acrylic nails. Cuccio T3™ UV/LED Gel is a versatile, controlled formula that will help you to achieve gorgeous, durable, lightweight and flexible nails in no time at all. We will teach you the latest trends on nail shapes and the fastest way to apply gels.

T3 LED/UV - Versatility Gel is absolute state-of-the-art technology in nail application, nail strengthening and nail extension. This flexible formula offers shatter resistant strength while preventing lifting from blunt force trauma. Formulated with LED photo initiators for speed curing and traditional initiators for UV curing.

We have the best of two worlds the strength and application of an acrylic with no odor and faster than any gel application.

There are no multiple steps or duplicate gels so application is quick and easy, saving the technician precious time and money while giving perfect results time after time.

Controlled Formula

T3 LED/UV Controlled leveling Versatility Gel was formulated with “control” in mind and to be extra thick in viscosity. It stays where you put it. Major benefit is the flexible factor which gives it strength. A flexible T3 gel nail has shock absorption when hit unlike Acrylics that tend to snap because they have no flexibility.

For nail techs that wants total control!

Controlled Formula - 8 colors available



Self Leveling Formula

T3 LED/UV Self leveling Versatility Gel was formulated with “control” in mind is a medium viscosity. And self level. Major benefit is the flexible factor which gives it strength.

For nail techs that wants a little bit of settled on a gel.

Self Leveling Formula - 4 colors available



Hard gel have a tighter structure and a low molecular weight, hard gels are more resistant to acetone and other chemicals. Less penetrable, the products need to be filed or buffed off for removal. Hard gels are ideal for nail extensions.

T3 LED/UV GEL CLASS

Benefits of T3 LED/UV:

- Single Gel Formula- no need to mix
- Cooler Cure technology - No burning sensation. Formulated to reduce the exothermic reaction.
- May be used with tips or sculpted-
- Thinner more natural-looking-only need one layer
- Non Yellowing
- FAST ... takes half the time
- No Lifting, Chipping or Cracking
- May be used with any compatible LED or UV-light

Understanding the Coverage

Clear Gel- Is a see through,super glossy finish for crystal nails.

Pink Gel- A clear gel with a hint of pink for a more natural look.

All the Cuccio opaque gels are full coverage gel, no see through with different colors too match clients skin tones.

Chemistry of the product

- Cuccio Pro™ 2 gm. Instant Nail -Glue- A low viscosity super glue with impact resistant.
 - Sanitizer Spray 4 oz.-
 - Tips Vamp 20 Mixed Pack-Pointed-tip, well less with a perfect "C" curve. Use it to construct stiletto nails,oval,almond and ballerina shape.
 - T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling Gel White and Opaque Petal Pink 1/4 oz.
 - Cuccio Pro™ Starlite Gel (Thick) 1 oz.-UV gel
 - Finishing Wipe Pronto 2 oz.
 - Nylon Gel Flat Brush
 - 20 Cuccio Pro™ Nail Forms
 - Treatment Sampler Kit
- (1/8 oz. of each Top, Base, Fuse & Color)
- Primer Pen
 - 1 White Sanding Block
 - 1 Zebra w/ Foam 180/180 Grit

How the Gels cured!

Gels cure when they are exposed to UV/LED rays.UV" stands for "ultraviolet," which is a wavelength .On the electro-magnetic spectrum, it's roughly between 100 nm. and 400 nm.

Ultraviolet-A (UV-A) are the rays safe to use on humans and safer than exposure to natural sunlight.

What is UV Light?

Ultraviolet light is a particular portion of the light spectrum.Light in this spectral range has many important uses including water purification, semiconductor lithography, sun tanning and, of course, adhesive curing,and for us to cure Gel nails.

All gels have photoinitiators T3 Cuccio gel have 2 different one for that cures under LED and the other cures under UV light.The photoinitiators react when exposed to the wavelengths of UV light or LED.

When the photoinitiator is exposed to the proper UV /LED light wavelength and intensity, it gives off a particle called a free radical. The free radical will initiate a polymerization reaction with the resins in the gel system. This polymerization reaction gives off heat ,this is called an exothermic reaction,but for our Cuccio T3 Versatility gel we design the lamp to minimize the burning sensation.

Acrylics cure with a free radical reaction as well; the reaction is initiated when the peroxide in the powder is exposed to the reactive monomer in the liquid. The peroxide starts the polymerization reaction in the liquid to form the polymerized plastic. Both systems create plastics, but they use different materials and polymerization technology to do it.

Photoinitiator is a molecule that creates reactive species like free radicals when exposed to radiation (UV or visible). What is a LED light!

A light-emitting diode (LED) is a two-lead semiconductor light source. which emits light when activated.[4] they emit a narrow range of UV light wavelength and cure gels faster than UV.

T3 LED/UV GEL CLASS

Cuccio Gel brushes

- Square Sculpting Brush: Designed to build perfect gel nails.
- Oval sculpting/building brush: Perfect for sculpting and creating precision French lines.
- Pointed Detailing Brush: Pin-point designed brush tip perfect for small, detailed designs with gels and French lines.
- Round Sculpting Brush: Ergonomic design ideal for small “pinky-sized” nails.

Silicone Tip brush set

- State-of-the-art nail styling tools that perform better than traditional bristled brushes
- Alcohol & acetone resistant
- Non-fanning - never have to trim
- Can be used with all our gels for a smoother application.
- Use Cuccio Pro antibacterial spray to clean the silicone brushes and for the application.

In this workshop you will learn:

- Chemistry of the Cuccio™ UV & LED Gels
- Perfect French application techniques
- Trendy nail shapes like oval, square, ballerina and stiletto
- How to determine the best cover gel for your clients
- How to mix with Cuccio Veneer™ gel polish to achieve a variety of colours.
- Gel application over tips and sculpting
- One layer application technique
- The fastest way to apply gels

Includes a demo on how to use Form-a-nail with gel

Removal of Gel Nails:

1. Clip nails back to free edge.
2. Start filing the gel.
3. Don't remove them all the way; file the hard gel to make it thin, but don't file to the natural nail. Use a buffer to create a natural shine on the gel remaining on the nails so that they appear to have all the gel removed.
4. Wash hands with soap and water.
5. Apply color.

WARNINGS:

Do not use gel if these conditions exist sore infected nails or cuticles.

Tips and tricks

1. For nail biters use our cover gels, this technique will hide the imperfections of the nail plate and create natural looking nails.
2. For clients that need just a little bit of help on their nails just use the Self leveling clear one thin layer or the Cuccio Starlite gel thick, the nails will still look natural but with a nice overlay to help them grow.
3. Keep lid on the gel at all times to prevent exposure to light and contamination. Keep far away from natural sunlight. It will ruin the gel. Also the gel brushes.
4. Nails should be maintained every 2-4 weeks.
5. Keep your Lamp bulbs clean of dust.
6. Gels are perfect for people that work with chemicals and cleaning products. This is due to the gel's molecular structure. The Gel can not be removed with acetone because it can not penetrate neither any chemical product.
7. Always work slow with gel, you will then have less finishing time. You can never “Over-cure” gel nails but you can “under-cure” them.
8. Do not overwork the gel, this can cause bubbles.
9. Instruct your client not to file their nails after application. This can result in a broken seal at the free edge and can initiate chipping or peeling of the gel.
10. Replace the UV lamp bulb regularly to ensure the efficient curing of the gel.
11. Periodically clean the UV lamp bulb with finishing wipe to remove dust. Be sure the lamp is unplugged, and the bulb has cooled down.
12. UV lamps with bulbs of less than 6 watts may require longer curing time for the gel.
13. Always clean your gel brush with clear gel.
14. The Cuccio T3 gel is applied with a single layer or just one application, if in your country there are temperatures below 20 C degrees you should warm the gel with a hot towel. The very cold environment affects the consistency of the gel and makes it very condensed preventing it from adhering to the nail.

SERVICE TIME: 1 ½ - 2 ½ Hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

- To complete a more technical pink and white gel application over a nail form.
- Perform smile lines with ease using an LED/UV cure product

Expectation

Creating perfect pink and white nails with consistent smile lines can be intimidating to a nail technician. By utilizing a light cured product, you are given the freedom to use more time perfecting your smile lines.

Step-by-Steps

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. After following the steps to prepare the nails, apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP to the nail. Allow to air dry.
2. Refer to HOW TO PROPERLY APPLY A NAIL FORM.
3. Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 Fuse to the entire natural nail ONLY. Allow to air dry.
4. You will begin with Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling Opaque Petal Pink Hard gel.
5. Apply Opaque Petal Pink gel to the nail plate. When applying this thick gel, it moves better if you keep contact between your brush and the gel at all times. If you pull your brush away you will create peaks. Apply the gel right up to but not touching the skin. Now pull the gel down to create a reverse smile line. Once cured this will act as a wall to create a perfect smile line. Take your time. You can clean up the smile line with the detail cleaning brush before going in the lamp. By taking the time now, you will save time later.
- 6 Cure this in a Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 Minutes
7. For the free-edge you will be using Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling White Hard gel.
8. Apply white gel to the free-edge and up to the reverse smile line you created. Before you cure this free-edge use the detail cleaning brush to perfect your smile line.
9. Cure this in a Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 minutes.
10. To remove the sticky layer, use Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe. This cleanser does not contain any oil emollients. Do not use any cleansers with oil at this point or risk

your final top gel coat from sticking to the nail. When cleansing the sticky layer off the nail, be sure to use a clean, lint-free wipe on each nail. This will ensure the entire sticky layer is removed.

11. If necessary you can use a 180 grit file to perfect the surface of your nail.
12. Remove the dust with the same dust brush
13. Clean any of the remaining dust.
14. Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 Top is the perfect finish to this nail. It saves you time buffing the scratches from filing with a 180 grit file and leaves the nail GLOSSY smooth. Apply a thin even coat to the nail.
15. Cure in an LED lamp 30 seconds or a UV lamp for 2 min.
16. Cleanse the nail with the Cuccio Colour™ Veneer Conditioning Cleanser.
17. Apply Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil to the nail and surrounding skin. Rub it in to evenly distribute it.

Products You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling Opaque Petal Pink Hard Gel
- Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling White and Clear Hard Gel
- Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling Clear Hard Gel
- Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray
- Cuccio Pro™ Prep N' Scrub
- Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe
- Cuccio Pro™ Forms
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 TOP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer Conditioning Cleanser
- Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil

Tools You Will Need:

- Cuticle Pusher
- Tip Cutter
- Zebra 180 Grit File
- Nail Brush
- Gel Brush
- Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro2 LED Lamp or UV Lamp

Products to Retail

Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil



T3 LED/UV GEL FRENCH TIP ON NATURAL NAIL

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 1 - 1 ½ Hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

- To complete a more technical white gel application over a nail tip.
- Perform smile lines with ease using an LED/UV cure product.

Expectation

Creating perfect French nails with consistent smile lines can be intimidating to a nail technician. By utilizing a light cured product, you are given the freedom to use more time perfecting your smile lines.

Step-by-Steps

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Following the steps to prepare the nail, apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 to the natural nail. Allow to dry.
2. Apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer # 2 FUSE to the entire natural nail only.
3. Begin with Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Gel Controlled Leveling White.
4. With your brush pick up the white gel and make a string, with that string draw a U to make the smile line.
5. With the rest of the white gel left in your brush fill the free edge of the nail.
6. When applying this thick gel, it moves better if you keep contact between your brush and the gel all times. If you pull your brush away you will create peaks.
7. Cure in the MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 min.
8. With your brush pick up the Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED Controlled Leveling Clear Hard Gel and apply in the nail plate (zone 2 and 3) leaving a margin of 1/3 between the gel and surrounding skin.
9. Cure in the MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 min.
10. To remove the sticky layer use Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe.
11. Perfect the surface of the nail using a 180 grit file.
12. Cleanse any remaining dust of the nail .
13. Apply the Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 top coat and cure in the MaxPro2 LED lamp for 30 seconds or UV for 2 minutes.

14. Cleanse the nail with Cuccio Colour™ Veneer Conditioning Cleanser.

Products You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling White Hard Gel
- Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Leveling Clear Hard Gel
- Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray
- Cuccio Pro™ Prep N' Scrub
- Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer Conditioning Cleanser
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 TOP

Tools You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro2 LED Lamp or UV Lamp
- Cuticle Pusher
- Zebra 180 Grit File
- Gel Brush





T3 LED/UV SPARKLE GEL WITH VAMP TIPS

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: Full Set/Maintenance 1 ½ - 2 hours
(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Our newer Vamp tips fits the nowadays trends in nail styles and easy application. This unique tip has an extreme pointy end and a perfect “C” curve on the free edge. Available in 100 count and 360 count box, in a clear color for designs.

Step-by-Steps

1. Follow the steps of nail preparation.
2. Cuccio Pro™ Vamp Nail Tip doesn't have a well just apply a thin line of adhesive on contact area and apply at the very end of the free edge. This application is going to help to adjust the “C” curve.
3. Using a 180 grit file, blend the tip with the natural nail. Do not use a lower grit file, as it will leave marks on your tip.
4. If you want a stiletto style dont cut the tip. For other shapes just cut to desired shape.
5. Apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer FUSE #2 on natural nail only.
6. With a gel brush apply a layer of Cuccio Pro™ T3 Sparkle Gel.
7. Cure the application in a UV lamp for 2 minutes or 1 min LED lamp.
8. Apply a second coat of Cuccio Pro™ T3 Sparkle Gel.
9. Cure the application in a UV lamp for 2 minutes or 1 min LED lamp.
10. Apply a second layer and form the apex with clear LED gel.
11. Cure the application in a UV lamp for 2 minutes or 1 min in LED lamp.
12. Remove the tacky layer with Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe.
13. Using a 180 file shape the nail.
14. To finish use a Cuccio Pro™ UV Gel Top Coat.
15. Cure the application in a UV lamp for 2 minutes or 1 min LED lamp.
16. Finish with Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil.





CUCCIO SPARKLES GELS

Takes Your LED/UV Gel Services from Subtle to Sassy In 60 Seconds!*

- No Heat Reaction when used with Max Pro 5
- Odor-Free
- Non-Yellowing
- Extra Strength For Sculpting & Overlays
- Great Alternative To Acrylics
- No Mixing Required - Ready-To-Use!
- Available in 18 Trendsetting Shades!



T3 LED/UV FLEX GEL CLASS

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In this workshop you will learn:

- Chemistry of Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED / UV Flex Gel
- Gel Application over tips and sculpting
- Trendy Nail Shapes like Oval, Square, Ballerina & Stiletto
- One-layer application technique
- How to determine the best cover gel for your Client
- How to mix with Cuccio Veneer™ to make your own colors
- Best Practices for keeping your tools, products and station sanitary and fresh
- Tips & Tricks for common problematic client concerns

Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Flex Gel is a state-of-the-art technology in nail application, that adds strength to natural nails as well as building nail extensions.

Combining the LED Technology of our Best Selling T3 Gels and the elasticity and viscosity of our Classic Sculpting Gels, T3 LED / UV FLEX GELS provide speed and ease of application with a medium dense viscosity for a finished product that is strong, durable and beautiful.

Benefits of T3 LED / UV FLEX GELS:

- Durable, lightweight and flexible sculpting gel
- Can be used with a Nail Form or Tip to sculpt a long nail
- LED & UV CURABLE
- Perfect for filling in Ridges in the Natural Nail
- Perfect for Camouflaging re-growth of the free edge
- Non-Yellowing
- No Lifting, Chipping or Cracking
- Compatible for use with all Cuccio and Leading Professional Nail Brand Systems.

T3 LED / UV Flex Gels are available in 7 new colors to the Cuccio Pro™ line and other than Clear are fully opaque:

- Classic Clear – for truly transparent and non-cloudy or mottled tips
- White – a clean off white (non-yellowing)
- 7 neutral tones that were designed to complement skin undertones – so that if chosen to wear on their own without color put on top, they'll leave the client with healthy and natural looking nails.



What is the difference between UV and LED lights?

UV LIGHT – which is an abbreviation for “ULTRAVIOLET” is a type of light that has been used for decades in the medical and dental field as well as in the Nail Industry. Made up of various wavelengths on something called and electro-magnetic spectrum, the intensity used in Nail Lamps is far less strong than those used in the medical field, coming in roughly between 100nm and 400nm.

Exposure to these rays are safe to use on humans and often are safer than exposure to natural sunlight, because of the limited exposure.

LED LIGHT – is short for light-emitting diode which very similarly to UV light emits wavelengths of these rays, but in a narrower and more targeted wavelength than that of a UV Lamp.

Cuccio has several different Lamp Options, based on your needs and price point:

Max Pro 2 LED lamp

- High quality PC Plastic Case with lights all around to maximize the power of wavelength
- 2 sided bulbs allow for full exposure to the light
- External Adaptor minimizes heat of the lamp body
- Control Panel with On / Off switch and timer built in
- Shape and size allows all 5 fingers to cure at once.
- Cures all Cuccio products except those that are only UV activated
- Most cost-effective lamp for salon use.

Max Pro 2 Curve

- High quality PC Plastic Case, with a specially shaped mold inside to best reflect light across the nails.
- o Shape and size fits 5 fingers at once.
- Packed with 78 High Quality LED bulbs emitting wavelength 395nm to 405nm
- Removable tray to fit larger hands or for placement with a Pedicure Service.
- LCD Control Panel with On / Off switch and timer built in
- 18W Power Output
- Power Output 18 W
- Cures all Cuccio products except those that are only UV activated

Mini LED 6W LED lamp

- Compact design, only fits 4 fingers at a time, so thumbs need to be cured separately
- 2 sided bulbs allow for full exposure to the light
- High quality PC Plastic Case with white plastic inside maximizes the power of the wavelength

Max Pro Mini USB LED Lamp

- Compact and portable for Travel and easy storage
- Ergonomic Contoured Design
- Contains 6 Long Lasting, LED Curing Lights
- Emits professional level 380-410 nm wave-length light
- Touch Control Button Cures in 30 or 60 Second Modes
- 5V 1A Output. Powered by USB for Quick + Easy Charging
- ETL Certified

BEST PRACTICES:

1. Always keep the lid on your jar, at all times to prevent exposure to light and contamination.
2. Always keep the jars far away from natural sunlight
3. Always be sure to clean your brushes thoroughly between uses and colors.
4. Dust your Lamp Bulbs daily, keeping them clear from dust *Be sure the lamp is unplugged, and the bulbs have already cooled down.
5. Change your UV Bulbs every 6 months to ensure they're efficiently curing the gel.
*You can never "Over-cure" gel nails, but you can "under-cure" them.

WHO ARE T3 LED / UV COVER FLEX GELS FOR:

1. Nail Biters & Pickers – cover gel will hide the imperfections in the nail plate, providing a healthy natural nail
2. Clients who like longer nail extensions but don't like the scent or time associated with Acrylic Nails
3. Clients whom work using their hands, are working with Chemical or everyday Cleaning products frequently.

TIPS & TRICKS:

1. Instruct your client not to file their nails before their next appointment. This can result in a broken seal at the free edge and can initiate chipping or peeling of the gel.
2. Schedule their Maintenance Appointment for every 2-4 weeks
3. Do not overwork the gel, this can cause bubbles – take your time so you don't have to spend more later "finishing" the nails.

SCULPTING WITH T3 LED/UV FLEX GEL TO CREATE A SEMI-SQUARE NAIL SHAPE

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 1 - 1 ½ hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Application Instructions for using T3 LED / UV FLEX Gel with Cuccio Pro™ Nail Forms to transform a short, natural nail to an elongated, semi-square nail shape.

Transform a natural nail to a beautiful semi-square nail shape.

Expectation

Follow the steps for a faster precise application to accomplish a semi-square nail shape.

Step-by-Steps

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Apply Cuccio Pro™ Nail Form to each nail, as you go.

*if needed, reference details on best Nail Form Application in your manual under the Professional Technique chapter.

2. Apply Cuccio Veneer™ #1 PREP to the entire natural nail. Allow to air dry.

3. Apply a thin coat of Cuccio Veneer™ #2 FUSE or Primer over the entire natural nail. *Do not apply onto the Form. Allow to air dry.

4. Apply T3 LED/UV Flex gel from the center of the natural nail and onto the Nail Form, to start constructing the apex of the nail.

*note the red circle area below as a guide for this application

5. Cure for 1-minute under LED or 2 minutes under UV Light.

6. Apply a second coat of T3 LED/UV Flex gel, this time from the cuticle area and over the entire nail. Cure again - 1-minute LED or 2 minutes under UV.

*We recommended a minimum of 2 layers of T3 LED/UV Flex gel per nail. However, if you have clients whom are more aggressive with their nails; you can build with additional coats.

*note the red circle area below as a guide for this application

Tip: Use a thin liner brush to apply the T3 LED/UV Flex gel closest to the cuticle line, before curing so you don't flood the cuticle with too much product

7. Using a cotton pad, that's damp with either Finishing Wipe or Sani Spray, remove the sticky layer left behind, after fully cured.

8. Use a 180-grit file to perfect the structure and shape of your nail.

*if needed, reference details on how to file nails in your manual under the Professional Technique chapter.

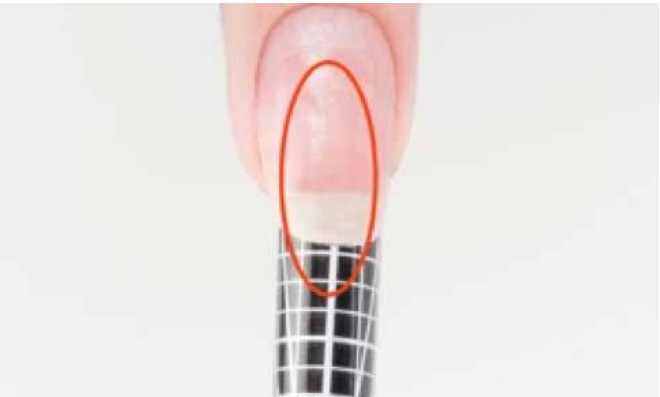
9. Use Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat, Cuccio Pro™ UV gel or No Cleanse Top Coat to seal to finish the nail, leaving a smooth and glossy finish. Cure this topcoat under a LED lamp for 1 minute or 2 minutes under a UV lamp.

If you choose Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat - remove the sticky layer using Cuccio Veneer™ Conditioning Cleanser. Then finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

If you choose Cuccio Pro™ UV Gel or No Cleanse Top Coat to seal this product does not have a tacky layer, so you only need to finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

*Note the application technique can also be used with all Cuccio Pro™ Acrylic and Gel Systems.





SCULPTING WITH T3 LED/UV FLEX GEL CREATE AN EXTREME SQUARE NAIL SHAPE

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 2 - 2 ½ hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Application Instructions for using T3 LED / UV FLEX Gel To transform a short, natural nail into an elongated “Extreme Square” shape.

This Technique is best suited for clients who don’t have a natural “C-Curve” or that have a “Sky Jump” type slope in their natural nail bed.

Expectations:

Be able to transform natural nails to an extreme shape.

Step by Steps:

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N’ Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Apply Cuccio Pro™ Nail Form to each nail, as you go.

*If needed, reference details on best Nail Form Application in your manual under the Professional Technique chapter.

2. Apply Cuccio Veneer™ #1 PREP to the entire natural nail. Allow to air dry.

3. Apply a thin coat of Cuccio Veneer™ #2 FUSE or primer over the entire natural nail. *Do not apply onto the Form. Allow to air dry.

4. Apply the first coat of T3 LED/UV Flex gel in zone 2 or tension area of the nail.

Flash cure for 10 seconds under LED Lamp or 15 seconds under a UV Lamp. *Flash Curing will not fully cure the gel but will help it stay in place for the next step to help shaping.

5. After the Flash Cure is complete, use pinching tweezers to pinch the newly built tip, along the sides (see image reference below) for 10 seconds or until it cools down. Fully cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under a UV Lamp.

6. Apply a second coat of T3 LED/UV Flex gel from the cuticle area and over the extension.

7. Flash cure (again) for 10 seconds under LED Lamp or 20 seconds under a UV Lamp.

8. After the Flash Cure is complete, use pinching tweezers to slightly pinch the newly built tip, along the sides (see image reference below) for 10 seconds or until

it cools down. Fully cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under a UV Lamp.

9. Apply a third coat of T3 LED/UV Flex gel from the cuticle area and over the extension.

10. Flash cure (again) for 10 seconds under LED Lamp or 20 seconds under a UV Lamp.

11. After the Flash Cure is complete, use pinching tweezers one last time for 10 seconds or until it cools down. This is what helps build the “C Curve.” Fully cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under a UV Lamp.

12. Using a cotton pad that is damp with either Finishing Wipe or Sani Spray, remove the sticky layer left behind after fully cured.

13. Use a 180-grit file to perfect the structure and shape of your nail.

*If needed, reference details on how to file nails in your manual under the Professional Technique chapter.

14. Use Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat or Cuccio Pro™ No Cleanse Top Coat to finish the nail, leaving a smooth and glossy finish. Cure this topcoat under a LED lamp for 1 minute or 2 minutes under a UV lamp.

If you choose Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat, remove the sticky layer using Cuccio Veneer™ Conditioning Cleanser. Then finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

If you choose Cuccio Pro™ UV gel seal this product does not have a tacky layer, so you only need to finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

*Note the application technique can also be used with all Cuccio Pro™ Acrylic and Gel Systems.





SERVICE TIME: 1 - 2 hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Flex Gel is a state-of-the-art technology in nail application, that adds strength to natural nails as well as building nail extensions.

Combining the LED Technology of our Best Selling T3 Gels and the elasticity and viscosity of our Classic Sculpting Gels, T3 LED / UV FLEX GELS provide speed and ease of application for a finished product that is strong, durable and beautiful.

Goal

To complete a faster application over a nail tip with less steps.

Expectations:

Creating perfect application with no mess a less time consuming for the nail tech.

Step by Steps:

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Fit your nail tips - The natural nail should fit against the nail tip from side wall to side wall. Repeat until all tips have been fitted.

2. Apply tip – Place a drop of glue onto the tip, then firmly Press and hold the tip onto the Nail, holding for 10 seconds. Cut down and Shape the tip to desired length. Wipe away all dust from nails. Repeat application for each tip.

3. Apply Cuccio Veneer™ #1 PREP to the natural nail and allow to air dry.

4. Apply a thin coat of Cuccio Veneer™ #2 FUSE or primer over each of the entire natural nail beds. *Do not apply onto the Nail Tip. Allow to air dry.

5. Apply a coat of T3 LED/UV Flex gel over the entire nail and tip, *lightly capping the Free Edge of the tip. *Pay close attention to the cuticles and side walls, being sure not to flood any gel in these areas as it will cause Lifting. *If this does occur, use Rubbing Alcohol to remove the excess from this area, before Curing.

6. Cure for 1 min. under LED or 2 min. under a UV Lamp.

7. Apply a second coat of T3 LED/UV Flex gel over the entire nail and tip, *again, lightly capping the Free Edge of the tip.

*We recommended a minimum of 2 layers of T3 LED/

UV Flex gel per nail. However, if you have clients whom are more aggressive with their nails; you can build with additional coats.

8. Using a cotton pad, that's damp with either Finishing Wipe or Sani Spray, remove the sticky layer left behind, after fully cured.

9. Use a 180-grit file to perfect the structure and shape of your nail.

*if needed, reference details on how to file nails in your manual under the Professional Technique chapter.

10. Use Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat or Cuccio Pro™ UV gel seal to finish the nail, leaving a smooth and glossy finish.

11. Cure this topcoat under a LED lamp for 1 minute or 2 minutes under a UV lamp.

If you choose Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat – remove the sticky layer using Cuccio Veneer™ Conditioning Cleanser. Then finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

If you choose Cuccio Pro™ UV gel seal this product does not have a tacky layer, so you only need to finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

Maintenance

Maintenance should be done when nails are cracked, chipped or grown out. Most clients will need Maintenance every 2-3 weeks.

1. Remove Lacquer OR if you have used Veneer, file the color off of the Gel Nails. Wash hands.

2. File back any gel that has lifted or is loose. *Do not pull or pry off.

3. Push back and remove cuticles, shape and file the nail.

4. Buff the new nail growth with a buffer.

5. Lightly file the gel area to blend in the natural nail at the regrowth area.

6. Wipe away all dust

7. Apply #1 PREP to the new growth area ONLY.

8. Apply #2 FUSE or Bonder to the new growth area ONLY.

9. Apply T3 LED/UV Flex gel on the new nail growth area and blend onto existing gel nail.

10. Cure for 1 min. under LED or 2 min. under a UV Lamp.

11. Take cotton pad and dampen with Finishing Wipe or Sani Spray – to remove sticky residue left behind.

12. File and shape nails.

13. Seal with Cuccio Veneer™ Topcoat or Pro™ UV Gel Seal to finish the nail. Cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under a UV Lamp.

If you choose Cuccio Veneer™ #5 Topcoat – remove the sticky layer using Cuccio Veneer™ Conditioning Cleanser. Then finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

If you choose Cuccio Pro™ UV gel seal this product does not have a tacky layer, so you only need to finish with applying Cuticle Oil.

Removal of Nails

1. Clip nails back to Natural Free Edge.
2. Lightly file the tips of nails to loosen gel adhesion between tip and natural nail.
3. Carefully, file over the application of T3 LED / UV FLEX GEL, being sure not to file into the natural nails, as this will cause damage and discomfort.
4. Repeat as necessary, until all Gel is gone
5. Wash hands with soap and water.

Best Results

1. Keep lid on the gel at all times to prevent exposure to light and contamination.
2. Keep far away from natural sunlight
3. Maintenance Client's nails every 2-4 weeks.
4. Make sure hands and gel are at room temperature before applying.
5. Keep your Lamp bulbs clean of dust and replace UV Bulbs regularly.

*Note the application technique can also be used with all Cuccio Pro™ Acrylic and Gel Systems.



Cuccio Pro T3 LED/UV Cool cure Versatility Gel

Gel nails are known to be odour-free and chip resistant, making them a big hit with clients. Gel with Fiberglass will add strength to the enhancement. They are easier to create and apply compared to acrylic nails. Cuccio T3™ UV/LED Gel is a versatile, Self leveling controlled formula that will help you to achieve gorgeous, durable, lightweight and flexible nails in no time at all. We will teach you the latest trends on nail shapes and the fastest way to apply gels.

This system can be applied over natural nails, tips or as extensions. Available in clear and pink.

Benefits of Fibergel:

- Odor free
- Single Gel Formula- no need to mix
- Cooler cure technology- No burning sensation
- Formulated to reduce the exothermic reaction
- Easy application with no multiple steps
- Non-Yellowing
- First gel that guarantees to makes the fiber completely disappear
- Reinforces the natural nail and adds strength and durability
- Better polish retention
- Less filing times

Chemistry of the Products

- Cuccio Pro™ 2 gm. Instant Nail Glue- A low viscosity super glue with impact resistance.
- T3 LED/UV Versatility Self Leveling Clear Gel- Was formulated with “control” in mind it is a medium viscosity self-leveling formula. Major benefit is the flexible factor which gives it strength. Hard gels have a tighter structure and low molecular weight, which makes them more resistant to acetone and other chemicals. They are Less penetrable and the products need to be filed or buffed off for removal.
- Fiberglass- Adhesive backed and Available in a roll, strips or in pre-cut fingers.
- Prep- Is a dehydrator for natural nails and removes all moisture that could be encased in the nails after client’s washing their hands.

It is also used with LED/UV Gel.

- Fuse- This is a PH balancer product, not an acid. It Assist in the adhesion . Extends product wear . It is used with Veneer and Gel T3- LED/UV.
- Top Coat- This high gloss, final layer is a shield for Veneer. It repels scratches and cracks, leaving the nails bright during all their time of use. This is the final step to be used with the Veneer Gel Polish and the T3 Gel by Cuccio.
- Nylon Gel Flat Brush- Nylon Gel Brush for more controlled application.
- Finishing Wipe- 80% Isopropyl Alcohol. Will remove tackiness. Do not use cotton alone. Can be used to remove tackiness from gel brushes.

In this workshop you will learn:

- Chemistry of the Cuccio™ LED/UV Self Leveling Gels and Fiber glass
- Gel application over tips and natural nails
- Perfect application techniques of fiberglass
- Trendy nail application

FIBERGEL LED/UV CLASS

Removal of Nails:

1. Clip nails back to free edge
2. Lightly file to the tips of nails to loosen gel adhesion
3. Soak in acetone for 10 minutes and wipe gel off with paper towel or file excess gel off. The gel will dissolve in layers
4. Repeat as necessary

Tips and tricks

1. Always work slowly with gel, you will ensure less time spent on finishing. You can never “over-cure” gel nails, but you can “under-cure” them.
2. Do not overwork the gel. This can cause bubbles.
3. The gel will continue to harden for the first 24 hours following application. Instruct your customer to take extra care with her nails during this time.
4. Instruct your client not to file their nails after application. This can result in a broken seal at the free edge and can initiate chipping or peeling of the gel.
5. Should any gel get on the skin or cuticle, stop and wipe the area thoroughly with a pad moistened with Finishing Wipe. This will minimize the chances of an allergic reaction or skin irritation.
6. Replace the UV lamp bulb regularly to ensure the efficient curing of the gel. It is recommended to keep an extra bulb on hand as UV bulbs don't “burn out” like an ordinary incandescent bulb. Even though the bulb may appear to be normally lit, the UV output may be low resulting in incomplete curing. A good time to change the bulb is twice a year when you move the clocks to or from daylight savings time.
7. Periodically clean the UV lamp bulb with Finishing Wipe to remove dust. Be sure the lamp is unplugged, and the bulb has cooled down.
8. Gel should be at room temperature before application.
9. Always keep lid on gel container to prevent exposure to light
10. Keep jar away from natural sunlight, it will ruin the gel.

Maintenance Fills

Before you begin, wash your hands and have your client do the same. Sanitize your hands and then your client's hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray. Before application, you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticle from the nail plate. File natural nail with a 180 grit zebra file. Clean all the dust off the nails.

1. Gently blend the enhancement flush to the nail plate in the cuticle area. Take back the length and rebalance if necessary. Remove the filings with a nail scrub brush. Pray with Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray.
2. Using a lint free pad moistened with Finishing Wipe, cleanse the nails to remove the natural oils.
3. Apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 Prep to the entire natural nail only.
4. Apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE to the entire natural nail only. Do not apply Fuse to existing product.
5. With your gel brush, apply proper amount of T3 Fibergel™ in the cuticle area and 3-stroke down to the free edge. Tap the side walls and free edge with a prepared brush to properly seal in the enhancement.
6. Cure in the MaxPro5 or MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 min.
7. Repeat T3 Fibergel™ application
8. Repeat sealing application
9. Cure in the MaxPro5 or MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 minutes using a lint free pad moistened With Finishing Wipe, wipe the nails to remove tackiness.
10. Apply Cuccio Cuticle oil of your preference.

FIBERGEL LED/UV CLASS

Fiber Fill

Every other fill, you should do a Fiber Fill. The directions are the same as the Maintenance fills except after Step #5; cure for 1 minute and then do the following steps:

1. Using a gel brush, apply generous layer of T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling clear gel Crisscross from the cuticle to the free edge finish with a 3- stroke application (similar to applying polish) from the cuticle to the free edge to ensure smoothness.
2. Before curing, apply proper size of fiberglass to the wet gel staying 1/16" away from the cuticle, side wall and free edge. Be sure the entire fiberglass is saturated and settled into the T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling versatility clear gel by using a clean birchwood stick. Tap the side walls and free edge with a prepared brush to properly seal in the enhancement (prepared brush is when you wipe both sides of the brush onto the lip of the T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling clear gel container; so, your brush has little product before you tap the side wall areas. Be careful not to have too much product on brush).
3. Cure in the MaxPro5 or MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 min.
4. Using a gel brush, apply a generous layer of T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling clear gel Crisscross from the cuticle to the free edge finish with a 3-stroke application (similar to applying polish) from the cuticle to the free edge to ensure smoothness).
5. Cure in the MaxPro5 or MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 minutes using a lint free pad moistened With Finishing Wipe, wipe the nails to remove tackiness

These are the finishing options:

- Option A - File the product with a 180 file or electric file clean the nail and apply UV/LED gel seal and use the LED/UV lamp.
- Option B. File the nails with a 180 grit file or a electric file. Buff the nails with a white block, Apply Cuccio Colour of your preference.
- Option C- File the product with a 180 file or electric file clean the nail and apply Cuccio Veneer colour of your preference.

Target Salons

- Full service salons that discourage systems due to odor
- High end day spas
- Natural nail care salon
- Technicians wishing to expand their services
- Great for chipping, peeling or splitting nails

SERVICE TIME: 1 - 1 ½ Hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

- To complete a more technical gel application over a nail tip adding the strength of the fiber glass to the enhancement.

Expectation

Achieve gorgeous, durable, lightweight and flexible nails in no time, while adding strength.

Step-By-Steps

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Tip application. Size the natural nail with your desired tip. Make sure the tip covers the width of the natural nail from corner to corner. Apply tip. Cut the tip and file to desired shape and length.

2. Apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 Prep to the natural nail. Allow to dry.

3. Apply Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE to the entire natural nail only.

4. Using a gel brush, apply a thin layer of T3 LED/ UV versatility self-leveling clear gel Crisscross from the cuticle to the free edge; this allows for proper coverage. Finish with a 3- stroke application (similar to applying polish) from the cuticle to the free edge to ensure smoothness. Wipe both sides of the gel brush on the lip of the T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling clear gel container. Gently tap the side walls and free edge to seal the nail. This step will ensure proper retention and will help to avoid peeling.

5. Cure in the MAXPRO2 LED Lamp for 1 minute or an UV lamp for 2 min.

6. Using a gel brush, apply generous layer of T3 LED/ UV versatility self leveling clear gel Crisscross from the cuticle to the free edge finish with a 3- stroke application (similar to applying polish) from the cuticle to the free edge to ensure smoothness.

7. Before curing, apply proper size of fiberglass to the wet gel staying 1/16" away from the cuticle, side wall and free edge. Be sure the entire fiberglass is saturated and settled into the T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling clear gel by using a clean birchwood stick. Tap the side walls and free edge with a prepared brush to properly seal in the enhancement (prepared brush is

when you wipe both sides of the brush onto the lip of the T3 LED/UV versatility self leveling clear gel container; so, your brush has little product before you tap the side wall areas. Be careful not to have too much product on brush).

8. Cure in the MaxPro5 or MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 min. This completes the reinforcement step.

9. Using a gel brush, apply a generous layer of T3 LED/ UV versatility self leveling clear gel Crisscross from the cuticle to the free edge finish with a 3-stroke application (similar to applying polish) from the cuticle to the free edge to ensure smoothness).

10. Cure in the MaxPro5 or MaxPro2 LED lamp for 1 minute or a UV lamp for 2 minutes using a lint free pad moistened With Finishing Wipe, wipe the nails to remove tackiness. *Note: if any imperfections should occur; use the following options. Use a white block or 180 grit file. Do not break the seal by over lifting side walls or free edge.

Products You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ T3 LED/UV Controlled Self-Leveling Clear Hard Gel
- Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray
- Cuccio Pro™ Prep N' Scrub
- Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer Conditioning Cleanser
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 TOP
- Cuccio Pro Fiberglass

Tools You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro2 LED Lamp or UV Lamp
- Cuticle Pusher
- Zebra 180 Grit File
- Gel Brush
- Scissors





T3 LED/UV GEL WITH CALCIUM CLASS

T3 LED/UV Gel with Calcium

The wellness solution for Nails!

Nail techs need to offer a variety of services. On those services needs to have a healthy option for nails. With our Cuccio Calcium LED/UV versatility gel you will fulfill the needs of brittle weak, sensitive nails. Learn how Cuccio Calcium LED/UV versatility gel works and help to repair unhealthy nails.

Cuccio Calcium LED/UV Versatility Gel is a one-component UV-cure gel system designed to overlay the natural nail with a calcium-fortified gel. This glossy, crystal-clear coating bonds securely to the natural nail surface forming a durable, protective layer that will allow the nail to grow to the desired length free from cracking, splitting and peeling.

If improperly applied, a typical gel overlay can chip, separate or peel from the natural nail at the “free edge”. With Cuccio Calcium LED/UV Versatility Gel system, utilizing our exclusive Cuccio Calcium LED/UV Versatility Gel eliminates these problems. This specially designed form allows the Cuccio Calcium LED/UV Versatility Gel to be extended just beyond where the natural nail ends. Once the nail free edge is completely “encased” with gel, the chance of “de-bonding” is minimized or eliminated.

Cuccio Calcium LED/UV Versatility Gel is a very rewarding service to offer clients. To market this service successfully, you must assure your client that you are not simply creating extensions, but rather preserving, protecting and nurturing her own nails so that they can grow to a desired length naturally. Within six weeks your customer should see a big difference in the length of her nails, and what's more, she can tell everyone that they are her own!

Cuccio Calcium LED/UV Versatility Gel is a self-leveling or medium consistency.

Benefits

- Reinforces natural nails structure by strengthening weak and brittle nails.
- Works with all Cuccio Pro™, Cuccio Veneer™ & Cuccio Colour™ products.
- This product is fortified with calcium to strengthen, help grow the natural nail and prevent cracking and desquamation of the nails.



T3 LED/UV GEL WITH CALCIUM

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 30 Min - 1 Hour

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Gel system designed to overlay the natural nail with a calcium-fortified gel. This glossy, crystal -clear coating bonds securely to the natural nail surface forming a durable, protective layer that will allow the nail to grow to the desired length free from cracking, splitting and peeling.

Expectations

An easy application that nurture the natural nail so that they can grow to a desired length naturally.

Step-by-Steps

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Using Cuccio Pro antibacterial, spray the nail plate and wipe immediately with a lint-free pad to remove any remaining dust, debris and oil. This product will also serve to dehydrate and sanitize the nail.
2. After following the steps to prepare the nails, apply Cuccio Veneer #1 PREP to the nail. Allow to air dry.
3. Apply Cuccio Veneer #2 Fuse to the entire natural nail ONLY.
4. With a gel brush apply Cuccio Pro Forms to fit snugly under the nail free edge. The forms are specially designed to allow you to extend the gel to a point just past the end of the nail in order to encase the free edge.
5. Apply a moderate amount of T3 Calcium LED/UV gel to the nail. Using a light stroking motion, gently "float" gel from the cuticle area to the free edge being sure to cover the entire nail. Pat and pull an extra amount of gel onto the nail form and shape to create a short gel extension ending about 1/8" past the natural nail free edge. Do not get the gel too close to the skin at the cuticle or nail grooves. This will cause lifting.
6. Cure nails by placing fingers in the UV lamp for 2 minutes. LED lamp, cure for 1 minute. If the clients nails are thin or weak they may feel a slight heat sensation.
7. Repeat step 5 and 6 only if the nails are too thin; this will add strength.
8. Remove tacky layer. The curing process will have left a sticky layer on the surface of the nail. Remove this tacky film by wiping it with a lint-free pad moistened with Cuccio Pro Finishing Wipe. With a new moistened pad, thoroughly wipe the skin area surrounding the nail as well as under-neath the free edge to completely remove

all traces of gel. This is very important since any gel left behind on the skin may cause irritation.

9. Lightly file with a 180 grit zebra file to shape nails at the free edge (being careful not to file away the gel extension). With a white block, lightly buff the entire nail to create a smooth, even surface. Any shiny areas indicate dips or low spots that will need to be filled with the final coat of gel. Remove residual filing dust with a lint-free pad moistened with Cuccio Pro Finishing Wipe.

10. Use Cuccio Pro LED/UV Gel Seal or Cuccio Veneer #5 for finishing this nail. It saves you time buffing the scratches from filing with a 180 grit file and leaves the nail glossy smooth. Apply a thin even coat to the nail.

For polish finishing, just buffer and apply Cuccio Colour of your preference.

For a protective base, just finish the nail until filing with a 180 grit file then apply the extension of your preference.

Products You Will Need:

- T3 Calcium LED/UV Gel - 2 oz.
- Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray
- Cuccio Pro™ Prep N' Scrub
- Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer Conditioning Cleanser
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 TOP

Tools You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro5 LED Lamp or UV Lamp
- Cuticle Pusher
- Zebra 180 Grit File
- Gel Brush



Every woman wants to have the perfect nails but not all are born with flawless nail beds. To achieve the perfect-looking long nail bed we need to apply acrylic, gels, gel polish but;

- Acrylic- smells and take time
- Gels- can't be remove easily only by filling
- Gel polish – will not change the appearance of the nails

Since launching our builders, we have seen the product evolve and how it has diversified. We set out to make a product that was easy to apply without the need for many tools, was odorless, translucent like gel and easily removed with acetone, the end result.... brush-On builder! Over the last 2 years I have discovered that our brush-On Builder is the perfect product to help maintain and grow nails. The testimonies are dramatic of how you can grow long, strong nails while keeping them natural looking, as well as solving the problem of detachment or lifting in acrylic and gel applications. It can also be used with fiberglass and you can adhere any tip or full cover tip with it.

Benefits

- Allows you to construct, fill, build & shape the natural nail, with the ease of brushing on.
- Reinforces natural nails structure by strengthening weak and brittle nails.
- Works with all Cuccio Pro™, Cuccio Veneer™ & Cuccio Colour™ items.
- Easily soaks-off.
- 100% pure soak off gel
- Self-leveling formula without shrinking effect.
- Base gel coat for gel polish that has an extra elastic and flexible nature
- Creamy application without running
- Superior adhesive function
- Use for an no lift,extra flexible coat before Hard gel and acrylic application.
- Holds its shape on a form beautifully for less filing to get the shape you want.
- Appealing to manicure clients accustomed to using nail lacquer and makes a transition to long-lasting gel services quick and easy.

Tips & Tricks

1. Keep lid on the gel at all times to prevent exposure to light and contamination. Keep far away from natural sunlight. It will ruin the gel.
2. Nails should be removed every 2 or 3 weeks.
3. Make sure hands and gel are at room temperature before applying.
4. Keep your Lamp bulbs clean of dust.
5. Brush on Builder can be used with primer or fuse depends on the client nails need.
6. Brush on Builder can be used with any other brand of gel polish.
7. Can be used to do refills on acrylic and hard gels.

NOW AVAILABLE IN 6 NATURAL SHADES!

To match limitless skin undertones.

Same benefits as the original Brush-On Builder.



CHEMISTRY OF THE PRODUCT

The unique formula of the Brush on Builder with calcium is a mix of a various oligomers made primarily from urethane (meth)acrylates and calcium. Which allows the product to have good adhesion, good flow and flexibility. A light molecular weight meaning that the nail does not feel heavy.

Regular hard gels can not be dissolve or remove with acetone but the Brush on Builder with calcium can because of the unique formula.

How it's cured- Cure with a free radical reaction (when the photoinitiator in the resin reacts with the wavelengths emitted by the lamp)

Calcium will help protect the natural nail from delamination.

In this workshop you will learn:

- Chemistry of the product.
- How to apply the Brush on Builder with calcium on tips and nail forms.

REMOVAL

1. Using 180-grit, file 20% of the existing product.
2. Saturate a cotton ball with acetone, wrapping onto the nail with a small square of foil.
3. Soak-off time will vary between 15-20 minutes

Using the Soak-Off Remover tool, gently glide any remaining product off the nail.

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BRUSH-ON BUILDER WITH CALCIUM

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 1 - 2 Hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Gel soak off system designed to overlay the natural nail with a calcium-fortified gel. That removes easily in two weeks.

Expectations

An easy 30 min application that nurture the natural nail and can be remove in two weeks.

Step by Step

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Apply Cuccio Veneer Step #2 FUSE, on the entire natural nail.
 2. Apply Cuccio Pro™ nail forms onto the Free Edge of the nails.
 3. Apply the first coat of Brush-On Builder with Calcium, on the natural nail, from about 1/3 of the nail plate forward to construct the free edge. Cure for 30 seconds under LED or 2 minutes under UV. This step will start building the apex of the nail.
 4. Apply a second coat Brush-On Builder with Calcium onto entire nail. Flip the hand and wait aprox. 5 to 10 seconds to form the apex of the nail. Cure for 30 seconds under LED or 2 minutes under UV.
- PRO TIP: Depending on the condition of the nail, you can apply an extra layer for reinforcement or just create and apex.
5. To remove the sticky layer use Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe.
 6. Perfect the surface of the nail using a 180-grit file.

Options for applying colour and finishing the nail:

Option A - After filing with a 180-grit file apply Cuccio colour Veneer.

Option B - After filing with a 180 grit Buff the nails with a white block. Apply Cuccio Nail Solutions base coat, colour and high gloss top coat.

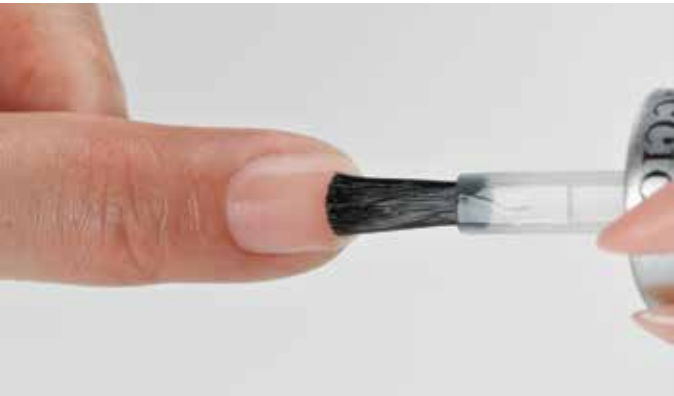
Products You Will Need:

- Brush-On Builder with Calcium
- Cuccio Pro Forms
- Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray
- Cuccio Pro™ Prep N' Scrub
- Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 TOP

Tools You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro2 LED Lamp or UV Lamp
- Cuticle Pusher
- Zebra 180 Grit File





BRUSH-ON COLOUR BUILDER GEL

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 1 - 1 ½ hours

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Brush on Colour Builder Gel using Sassy Pink.

Step-by-Steps

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Dehydrate all ten nails using Cuccio Veneer Step #1 PREP Allow this to air dry.
2. Apply Cuccio Veneer Step #2 FUSE, or primer on the entire natural nail.
3. Apply Cuccio Pro™ nail forms onto the free edge of the nails.
4. Apply the first coat of Brush on Builder Clear to the natural nail, from cuticle to free edge. Cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under UV.

Optional step: depends on the condition of the natural nail and application you can remove the form and file the clear Builder layer to achieve a even smooth surface to apply the Brush on Builder in colour.

5. Apply the first coat of Brush on Colour Builder Gel to the natural nail, from about 1/3 of the nail plate forward to construct the free edge. Cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under UV.
6. Apply a second coat of Brush on Colour Builder Gel onto the entire nail. Cure for 1 minute under LED or 2 minutes under UV.
7. To remove the sticky layer use Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe.
8. Perfect the surface of the nail using a 180-grit file.
9. Apply Gel top coat





In this class to learn how to achieve a full set of nails in just minutes using Cuccio Pro's revolutionary techniques with our full coverage tips and Brush-On Builders. The full coverage tips are applied over your entire nail bed and are clear so you can design them however you like.

Cuccio Pro Full Coverage Tips come in different shapes and lengths and can be attached with any of our Brush-On Builders (clear and colored!).

Instead of gluing the full coverage tips over your nails you can adhere them with our #1 product, Cuccio Pro™ Brush-On Builder with Calcium to ensure a better adhesion, with no bubbles and protect the natural nail from damage.

- 4 trendy elegant shapes
- Can be used by seasoned professionals as well as beginners
- 3+ weeks adhesion
- Easy removal in 20 minutes



BRUSH-ON BUILDER WITH CALCIUM TIP EXPRESS

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 20-40 minutes

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Achieve a full set of nails in just minutes using Cuccio Pro's revolutionary techniques with our full coverage tips and Brush-On Builders.

Expectations:

An easy 30 min application that can be remove in two weeks.

Step by Steps:

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Shape and dehydrate the nails.
2. Apply Cuccio Veneer Fuse or primer on the entire natural nail you will decide which one depends on the nail condition.
3. Size the nail tips on all ten fingers so they are ready and waiting.
4. Buff or file the UNDERSIDE contact area of the nail tip to take the smooth shine away.
5. Apply a thin layer of the Brush-On Builder to the natural nail and cure for 10 sec in the LED lamp. This will help to avoid bubbles during application especially when the natural nail are flat.
6. Apply Cuccio Pro™ Brush-On Builder on the underside filed area of the full coverage tip and flip it and apply on the nails at a 45 degree angle to press out air bubbles, and press into place until gel fills up the natural nail. If possible, clean off any excess gel on the side of the nail before curing.
7. Hold the tip in place, go under the light and continue to hold it for 10 seconds and then release and continue to cure for a full minute. It is important to hold the tip down initially as the light cure it.
8. When finish applying 5 fingers proceed to cure for the full minute.
9. Style as desired.



UNIVERSAL SOAK OFF BASE

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: 15 - 35 Minutes

(Depending on the skill level of the technician)

Goal

Create a perfect smooth even nail base to apply gel polish.

Expectations

Convert a imperfect damage natural nail to a smooth even surface.

Cuccio Pro™ Universal Soak Off Base is a water resistant base coat that is flexible and bends together with the nail. It's designed to give extra strength to flaky, brittle, thin or splitting nails. It's a thicker viscosity to level all defects of the nail bed and creates perfectly even nail surface.

Benefits

- Works with leading brand systems.
- Accelerated Soak-Off Time - Removes in half the time.
- Cures under LED or UV.

Step by Step

Before starting the application, spray your hands and then your client hands using Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray you must perform a prep manicure. Remove excess cuticles on the nail plate. Eliminate natural shine with a coarse buffer or 180 file grit. Clean all the dust off the nails. Using a lint free pad saturate with Cuccio Prep N' Scrub and scrub the nail plate and underneath the free edge to ensure proper adhesion.

1. Apply your desired Brand of Fuse or Bonder to all 10 nails, curing one hand at a time.

2. Start by applying a thin coat of Cuccio Pro™ Universal Soak-off Base one hand at a time, being sure to seal the free edge of each nail. Cure this hand for 30 seconds under LED or for 2 minutes under a UV Lamp. Repeat on the opposite hand.

PRO TIP: If the nails have ridges apply the Base parallel to the side walls of the natural nail to fill the ridges.

3. Apply the choosen GEL POLISH; following the specific Brands usual application process.

4. Apply choosen TOP COAT, being sure to seal the Free Edge of each Nail. Cure based on the specific Brands usual application process.

5. If necessary, be sure to remove the Sticky Layer, before applying cuticle oil.

Removal

1. Using a 180-grit file, break the seal, thoroughly removing the shine from the layer of top coat.

2. Saturate a cotton ball with a chosen Soak-Off Remover Solution or acetone, wrapping onto the nail with a small square of foil.

3. Soak-off time will vary between 7-10 minutes.

4. Using the Soak-Off Remover tool, gently glide any remaining product off the nail.

Products You Will Need:

- Brush-On Builder with Calcium
- Cuccio Pro Forms
- Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Cleansing Spray
- Cuccio Pro™ Prep N' Scrub
- Cuccio Pro™ Finishing Wipe
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #1 PREP
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #2 FUSE
- Cuccio Colour™ Veneer #5 TOP

Tools You Will Need:

- Cuccio Pro™ MaxPro5 LED Lamp or UV Lamp
- Cuticle Pusher
- Zebra 180 Grit File



Cuccio Pro Lamps 2020

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Benefits	Cures Most Gel Polish and Top Coats.Touch Control Button Cures in 30 + 60 Second Modes.Powered by USB for Quick + Easy Charging.Emits professional level 380-410 nm wavelength light.Portable, Travel Size Foldable + Easy to Store	Quickly cure all 5 fingers at the same time. Nail-shape-related Curve Interior Case Design.LCD Control Panel displays the time with On/Off Button and Timer Button.Removable tray.Power Output 18 W.Wavelength 395nm to 405nm	Cures Most Gel Polish, Top Coats and clear hard gels.Power Output 6W.4 fingers lamp.OneTouch On/Off.Light weight best for carry around for mobile Nail Professionals	Quickly cure all 5 fingers at the same time.LCD Control Panel displays the time with On/Off Button and Timer Button.Power Output 18 W.Wavelength 395nm to 405nm.White Case Design to maximize the power of wavelength
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PROFESSIONAL TECHNIQUES

In this section you will find helpful hints to help teach classes, improve your nail skills, better understand the chemistry of all nail products, and fully understand all your responsibilities as a professional nail technician.

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NAIL PREPERATION

STEP-BY-STEPS

These steps are the basis for a correct nail preparation for all systems whether you are sculpting, applying tip or just coating the natural nail.

Step-by-Steps

1. Use the Cuccio Pro™ Antibacterial Spray and spray the hands of the client and yours.
2. Using a cuticle pusher, gently push back the cuticle.
3. With a 220 grit file, shape the free edge of the natural nail.
4. Using a 180 grit file or higher, remove the shine from the nail plate.





Golden Nail Forms - Self-Adhesive Nail Form

- Number marks to help you to get the desired length & shape.
- Suitable for professional use or personal use.
- Suitable for acrylic nail extension or UV gel nail extension.
- An essential toolkit for nail art practitioners, trainers and students.



Black Cuccio Pro Forms - Self-Adhesive Nail Form

- Lines marks to help you get the desired length & shape.
- This nail form has extra lines to help you do trendy nail shapes like, oval and stiletto nails.
- It's a wider nail form to give that extra firmness when you are sculpting.
- Suitable for professional use or personal use.
- Suitable for acrylic nail extension or UV gel nail extension.

HOW TO APPLY A NAIL FORM

STEP-BY-STEPS

SERVICE TIME: Nail forms should take less time to apply than tips. Remember, there is no tip wells to file.

Goal

- Understand how to properly apply a nail form
- Take the fear out of sculpting

Expectation

To be able to construct an artificial nail without the need of applying tips. Tips won't fit challenging nail types (*like nail biters*). Mastering the use of forms and sculpting will make application easier on these more challenging Clients.

Step-by-Steps

1. Peel the form from the wax paper backing
2. Remove the middle sticker. Some technicians like to apply the middle sticker behind the form to hold a c-curve better. The Cuccio Pro™ Nail forms are stiff enough that you do not need to use the middle sticker.
3. Holding the form between your two hands, roll it in your hands to give the form a c-curve.
4. Using the side edges of the natural nail free edge, catch the sides of the form and slide it into place using the side corners of the nail like as a guide. As you slide it up the nail slip the form under the nail.
5. Stick the form to the sides of the finger to keep it in place.
6. Line up the very ends, PERFECTLY and stick them together. If you do not line these up, you will cause the nail to be crooked.
7. Tighten up the top of the form at the finger by sticking the sides together.
8. If you are going to do a pointed stiletto nail, close the end of the form so that it forms a point.

Products You Will Need:

Cuccio Pro™ Nail Forms

Do not throw away those stickers in the middle of the nail form. They are GREAT for so many things. The first, polish or soak-off gel masking for a smile line in a French manicure. Apply the sticker over the nail bed and use the curve to assist you in your smile lines. My personal favorite is using them with fiberglass artificial nails. I will stick them to the fiber and hold it by the sticker. You are then able to peel the backing away AND if you give the sticker a c-curve and hold it, the fiberglass will stay rigid as you line it up on the nail. Without it the fiberglass flops making it harder to line up properly.



HOW TO APPLY A NAIL TIP

cuccio[™]
STEP-BY-STEP

For tip applications, Cuccio Pro[™] has a range of different tips, for different types of nails.

ULTRA WEAR - For nails with a gentle upper arch.

FRENCH WHITE - A cut-out tip that provides a perfect smile line and does not require blending.

REVELATION - A cut out well area and more curve in the lower arch.

VAMP - A well-less pointed tip, perfect for the trending shapes.

It is always important to choose the correct tip that will ensure long lasting enhancements and beautiful nails.

Step-by-Steps

1. Choose the correct tip for the prepared nail.
2. Apply a small drop of adhesive to the contact area of the tip.
3. Cut the tip.
4. Using a 180 grit file, file the tip until it looks perfectly natural.
5. Remove all dust with a nail brush.





Cuccio has been a global leader in the development and marketing of high performance professional boards and blocks for the salon environment.

The main reason for the longevity and success of our buffers and files products is due to our relationship with the Fuji Star organization – the premiere abrasives manufacturer in the world. Compared to global competitors such as 3M Fuji has consistently created the highest performing products for Cuccio. Our products are designed specifically for high performance and longevity to meet the demands of today's professional nail technicians and nail artists.

A little bit of history!

Marie Antoinette was known for her obsession with the *lime à ongles*, which was a nail file-like tool made of pumice stone. When her perfectly shaped nails were seen, it became the latest female trend in the French Court of Versailles in the 17th century. The pumice stone was carved into a pencil like shape, which was used to trim and shape the edges of the nail. This tool would not be disposed after use, but would be hand washed by the maids and placed by the bathtub to be used again.

Thanks to Marie Antoinette for creating the most valued tool for all nail technicians!



Boomerang Zebra w/Foam

Boomerang Zebra w/Foam 180 grit

Made of silicon carbide with zinc stearate coating (a.k.a. zebra). This abrasive is sealed in a lubricant which prevents dust or any particle from clogging its grit. This medium file (180grit) is best for smoothing enhancement and natural nails. Good for filing both finger and toenails.



Black Boomerang w/Foam

Black Boomerang w/Foam 100/180 grit

Made of silicon carbide. This is one of the hardest known substances. It helps file deeper faster than any other abrasive. The 100 grit side is for shaping acrylic and taking the length or surface down quickly. The 180 grit side is best for smoothing enhancement and natural nails. Good for filing both finger and toenails.



Black w/Foam Blue Center

Black w/Foam Blue Center 80 grit

Made of silicon carbide. This is one of the hardest known substances. It helps file deeper faster than any other abrasive shaping acrylic and taking the length or surface down quickly.



Black w/Foam Red Center

Black w/Foam Red Center 100 grit

Made of silicon carbide. This is one of the hardest known substances. It helps file deeper faster than any other abrasive. Shaping acrylic and taking the length or surface down quickly.



Zebra w/Foam

Zebra w/Foam 180/180 grit

Made of Silicon carbide with zinc stearate coating (a.k.a. Zebra). This abrasive is sealed in a lubricant which prevents dust or any particle from clogging its grit. A medium file (180 grit) for smoothing artificial nails and natural nails like most tips and wraps, the lowest grit appropriate for natural nails. Good for filing both finger and toenails.



Yellow Tiflon Sanitizable

Yellow Tiflon Sanitizable 240/240 grit

A straight yellow Tiflon nail file with a very fine 240/240 grit surface ideally suited for finishing and glossing. The high-quality abrasive paper is washable and extremely durable. Fine Files 240-600 grit are best for removing small bumps, ridges or discolorations and for shaping the free edge of natural nails. Good for filing down and shaping weak nails.



White Center Sani File

**White Center Sani File
80/80 grit**

Can be safely washed and soaked in sanitizing solution. Coarse files (80 grit) are best for acrylic nail extensions.

**Natural Nail File
Made of wood.**


Natural Nail File

**Pink Center Sani File
80/100 grit**

Can be safely washed and soaked in sanitizing solution. 100 shaping acrylic and taking the length or surface down quickly. Coarse files (80 grit) are best for acrylic nail extensions.



Pink Center Sani File

**Green Center Sani File
100/80**

Can be safely washed and soaked in sanitizing solution. 100/180 Grit Coarse and Medium. The coarse side is for heavy sanding on acrylic nails. Not to be used on natural nails. Medium side is for medium sanding on acrylic nails. It may be used for filing nail edge on natural nails.



Green Center Sani File

Santizable Orange Block

For acrylics, wraps, and gels can be safely washed and soaked in sanitizing solution made of Silicon carbide. This is one of the hardest known substances. It helps to file deeper, faster, than any other abrasive on the market.



Santizable Orange Block

**Angle Zebra Board
120/120 grit**

Made of silicon carbide with zinc stearate coating (a.k.a. zebra). This abrasive is sealed in a lubricant which prevents dust or any particle from clogging its grit. Use to file the nail surface and to shape the entire nail. Can also be use to blend tips, artificial nails to the natural nail and to remove any lifting prior to new product application.



Angel Zebra Board

Additional Product information

The extremely important fact you must always remember, is to prepare your file before its first use. sides/edges of a new file are very sharp and could easily cut clients cuticle or side walls. Always get rid of those sharp edges by filing edge to edge with another file.

Silicon Carbide

This is one of the hardest known substances. It helps file deeper faster than any other abrasive. However, it leaves black dust on the nails when used.

Silicon Carbide

A bluish-black or green synthetic crystalline compound. Individual crystals have jagged edges with high peaks and valleys; cuts deeper, faster; tends to shed black dust on the nails during use.

Aluminum oxide.

This abrasive is a type of file that can be dyed in different colors. It has the same grit and pressure as the silicon carbide but it does not leave bits of the file or damage the natural nails.

Garnet

Garnet is most commonly used on wood files. It is long-lasting and also inexpensive.

Silicon Carbide With Zinc Sterate Coating (Zebra):

The zinc stearate coating is a lubricant that prevents the grit from loading up with filing dust; grit feels smoother than the same grit of other abrasives.

HOW TO FILE OVAL SHAPED NAILS

STEP-BY-STEPS

Goal

- Teach how to achieve an oval nail shape following simple steps.

Expectation

To be able to create nails with the latest trend shapes of today.

Step-by-Steps

1. After finishing the application use a 180 grit file and place the file at a 45° angle from the cuticle area and file with inverse U movements
2. File until the cuticle area looks flush and without any bumps or marks.
3. Using a red marker (only for the class like a guide) make 3 different arrows to show the directions where to file.
4. First file the middle arrow placing the 180 grit file flat from the middle of the nail towards the free edge.
5. Continue filing one of the sides following the arrow with a movement directing to the side of the nail.
6. Place the file on top of the arrow and start filing following the direction of the arrow.
7. Follow the same steps and file the other side of the nail.
8. To file the lower arch area turn the hand completely and align the 220 grit file with the bone of the finger and use it like a guide. Keep filing until you reach a straight line.
8. After filing the lower arch use a buffer to finish the nail and use the top coat of your choice. This is the final look for this nail shape.

Products You Will Need:

180 grit file
220 grit file
White sanding block





HOW TO FILE SQUARE SHAPED NAILS

STEP-BY-STEPS

Goal

- Teach how to achieve a square nail shape following these simple steps.

Expectation

To be able to create nails with the latest trend shapes of today and to look like a competition square nail.

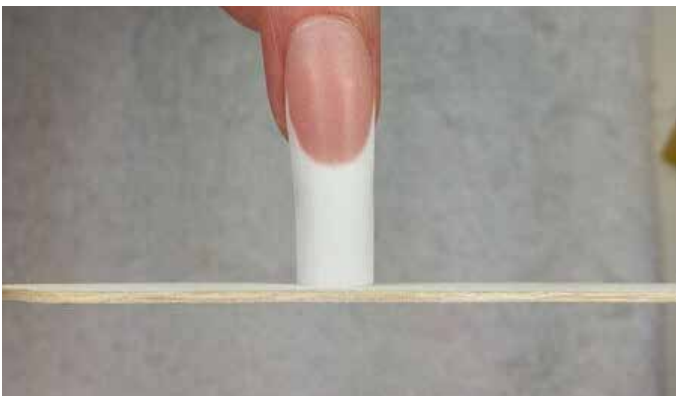
Step-by-Steps

1. Draw an arrow with a red marker on top of the nail.
2. Use a 180 grit file and place the file at a 45° angle from the cuticle area and file with inverse U movements.
3. Using a red marker draw arrows as shown in the picture.
4. First file the middle arrow placing the 180 grit file flat from the middle of the nail towards the free edge.
5. Continue filing one of the sides following the arrow in a firm straight movement.
6. Follow the same steps and file the other side of the nail.
7. To file the lower arch area turn the hand completely and align the 220 grit file with the bone of the finger and use it like a guide. Keep filing until you reach a straight line.
8. After filing both sides of the lower arch use the same 220 grit file and place the file in a straight horizontal position and file the free edge.
9. After filing the free edge use a white sanding block and Buffer. In the Step 9 image, you will see the finished nail Look. Use either Cuccio Pro forms or High "C" curve tips.

Products You Will Need:

- 180 grit file
- 220 grit file
- White sanding block
- Cuccio Pro Forms or High "C" curve tips





HOW TO FILE BALLERINA SHAPED NAILS

STEP-BY-STEPS

Goal

- Teach how to achieve a Ballerina nail shape following simple steps.

Expectation

To be able to create nails with the latest trend shapes of today.

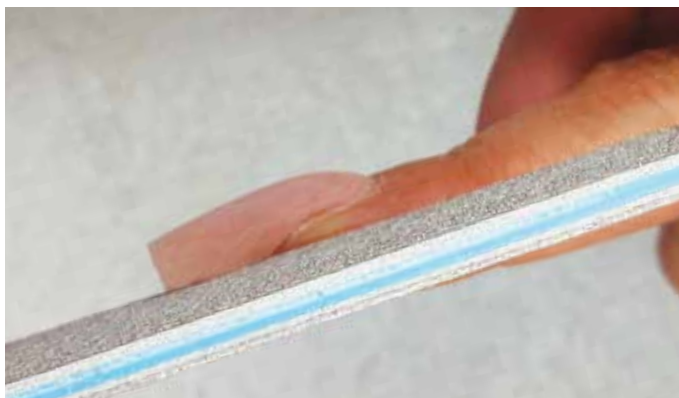
Step-by-Steps

1. After finishing the application use a 180 grit file and place the file at a 45° angle from the cuticle area and file with inverse U movements. File until the cuticle area looks flush and without any bumps or marks.
2. Using a red marker (only in the class like a guide) make 3 different arrows to show the directions where to file. First file the middle arrow placing the 180 grit file flat from the middle of the nail towards the free edge.
3. Continue filing one of the sides following the arrow in a diagonal position and file straight.
4. Follow the same steps for the next side.
5. To file the lower arch area turn the hand completely and align the 220 grit file with the bone of the finger and use it like a guide. Keep filing until you reach a straight line.
6. After filing the lower arch use a buffer to finish the nail and use the top coat of your choice. This is the final look for this nail shape.

Products You Will Need:

180 grit file
220 grit file
White sanding block
Cuccio Pro Forms or High "C" curve tips





Form-A-Nail are the fastest, easiest way to create a professional set of acrylic nails. Simple to use; just for it, apply the form and pop it off! It's that easy. The forms are reusable and clear, enabling you to see your nail designs as you work. You can do overlays on natural nails, inlay of nail art, colored acrylic and many other options. Create a perfect set of acrylic nails every time.

Use Form-A-Nail with any of the following Cuccio Acrylic Systems:

- Cuccio Pro Odorless
- Cuccio Pro Ultra Clear
- Cuccio Pro Revolution
- Cuccio Pro Flash Silica
- Nudecrylics Colour Powder
- Cuccio Acrylic Powder

Preparation of The Nails

1. Before application, you must perform a prep manicure. Push back the cuticles and remove excess cuticle from the nail plate. File off the natural shine with a 180 grit file. Clean all the dust off the nails.

Form-A-Nail with Tip Application

1. After prepping nails are instructed, apply a nail tip by sizing your natural with any tip of your choice. Glue the tip to your natural nail. Cut the tip to the desire length. Remove the shine off the tip.

2. Apply primer to the natural nail.

3. Size the nail with the right size Form-A-Nail form. Make sure it fits on the whole nail, side to side.

4. Drop an acrylic ball of product onto the form, spread evenly on the form.

5. Flip the form over onto the nail with the tip and press into place. Take off the excess product with a birchwood stick or implement. Let the acrylic set up for 2-3 minutes, till it hardens.

6. Pop off the Form-A-Nail form gently. If the acrylic is still soft or starts to come off with the form, the acrylic has not set completely, you will need to wait a bit longer.

7. File the free edge, side areas and top of the nail.

Form-A-Nail with Nail Art

1. Prep nails are instructed in prep section.

2. Size the nail with the right size Form-A-Nail form. Make sure it fits on the whole nail, side to side.

3. Drop an acrylic ball of product onto the from and spread evenly.

4. Drop in nail art pieces and place as desired.

5. Apply another ball of any color acrylic over the nail art pieces.

6. Flip the form over onto the nail and press into place.

7. Take off the excess product with a birchwood stick or implement.

8. Let the acrylic set up for 2-3 minutes, till it hardens.

9. Pop off the Form-A-Nail form gently. If the acrylic is still soft or starts to come off with the form, the acrylic has not set completely, you will need to wait a bit longer.

10. The surface is smooth, shiny and perfect. Perfect finished nails.

11. File the free edge and side areas.

These are the finishing options:

- **Option A** - File the product with a 180 file or electric file clean the nail and apply UV/LED gel seal and use the LED/UV lamp.
- **Option B** - File the nails with a 180 grit file or a eletric file. Buff the nails with a white block, Apply Cuccio Colour of your preference.
- **Option C** - File the product with a 180 file or electric file clean the nail and apply Cuccio Veneer colour of your preference.

HOW TO REMOVE HARD GELS

SERVICE TIME: Depends on the length and thickness of the nails. Can be between ½ hour to 1 hour.

Goal

- Removing hard gel (T3 LED/UV, Shimmerize)

Expectation

Our clients are starting to experiment with their nail designs. It is important to understand how much time and labor goes into removing a set of hard gel, so that you can charge appropriately.

Step-by-Steps

1. Hard gels are impervious to solutions, and therefore are impossible to soak-off. In order to remove a hard gel, you need to file it off. It is important that you do not attempt to PULL or PICK the gel off. Doing this will cause extreme damage to the natural nail.
2. Using a 100-180 grit file file the gel off. Pay particular attention as you get down to the natural nail so that you do not continue to file INTO the natural nail and cause damage.
3. Once you've removed 98% of the gel, you can use a buffer block to finish the filing.
4. Following up with Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil is recommended. Even better, offer a warm lotion or hot oil manicure to help hydrate the nails and surrounding skin (*do not offer this if you are going to reapply an artificial set of nails*).

Products You Will Need:

- Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil

Tools You Will Need:

- 100/180 Grit File
- Buffer Block

Products to Retail

Cuccio Naturalé™ Cuticle Revitalizing Oil



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GLOSSARY

CUCCIO EDUCATORS

Team of nail professionals prepared to share their knowledge. Cuccio educators provide classes and training in product chemistry, application techniques and fashion designs, how to improve your business and more. Technically prepared and in presentation skills to give classes where The nail technician understands and learns in a practical, easy and joyful way, making the workshop an experience.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EDUCATOR;

- Vocation
- Creativity
- Observation
- Discipline
- Patience
- Empathic teacher
- Dedication

Being an educator is a higher step than being a nail technician which has benefits, for example, you will have first-hand information on chemical products, you will be provided with the tools to give classes and the most advanced information or up-to-date trends. It also helps you change your perception of the value of your work by raising this perception very high.

IN EVERY CLASS, WORKSHOP, TRAINING OR SHOW

The Educator must have:

1. Cuccio Education Guide
2. Cuccio Workshops
3. Cuccio Educators levels
4. Attendees list
5. Class Questionare
6. Products Portfolios

OUR EDUCATION HAS HAD SOME CHANGES AND WE MUST EXPLAIN:

- The education manual has been updating with information every 4 months, before it was only step by step, now it contains, what to say in class, the order in which to follow it in addition to crucial information about our products.
- The education manual goes hand in hand with what is stipulated in the Cuccio workshops pamphlet.
- We have the technical sheets or product portfolios, their purpose is to have all the information of a product in one place.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

Your attire should reflect current fashion trends. In Cuccio we already have the tendency to wear black clothes for Events and Workshops; If possible, we use shirts or sweatshirts with Cuccio's printed logo.

Do not let your clothes be a distraction. If your clothes and accessories speak louder than you, it will be the first thing your students notice and remember. Avoid short clothes or deep necklines.

NAILS

Your nails should speak for you. Nails are also your best business card. NOTHING LESS THAN WELL CARED NAILS IS ACCEPTABLE.

Each Cuccio Workshop deals with a specific topic or product. Use the same product taught in the workshop on your nails.

EDUCATOR BEHAVIOR

- You will NEVER talk about the products and / or events of your competitors.
- You are a representative of Cuccio International and, as such, certain aspects of this position transcend your duties. Whether or not you are on stage, the title of member of the Cuccio team is inherent to you, therefore, you should always be aware of your conduct and professionalism.
- Strident behavior and shameful public scenes should be avoided at all costs.

- If there is a problem between hierarchies, let the Director of the Department of Education know. DO NOT let the problems get bigger to the point it will be impossible to handle them gracefully. Since we are dealing with many dynamic personalities, sooner or later some friction may occur. When an incident occurs, stop it and go to the appropriate authority.
- Never get involved in controversial conversations while in a class.

TIME MANAGEMENT

“Choosing the right moment is everything!” “Time is money!” These are common phrases that relate time to success. Conquering chaos and organizing your life can help you focus on everything you have to do, as well as in all the places where you should be. When you develop good time management skills, instead of feeling overwhelmed, you will feel focused and at peace, ready to face life.

- Visualize the time - Organizing yourself and your time is not so different from organizing your space.
- Agenda - You have to be organized in your business, day by day, in order to have time to train for Cuccio.
- Punctuality - You need to know how to calculate your time to go and get back from work.
- Organization - Your trainer's bag should be organized two weeks before your scheduled event. Take your time to arrange your trainer's bag and make sure it is clean, orderly and well stocked. Make sure you have catalogs, sheet with new offers, certificates, paper towels and decorations for your counter.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EDUCATOR

- Confirm the number of people who will attend the course.
- Make sure your nails are in perfect condition.
- Arrive 1 hour in advance to the scheduled time.
- Introduce yourself with the Store Manager and the Nail Division Manager (if there is one).
- Prepare your exhibit.
- Each Cuccio educator must be able to give classes according to their level or category of Educator.
- Prepare your demonstration area.

TRAVEL AND WORKSHOPS

- Keep your dealer informed as much as possible of the workshops you offer.
- Keep a printed record of the certificates that you deliver together with the class attendance lists, to inform the director (Elite) of Cuccio education in your area and the Global Director Marilyn Garcia at mgarcia@cuccio.com.
- As a Cuccio educator you have the advantage of teaching classes, having first-rate information on products, etc. Any educator who makes an approach or offers to teach classes in other areas that are not his assigned or in other countries must inform the Director of Education. All countries and distributors have different contracts and stipulations and we cannot violate them. If you have an invitation or want to travel to teach workshops this is wonderful and we support this but it has to be in order.
- The education manual is for the exclusive use of Cuccio workshops only. It cannot be used for other classes. Nor shall it be copied in any form or matter.
- Every class or workshop must use the tools now provided by Cuccio. All material, product instructions, product use, etc. must be approved by the Director of Global Education. To remain part of the team, every educator must be active giving or offering workshops, whether in person and / or virtual, a minimum of 3 workshops a year. Educator who does not complete the 3 workshops is excluded from the team. Send attendance listings to your Elite director or Marilyn Garcia. Keep records of the certificates you deliver by class. Each country has its specifications or stipulations in addition to those mentioned here, stay informed of them.

CUCCIO EDUCATOR TRAINING

Now we have 4 different training programs to become a Cuccio Educator:

- Pro Powder Polish - Cuccio Educator Training
- Cuccip Pro Builder Expert
- Manicurist Expert - Cuccio Educator Training
- Instructor - Cuccio Educator Training

Requirements, steps to be followed and evaluations are available for each training.

EACH CATEGORY OR LEVEL OF EDUCATOR ALLOWS YOU TO TEACH THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

- If you are a Pro Powder Polish - Cuccio Educator:
Workshops of Powder Polish
- If you are a Builder Expert - Cuccio Educator:
Workshops of Builder
- If you are a Manicurist Expert - Cuccio Educator:
Cuccio Veneer Workshop
Powder Polish Workshop
Workshop Cuccio Naturalé
Cuccio Colour Workshop
- If you are an Instructor - Cuccio Educator:
Cuccio Veneer Workshop
Powder Polish Workshop
Workshop Cuccio Naturalé
Cuccio Colour Workshop
Acrylic Workshop
Gel Workshop
Designer Gel Workshop
- If you are a Master Instructor - Cuccio Educator:
All workshops
- If you are an Elite Cuccio Educator:
All workshops

TO EDUCATORS TRAVELING TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR SEMINAR EVENTS AND TRAINING OF EDUCATORS, IT WILL BE IMPERATIVE FROM NOW ON:

- All communication and approvals must be in writing by email.
- Send Marilyn Garcia travel agenda.
- Send Marilyn documents of the trainings to Educators and what levels the educators entered.
- Trip report with relevant details for Marilyn and the account representative. No later than 3 days after the event.
In the Cuccio company they are given the confidence and opportunity to travel to events but it also entails a responsibility of the educator, the educator who does not complete these responsibilities, I will not recommend him for trips to the Foreign.

OPTIONAL TIPS:

- In social networks, separate your personal accounts from those of work or as an educator.
- Make a new email account using 'Cuccio' with your name or surname; for example:
If your name is Amalia Concepcion, create accounts like: aconcepcioncuccio@ / cuccioeducatoramalia@

NOTES



EMPOWERING NAIL TECHNICIANS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you become our educator, it's like a part-time job. You establish a group of nail technicians who are interested in taking classes to start a database of nail technicians. Use social networks to post your work and announce classes. Likewise, the company will publish a calendar of classes per educator.

WHERE AND WHEN?

You set the days and place of your convenience, it could be in a nail salon, your own room, or an appropriate site. For example, you can talk with nail salon owners to train their nail technicians.

KITS FOR EDUCATION

The Distributor must have the 10 Cuccio Education kits available for the educator (see the Cuccio Workshops pamphlet) These 10 workshops are the official Workshops For Cuccio company.

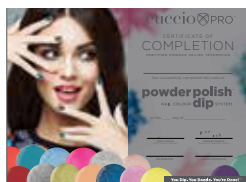
CUCCIO EDUCATION LEVELS

EDUCATOR CUCCIO

The Cuccio company offers opportunities for everyone to be part of the Cuccio Education team. We have 6 educator classifications. Which are the following:

- Cuccio Pro Powder Polish Educator
- Cuccio Expert Manicurist
- Cuccio Educator Instructor
- Cuccio Educator Master Instructor
- Cuccio Educator Elite
- Cuccio International Educator

Once you have completed any workshop you will receive a Certificate related to that class. See Examples.



We also have 3 different trainings for

CUCCIO PRO POWDER POLISH EDUCATOR

How to become a Cuccio Pro Powder Polish Educator

- This person will have a strong love for the beauty industry - preferably, focusing only on color application.
- You should feel comfortable in sales and support in class.
- Attend the Cuccio Veneer 3D Powder workshop and obtain the certificate of it.
- Look for information about the next training for Cuccio Pro Powder Polish Educator in your country. You will be trained by an official member of the Cuccio team.
- Pass the training with your evaluations and be part of the team.

When training has been completed, this is the official certificate of the Educator:



Requirements to remain an Educator:

- Teach no less than 8 workshops per year.
- Attend Cuccio's annual training with an Elite / International educator or World Director.
- Fulfill the responsibilities of an the educator.

CUCCIO EXPERT MANICURIST**How to become a Cuccio Expert Manicurist**

- This person will have a strong love for the beauty industry - preferably, focusing only on color application
- Have a Nail Technician Certificate or diploma for your country.
- You should feel comfortable in sales and support in class.
- Attend the workshops of Cuccio Color Veneer, Cuccio Naturale, Cuccio pro Powder Polish and Cuccio Color and obtain the certificates. That way you will be eligible.
- Look for information about the next training for Cuccio Expert Manicurist in your country. You will be trained by an official member of the Cuccio team.
- Pass the training with your evaluations and be part of the team.

When training has been completed, this is the official certificate of the Educator:

**Requirements to remain an Educator:**

- Teach no less than 12 workshops per year.
- Attend Cuccio's annual training with an Elite / International educator or World Director.
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the educator.

CUCCIO EDUCATOR INSTRUCTOR**How to become a Cuccio Educator Instructor**

- Have a Nail Technician Certificate or diploma for your country.
- You should feel comfortable in sales and support in class.
- Attend the workshops of Cuccio Color Veneer, Cuccio Naturale, Cuccio pro Powder Polish, Cuccio Color, Cuccio Pro Gel, Cuccio Pro Acrylic, Cuccio pro Gel design workshops and get the 7 certificates to be eligible.
- Look for information on the next training to be a Cuccio Educator Instructor in your country. You will be trained by an Official member of the already existing Cuccio Educator Elite team and / or Cuccio International Educator / Global Director of Education.
- Pass the training with your evaluations and be part of the team.

When training has been completed, this is the official certificate of the Educator:

**Requirements to remain an Educator:**

- Provide no less than 12 workshops per year.

EDUCATOR APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Attend Cuccio's annual training with an Elite / International educator or World Director.
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the educator.

CUCCIO EDUCATOR MASTER INSTRUCTOR

How to become a Cuccio Educator Master Instructor *(can enter the team as a Master or enter as Cuccio Educator)*

Instructor meet the requirements and becomes Cuccio Educator Master Instructor:

- Have a Nail Technician Certificate or diploma for your country.
- You should feel comfortable in sales and support in class.
- To be eligible, attend the workshops of Cuccio Color Veneer, Cuccio Naturale, Cuccio pro Powder Polish, Cuccio Color, Cuccio Pro Gel, Cuccio Pro Acrylic, Cuccio pro Gel design and receive the 7 certificates.
- Look for information on the next training to be a Cuccio Educator Master Instructor in your country. You will be trained by an Official member of the already existing Cuccio Educator Elite team and / or Cuccio International Educator / Global Director of Education.
- Pass the training with your evaluations and be part of the team.

When training has been completed, this is the official certificate of the Educator:



Requirements to remain an Educator:

- Provide no less than 12 workshops per year.
- Attend Cuccio's annual training with an Elite / International educator or World Director.
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the educator.

CUCCIO EDUCATOR ELITE

How to be a Cuccio Educator Elite *(can enter the team as an Instructor and meet the requirements to become Elite)*

- Have a Nail Technician Certificate or diploma for your country.
- You should feel comfortable in sales and support in class.
- Already be part of the team as a Cuccio educator.
- Must master all nail applications.
- Must have full understanding of the entire Cuccio TM product line; feeling comfortable managing sales meetings.
- Must have two or more years of experience as an Educator; he should feel comfortable advising and training other educators.
- This certificate is granted by an international Educator and / or Global Director of Education Marilyn Olemma Garcia as a whole of the distributor.
- Specifications for this level. For educators traveling to other countries for seminars and trainings for educators, it will be imperative from now on:
- All communication and approvals must be in writing in email.
- Send to Marilyn (if you are Latin American also to Eyleen) documents of the Trainings to Educators and what levels the educators entered.
- Trip report No later than 3 days after the event.

EDUCATOR APPLICANT INFORMATION

When training has been completed, this is the official certificate of the Educator:



Requirements to remain an Educator:

- Provide no less than 12 workshops per year.
- Attend Cuccio's annual training with an Elite / International educator or World Director.
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the educator.

CUCCIO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR

How to be a Cuccio International Educator *(enter the team as an Instructor and fulfill the requirements until becoming International)*

- Have a certificate or Diploma of Nail Technician of your country.
- You should feel comfortable in sales and support in class.
- Already be part of the team as a Cuccio educator.
- This person will have completed all the requirements of the previous levels of Cuccio™ Education and may be seen as a representative of the Cuccio brand in their territory, to exchange lessons in other countries.
- Specifications for this level. For educators traveling to other countries for seminars and trainings for educators, it will be imperative from now on:
 - All communication and approvals must be in writing in email.
 - Send to Marilyn (if you are Latin American also to Eyleen) documents of the Trainings to Educators and what levels the educators entered.
 - Trip report no later than 3 days after the event.

When passing the training this is the official certificate of the educator:



Requirements to remain an Educator:

- Provide no less than 12 workshops per year.
- Attend Cuccio's annual training with an Elite / International educator or World Director.
- Fulfill the responsibilities of the educator.

Tools for classes

- Education booklet
- Product Portfolios
- Certificates

Responsibilities of educators

- Promote classes
- Calendar for three months
- Send the calendar to the Global Director
- Fill out attendance list and questionnaire, and send them to the Global Director

Each country has different prices in trainings and time required to pass training, ask the Educator of your country.

Being a Cuccio Educator is not a life position at the time of becoming an educator will be informed of the requirements to remain a member of the team.

CUCCIO PRO POWDER POLISH TRAINING EDUCATOR

The educator in charge of the training must:

- Have the prospect data.
- Send all information to prospects in advance to the training session.
- Be in contact with the distributor.
- Explain benefits, responsibilities and duties to the new educator.
- Send all the information after training to the Elite of your country and to the Global Director, Marilyn Garcia.

Requirements:

In order to take this training, candidates must have previously taken the regular class of “Cuccio Pro Powder”. They must also have the following characteristics:

- Strong love for the beauty industry - preferably focusing only on color application.
- Feel comfortable in sales and providing support in class.
- Will be trained by a member of the Cuccio team.
- Course to be approved: Application of Cuccio™ Powder Polish and Nail Anatomy.

The training will have a minimum duration of 2 days, during which the following topics will be covered:

- Anatomy of the nail
- Product chemistry
- Practice of all procedures
- Practical Evaluation
- Presentation evaluation.

Cuccio Pro Powder Polish™ Class

The Cuccio Pro Powder Polish™ Color Immersion System is the new way to give your salon and spa clients up to 14 days of professional nail color with the type of use a gel provides and the durability of an acrylic. This odor-free system uses specially formulated resins, a high-tech activator and highly pigmented powders with fine granulation that create a set of super-vibrant colors for nails with a high gloss impossible to overcome.

It was designed for an easy application and its price helps the nail professional to increase their profits in the highly competitive nail color category.

In addition to the solid color application, the Powder Polish™ Immersion System is perfect for creating perfect French nail styles, performing simple touch-ups (fills) and building a perfect apex formation (the apex is the thickest part of the nail where the arc is located.)

Available in more than 110 cutting-edge shades, the Powder Polish™ is also extremely versatile, being able to mix the rich shades of pigments to create palettes with endless custom color combinations for professional nail color services.

Benefits

- Easy to use
- Zero Drying Time
- Up to 14 Days of Use
- Odor free
- High gloss
- Lightweight
- Easy Removal

Customers that can use this System

- Low maintenance clients who visit the salon every 2 to 3 weeks.
- Clients who have weak but flexible nails and need stronger and more durable nails.
- Customers who do not wish to be exposed to LED / UV light.

POLISH POWDER COLORS

Chemistry of the Products

Both the Base Gel and Coating and the Layered Gel with Cyanoacrylate are a family of strong, fast acting adhesives with industrial, medical and domestic uses. If not used, cyanoacrylate glues have a short shelf life; if not opened, they last approximately one year from production. Our adhesive is 100% medical, NOT industrial. This glue can be cooled if you work in a warm, humid area.

Information for the Educator

When stored closed in a cool, dry place (such as a refrigerator), at an average temperature of 55 ° F (13 ° C), the shelf life of Cyanoacrylate will extend from one year to 15 months, from its production. If the adhesive is to be used within the next six months, it is not necessary to refrigerate it. Cyanoacrylate is sensitive to moisture and moving it from a cool place to a hot one, will cause condensation; after removing it from the refrigerator, it is best to let the glue reach room temperature before opening it.

Benzoyl Peroxide is an initiator used to energize monomers and cause polymerization to occur.

Initiator: It is a molecule that absorbs extra energy and uses it to cause chemical reactions to occur. In acrylic powder, the initiator is Benzoyl Peroxide, which is split in half when exposed to the heat of your salon or your client's finger. The concentrations of Benzoyl Peroxide vary widely from manufacturer to manufacturer. Our colored dipping powders have a low percentage of Benzoyl Peroxide.

How to explain all the components of the kit, one by one, using the Product Portfolio in your Educational Manual.

What To Teach

- Transparent application by immersion on the natural nail. Preferably choose a model with free edge and emphasize the triple application, from 3/4 of the nail to up to reaching the cuticle.
- Application of color by immersion on the natural nail. Preferably choose a model with free edge and emphasize the triple application, from 3/4 of the nail to reach the cuticle. Choose to teach the alternative of applying a transparent base coat.
- French application by immersion. Show the finish with a transparent layer at the end to protect the French finish.
- Application of color by immersion on a nail extension. Emphasize the correct filing of the extension and the correct placement of it.
- Appropriate removal.

These are the finishing options

- Step 6: Apply Gel Activator on the entire nail. Let dry.
- Step 7: Two options to terminate the service.

Option A - File the product with a 180 grit file or an electric file; clean the nail and apply UV / LED gel sealer; Use UV / LED light.

Option B - File the nails with a 180 grit file or an electric file. Polish the nails with a white block, then use the gray and rough side of the block for immersion finishes and eliminate scratches. Apply Cuccio Nail Solutions Base Coat and High Gloss Final Coat.

Common questions

Students must bring:

- Materials for the Work Table (table lamp, implements, towels)
- Free natural nails and nail tips.
- Acetone.

Nail evaluation

Presentation evaluation.

Anatomy exam.

Example of Training agenda (8 hours)

9am	Introduction. Cover everything related to training.
9:30	Clear application Demo
9:50	Practice (2 nails)
10:20	Solid color application Demo
10:40	Practice (2 nails)
11:10	Solid color on extension Demo
11:30	Practice (2 nails)
12pm	Application French Finish Demo
12:30	Practice (2 nails)
1pm	Lunch
1:30	Marbling design Demo
2:00	Explain how to make a presentation in 5 minutes, with introduction, body, culmination, closing. 10 participants, 5 minutes with a timer. If there are more than 10 participants, divide them into teams.
2:30	They prepare to make their presentation. They choose the topic they will discuss about immersion, for example, talking about dust, about the preparation of the nail, etc.
3:00	Evaluation of presentation.
4:00	Written test.

MANICURIST EXPERT TRAINING

The Educator in charge of the training must:

- Have complete information of the prospects.
- Send all the information to the prospects before the training session.
- Be in contact with the distributor.
- Explain benefits, responsibilities and duties to the new Educator.
- Send all the information after training to your country's Elite Educator and Global Director Marilyn Garcia

Requirements:

To be eligible, candidates for this division must have taken the following regular classes

- Cuccio Pro Powder Polish
- Cuccio Pro Color
- Cuccio Pro Veneer
- Cuccio Naturale

Additionally, he/she should have the following characteristics:

- This person will have a strong love for the beauty industry, preferably focusing only on color application, manicures, pedicures and gel polish.
- Should feel comfortable in sales and providing support in class.
- Will be trained by a member of the Cuccio team
- Must pass the following courses: Cuccio™ Powder Polish Application, Nail Anatomy, Cuccio Color, Cuccio Pro Color, Cuccio Pro Veneer, and Cuccio Naturale.

The Educator training will last at least 2 days, including the following topics:

- Nail Anatomy
- Product Chemistry
- Practice of all procedures in Powder Polish, Veneer, manicure, pedicure, color and 3D Powder.
- Practical Evaluation.
- Evaluation in presentation.
- Written evaluation.

When approving this training, you will be granted the following Educator Certificate:



TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Use sani-spray to dehydrate the nails before applying nail polish so that it lasts longer.
- Always place clean hand towels before applying the material.
- Sometimes dust cannot be seen: it causes the product to lift.
- Copolymer - Medium set.
- Homopolymer - Quick set.
- Always use wipes that do not release lint.
- Methacrylic acid in primers prevent cross contamination.
- If your client experiences a reaction to the Primer, mix 2 oz. of water with 1 tablespoon of baking soda; this will neutralize any reaction of the Primer, since it is an acid.
- Some brushes contain more liquid, so they will need more time in the powder. Brushes that contain less liquid require less time in it.
- Proper proportion is the key to building a strong fingernail. Practice your proportion technique according to the recommendations and learn to visually recognize a good and bad ball.

CUCCIO PRO ACRYLIC

- Odorless Acrylic that does not contain ethyl methacrylate
- Other odorless acrylics only mask the smell

ULTRA TRANSPARENT ACRYLIC

Average setting time, 100% bubble-free, non-yellowing, cleaner air, more transparent finish. It is recommended to apply the product with an acrylic master brush. Ultra-transparent powder.

FLASH SILICA ACRYLIC

- Quick setting; profitable. Ratio 1:1 liquid to powder with a round brush. Recommended brush: Ultra Kolinsky or Big Boy. Use Flash Liquid and Odorless monomer.

UV ULTIMATE LYTE CURED ACRYLIC

- No odor, less aerial dust, no crystallization, no elevation (if applied correctly), slow setting acrylic (means it will not set until it is under UV light). Ratio 1:1 liquid to powder with a round brush. Recommended brush: Ultimate Sculpter or Pure Red Sable. Flash Powder with Ultimate Lyte Liquid. (Blue bottle with clouds.)
- The ratio of liquid to powder with Ultimate Lyte™ is 2:1. It is very important to remember this when working with this product.
- After curing for 2 minutes, when the right ratio of 2 parts of Ultimate Lyte Monomer and 1 part of Silica Flash Polymer is used, a slightly wet seal will appear on the nail. This seal has been formulated to reduce dust in the air, which provides a healthier living room environment. Just throw it away!

NUDECRYLICS

You can use Nudecrylics powders with any nail technology to:

- Sculpt an entire nail using nail forms.
- Create slender nail beds.
- Overlap application on the entire nail as color.
- Process for a polished natural look.
- Correcting uneven nail beds, bitten nail beds or damaged short nails.
- non-yellowing, resistant to lifting.
- Does not contain MMA

BRUSHES

- Use a different brush with each acrylic liquid. Using the same brush with multiple liquids will cause cross contamination, which will cause the decomposition of the product.
- Clean your brush of excess liquid.
- Keep the brush in its box; when exposed to the air, the brush will accumulate dust and filings.
- DO NOT touch the bristles of your brush: the oils on your hands will cause the product to decompose.

TIPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- If it is necessary to clean the brush, use a brush cleaner, acrylic liquid and a birch wood stick.

LIFTING

- Caused by inadequate preparation of the nail ... clean, push the cuticle backwards, remove contaminants from the surface; shape edge, and apply sani spray.
- Caused by incorrect application ... the ratio of monomer to polymer is not correct.
- Caused by inadequate balance on the nail ... the tip should be half the length of the natural nail.
- Caused by an excess of presentation ... aggressive presentation can cause the damage and lifting of the product.
- Bubbles are caused by an inadequate ratio of monomer and polymer ... too much liquid.
- The use of a violet base liquid will help reduce acrylic yellowing.
- Air bags in the nail are caused by an inadequate ratio of monomer and polymer.
- Exothermic retentions will occur in an acrylic if the nail plate is stressed, or if the temperature of the liquid increases.

FIBERGLASS

- Wrapture gel and resin – can be used to apply tips
- Brush Saver – can be used to blend tips and fill lines
- Scissors – to cut any fabric
- Use wrapture gel and cool mint to apply tips – reduces air pockets
- If you can see fiberware when finished, you did not saturate fiberglass with resin, or, you have too much adhesive on

FIBERWARE

- Fiberglass shrinks 5-9%
- Burning with spray activator is because you are spraying to close, exothermic reaction
- Pitting and bubbling with spray activator caused by heavier molecules of activator
- Can be used if hypersensitive to acrylics

PRIMER

- Primer pen controls flow of primer, reduces allergic reaction
- Can be used from client to client – nothing grows in methacrylate acid
- Prime natural nail only
- Primer on a tip will cause tip to yellow
- Only need one coat – too much primer can cause hyper sensitivity or allergic reaction

ACRYLIC	A polymer coating is formed through the combination of a liquid monomer and a powder polymer.
ADHESIVE	A chemical that causes two surfaces to stick together.
BACTERIA	A single cell organism.
BENZOYL PEROXIDE	A heat-sensitive initiator used in monomer and polymer systems
BREATHING ZONE	The two foot sphere around each person mouth
CHEMICAL	Everything you see and touch except for light and electricity.
CO-POLYMER	Polymers made of two or more different types of monomers.
CROSS-LINKED	Polymers that creates a chemical bond between two other polymer chains
CUTICLE	Dead tissue on the natural nail.
DEHYDRATION	To remove moisture from a surface
DELAMINATION	Peeling apart of two surfaces, in natural nails. This occurs due to a lack of natural oil and moistures levels in the nail plate.
DISINFECTION	Process kills some living organisms and inhibits the growth of others.
ETHYL METHACRYLATE	Widely used in monomer form as one part of the system used to create artificial nail enhancement.
FLEXIBILITY	Determined by how much a substance will bend under force.
FREE RADICALS	Molecules which cause many kinds of chemical reactions.
GEL NAILS	Gels are based in methacrylate and acrylate family is a milder form of acrylic gels are made by pre-joining some of the monomers into short chains called oligomers.
METHYL METHACRYLATE	This liquid form has been banned for use in the nail industry due to the severity of allergic reaction and damage to the natural plate.
MIX RATIO	Relation in degree or number between two things.
MONOMER	Individual, reactive chemical unit which may be linked together to form a polymer.
NAIL BED	The portion of the skin upon which the nail plate rest. It contains blood vessels that supply nutrients to the fingertip.
NAIL PLATE	The hard keratin coating that protects the finger tip and underlying tissue.

OVEREXPOSURE	Exceeding a safe level of chemical exposure.
PATHOGEN	A micro-organism which is capable of causing disease.
POLYMER	Any of numerous natural and synthetic compounds of unusually high molecular weight consisting of repeated linked units.
PRIMER	Are usually made with 100% pure methacrylic acid. Primers aid in product retention because one end of the molecular chain is attracted to the oil molecule in the natural nail plate, and the other end is attracted to the monomer molecule.
PROXIMAL NAIL FOLD	Area of the skin that folds back on itself and rest on top of the unexposed nail plate.
SANITATION	Sanitation reduces the number of pathogens or bacteria on a surface.
SKIN	The largest organ of the human body.
STERILIZATION	The process which kills all living organisms.
VISCOSITY	Measurement of a liquid and it's ability to flow.