Salon Art AKA Salon Trends

NZ Nail Tech Summit 2027

DAY ONE - 6PM (Hand in by 8am on Day TWO)

This is a submitted art category.

The design is to be created over 5 full cover fingernail tips, varying in size to reflect an actual set of nails.

The chosen design should reflect a well-executed set of “salon art” styled nails that can be reproduced easily - this is not the place for intricate or extreme art

The nails can be any shape but be no longer than 2inches

A minimum of 3 nail art mediums must be used in your design.

All nail art products are allowed, including but not limited to, gel polish, gel paint, acrylic (L&P), foils, glitter, studs, crystals, bullion beads, pigments, chromes, pearls, charms, chains etc.

No stamping art allowed.

Any raised or 3D elements of the design must not extend more than 10mm in any direction from the surface of the nail.

Total: 35 points

JUDGE 1	Thumb	Index	Middle	Ring	Pinky	Section Total	Double Check
Expertise and Technical Skill	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
Techniques are executed with precision, control, and confidence, demonstrating a high level of craftsmanship appropriate to the competitor’s division.							
Colour Theory	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
Colour choices are harmonious and intentional, enhancing the design through balance, contrast, and visual emphasis while supporting the overall theme or mood.							
Product Knowledge	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
At least three nail mediums are used intentionally and effectively, demonstrating understanding of how products interact to create a cohesive result.							
Visual Design	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
Design shows balance, proportion, and flow across all nails, with a cohesive composition that avoids overcrowding or empty space.							
JUDGE 2	Thumb	Index	Middle	Ring	Pinky	Section Total	Double Check
Product Control and Workmanship	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
Products are applied with precision and control, with clean finishes free from streaks, bubbles, dust, excess product, or poorly placed embellishments.							
Uniqueness	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
Design demonstrates originality and creative thinking through concept, colour, or execution, reflecting the artist’s personal style.							
Overall Impression	/1	/1	/1	/1	/1	/5	/5
Overall design is cohesive, impactful, and visually engaging, leaving a strong and memorable impression.							
					TOTAL	/35	/35