

Mixed Media

Mixed media is a creative category that combines multiple products and techniques to produce a cohesive nail design. Competitors are encouraged to explore texture, dimension, and contrast while demonstrating control, balance, and technical skill across a variety of mediums.

1. This category is a hand in entry.
2. There is no set theme for this category
3. All nail art must be completed on 10x individual tips
4. Manufacturer's Length of Tips must be no longer than 10cm
5. Tips can be any shape
6. Tips must be graduated in size (as if fitting to a natural nail from finger to finger)
7. Art design must be completed using a minimum of 3 Mediums (e.g. Acrylic Powder & Liquid, Gel Products, Acrylic Water based paints)
8. Designs may incorporate a range of mediums, including pigments, crystals, gel polish, gel paint, acrylic 3D elements.
9. NO stamping is permitted
10. NO air brushing is permitted
11. NO stickers or decals are permitted
12. NO moulds are permitted
13. NO 3D printed or precast items are permitted. This includes any commercially made or pre-formed decorative pieces such as charms, resin shapes, or ready-made components.
14. Nail embellishments may be used but must not exceed 20% of the overall design. Embellishments are defined as any pre-made or non-handcrafted decorative items, including but not limited to crystals, rhinestones, studs, chains, and similar material
15. All 3D elements must be hand-sculpted by the competitor.
16. The design must not exceed 2cm in height
17. Width of individual tip designs must not exceed the board and cannot be joined to one another. Each tip must remain individual
18. The design may flow across all ten tips as one cohesive image or appear as individual designs, but each tip must remain separate when mounted.
19. All tips must be securely attached to a plain frame or mounting board. The board must not have any patterns, mirrors, textures, designs, or fabric. The maximum size allowed is 6x8 inches or 15x20 cm.
20. A brief 1 paragraph description of the mediums used, and inspiration for the design to be included with your submission, this needs to be a typed sheet giving a short step by step of your design no more than 2 pages long.
21. IF SUBMITTING IN PERSON: You must bring the entry with you on the day of the competition
22. IF POSTING you may post the entry in. It must be received by Friday 11th September 2026
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