

# Get your glam on with holiday nail designs

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If the weather outside is getting you down, pick yourself up and prepare for a treat. Whether you're the do-it-yourself type or love to get spoiled with a professional manicure, let the latest trends inspire something magical on your fingers!

Jesaka Brooks, an independent nail-art designer and SIUC art student, says she has been seeing a lot of unique colors this season, including grey and mint. She recommends keeping nails casual, yet trendy, for everyday wear. Try painting one nail a unique color from the rest. For example, paint all of your fingernails grey, except the ring finger, which would look cute in mint, white or a soft pink.

Melissa Garcia, beauty consultant at Macy's at Carbondale's University Mall, says the hot colors for winter are deep, sultry purples and blues. Rich shades of brown have also been flying off the shelf. Metallic hues including gold, silver and emerald (as seen in Estée Lauder's line, Vivid Shine) can be dressed up or down. An added bonus: These warm hues also compliment the winter makeup trends popping up on runways and in stores.

Tony Tran, nail artist at Studio Day Spa in Carbondale, enjoys using airbrushing techniques on clients' fingers and toes. Popular airbrushing designs for the winter holiday season, according to Tran, are snowflakes, stars, ribbons and, of course, lots of glitter.

If painting your own nails isn't your forté and you don't want to fork over the cash to have them professionally done, consider alternatives that do the trick for you. One of the best-selling products is Sally Hansen's Salon Effect Nail Polish Strips, which range from simple colors to elaborate patterns. You can find Sally Hansen nail design products and more at Sally Beauty Supply, Walgreens, Walmart, and Claire's.



Who says every nail has to be the same? Jesaka Brooks, an independent nail-art designer and SIUC art student, recommends keeping nails casual for every-day wear. Each nail can feature a different design, too.

## Maybelline Color Show Polishes

**Description:** Tenacious Teal, Green with Envy, Iced Queen and Born with It  
 These brand-new colors were inspired by the latest runway trends. Maybelline boasts a chip-resistant formula and an easy-flow polish brush.

**Cost:** \$4.99 at Walgreens



**Estée Lauder Vivid Shine Collection**

**Description:** Estée Lauder is known for quality and class, and these polishes are guaranteed to be 'incredibly long lasting.' With names like Purple Velvet and Enchanted Garnet, it's no wonder this brand-new line is so popular.

**Cost:** \$20 at Macy's



**Butter London Heavy Metal Trio**

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**Description:** These stick-and-go strips are a great way to get the designer look without spending a lot of time or money. Each box comes with 16 pieces in case of mistakes and early blemishes, and also includes a cuticle stick, mini-file and buffer.

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