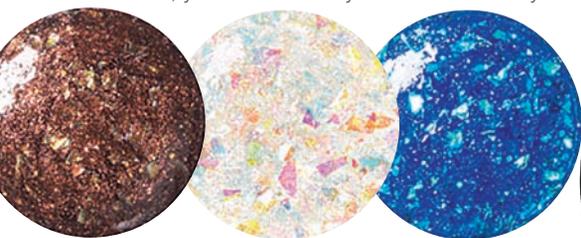


# Lusting for Lacquer

THE HOTTEST TRENDS THIS SEASON REACH THE TIPS OF YOUR FINGERS IN VIVID COLOURS AND PATTERNS

If you subconsciously stare down at your hands every few minutes, you would probably like to see your nails manicured, painted and looking attractive. The only fashion accessory that moves faster than the clothes in your wardrobe; nail treatments and lacquers become the new way to dress up your hands and feet. As George Schaeffer, the CEO OPI Products INC says, "What do you do when you finish a nail? You put a colour on it." So put down those shoes, bags and belts; pick up a bottle of glistening lacquer and have art at your fingertips. This season, nail art becomes free spirited, wild and refreshingly original. From unique manicure techniques and intricate nail art patterns to vibrant new colour combinations added to the range, this season it's time to let your nails do all the talking.

It started with matte and gloss; then gel, acrylic and now with the all new Minx, your nails offer as many options as those pairs of shoes. The latest rage in Hollywood and recently seen completing the looks of singers Beyoncé, Alicia Keys and Lady Gaga, Minx nails are the hottest solution to a manicure. To date your nails were restricted to plain colours or the artistic capabilities of your manicurist but now the circumstances have taken 360 degree turn and reveal a unique revamp. Animal prints, metallics, floral, polka dots; you name it and your nails can surely



flaunt it. So if the need for a manicure is increasing in urgency and time is at your disposal, then book yourself an appointment at the Vedure Nail Spa, where the Minx Manicure makes its Singapore debut. Conveniently located at Wheelock Place, Orchard Road, this spa is nail heaven.

Check yourself into the spa, sit back, look out to city landscapes and have your nails tended to by expert manicurists as you sip on freshly brewed jasmine tea and you're guaranteed to sing a new tune in ninety minutes. The pampering routine follows in the steps of a classic manicure; have your nails filed, buffered and scrubbed before the Minx

menu is presented to you. Glinting metallics, personalized graphics, picture perfect florals all appear on flexible films that are glued to your original nail, ready to play their role.

Sexy, naughty, fun and confident, the Minx lady beckons the crowd to pay attention to her and her nails in particular. A flash of gold as you take a swig of your cocktail, streaks of fuchsia as you engage in animated banter, Minx adds personality to your actions.

Looking for some nail biting difference? Minx nails allow customization in that they can feature the exact pattern and shades of your exquisite gown, a favourite photograph or even the season's hottest designs. No cumbersome liquid that takes time to dry and no hazardous chemicals, the Minx films allow easy application and swift glam routines. Lasting up to a month with minor wear on the free edge of the nails that are heavily used, the manicure adds convenience to your chic look.



For those who are not ready to plunge just yet, worry not the season also brings with it new and exciting colour palettes to top off your nails. Chanel's intriguing new collections hand over all the glamour for the season. Introducing three ranges; Soho Story, Les Khakis De Chanel and Les Vernis, your hands are in for a treat. "For me, Soho is a place where Bohemian ideals meet the toughness of the city... I love the tension and energy it creates," Peter Philips, the Chanel Global Creative Director of Makeup introduces the first range. And thus painted in the vibrant bohemian lifestyle, the shades this season include Le Vernis in Strong and in Steel; one

a shimmering maroon and the other a dark grey. If bright colours instantly lift your mood, then Chanel's Les Vernis collection is just the palette for you. Introducing three perked up colours; a fiery Fatal Rouge, a dainty Rose Insolent and the sombre Rose Confidential, this range is classic in more ways than one. Finally for a little out of box tip for your nails, this season Chanel reveals the Les Khakis De Chanel range in the sombre, sophisticated hues of Vert, Rose and Brun.

Do you desire a little more than just plain colours on your nails? Anna Sui's kaleidoscope once again unleashes a wave of colour that glitters and shimmers. The limited edition nail range comes in five vibrant shades that embrace Autumn with Glassy Pearl Clear, Glassy Pearl Blue, Glassy Pearl Purple, Glassy Pearl Pink and Glassy Pearl Brown.

Colour isn't all your nails need; they require concentrated care as well, and hence Sally Hansen rises to the occasion with its Continuous Treatment line. Strength, growth, durability, shine or wear; this new range tends to all your nail care requirements. Packaged in frosted pastel coloured bottles, the Continuous Treatment line paves the way for healthier looking nails. Now, hold your breath because Sally Hansen's latest range of nail care and beauty is about to change your life. The new Insta-Dri Nail Colour features the Perfectionist brush that gives you a delicious coat of colour in one, clean swipe. Unveiling twelve new colours that include deep metallic plums, jade and purple; deep maroons, fuchsia and midnight blues. Not short of any colour, the new range satisfies your every whim from somber to sensational.

So dig your nails into the season's hottest trends and have the world at your fingertips. ♦

