

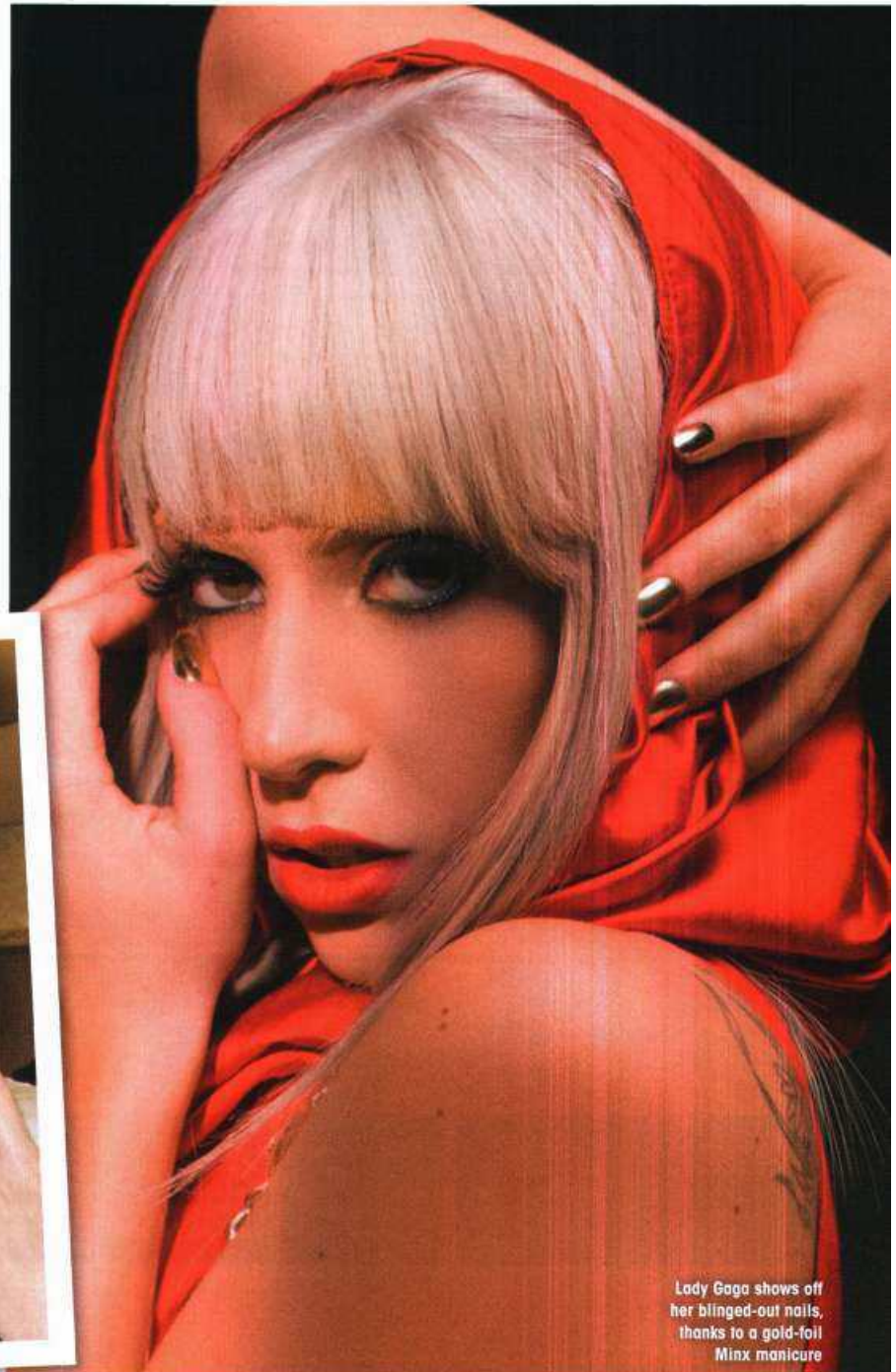


Revolutionary MANICURE

SAY GOODBYE TO CHIPS,
NICKS AND SMUDGES
- OK! ROAD-TESTS
THE LATEST IN POLISH-
FREE MANICURES

WHAT ARE THEY? Lady Gaga, Katy Perry and Rihanna have all been spotted rocking crazy patterned nails - and now their secret is out. Introducing nail foils, an ingenious new nail colour application method that allows you to have perfectly patterned talons.

HOW DO THEY WORK? Also known as nail strips or stickers, these are a foolproof way to get coloured or even patterned nails. Simply choose your foil pattern from hundreds of options, fit the individual nail foil to your nail shape, peel off the backing paper and smooth onto the nail. No drying time whatsoever.



Lady Gaga shows off her blinged-out nails, thanks to a gold-foil Minx manicure



Katy Perry loves to flaunt zany nail foils



Beauty report

OK!'S BEAUTY EDITOR SHARON TRIES OUT THE CELEB-ADORED MINX MANICURE



Tried and tested: MINX MANICURE

WHAT IT IS: Minx foil manicure

THE TREATMENT: 'My manicure began like any other – my old polish was removed and my nails were filed and buffed. Then things got interesting. I was invited to choose a pattern from a stack of nail foil options – I went with a black and white zebra print. The manicurist heated each foil individually under a lamp, then laid the sticker right on the half moon of the nail, smoothing it all the way up the nail bed. Any overhanging bits at the end were easily removed by folding over the edge and

carefully tearing away. Once each nail had been affixed with a foil, the manicurist filed down the ends and I was done. No top coat, no waiting, no chips! The nails stayed looking intact for a week afterwards – the only giveaway being that my nails had started growing out.'

THE VERDICT: 'Minx is perfect for people prone to chipping their polish the minute they leave the salon. The pattern garnered me lots of compliments. Loved it!'

COST: Approximately \$45 for a mani and \$65 for a pedi. Visit minxnails.net.au.

Polish alternative

Another amazing chip-free manicure innovation that the entire OK! office is currently obsessed with is the CND Creative Nail Design Shellac treatment. Available in salons only, this nail colour application is halfway between a traditional polish manicure and nail gels. After choosing your shade, the Shellac is applied like a normal polish manicure. What makes it unique is that the formula dries instantly. You can literally touch the nail, rub it, or even put your shoes straight back on if you've had a pedicure. The polish lasts about two weeks before you need to go back to the salon to have it removed. A Shellac manicure costs approximately \$37. Visit cnd.com to find a salon offering Shellac near you.



Salon Effects Real Nail Polish Strips in Check It Out **14.95** SALLY HANSEN

Salon Effects Real Nail Polish Strips in Bling It On **14.95** SALLY HANSEN

Salon Effects Real Nail Polish Strips in Star Struck Gold & White **17.50** BLIZX

Nail Foils in Mercury Red **17.50** BLIZX

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AVON nail experts grow potion **\$9.99** AVON

Nail Apps in Hearts **\$19.95** OPI

Nail Experts Grow Potion **\$9.99** AVON

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