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The Cutest Colors for Manicures and Pedicures



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The temperature isn't the only thing rising this summer! From metallics to rich neons to signature nudes, this season's nail polish shade selection is on fire. And to save you from spending your sunny afternoon staring at the wall of lacquer in the salon, we asked a few pros for their picks on the must-have manicure and pedicure color combos. Keep scrolling to see and shop their favorite color match-ups.



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CLASSIC COLORS

Honey Artists Manicurist **Liang** says that nude and red is a go-to for any event or occasion, especially if you're looking for a timeless, glamorous, and classic look. He recommends Deborah Lippmann Nail Color in Fashion (\$18; nordstrom.com) and My Old Flame (\$18; nordstrom.com).

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11 Timeless Nail Polish Colors for Your Wedding Day



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When you regret the polish you picked for any random Tuesday at the salon, it's no big deal. You break out the acetone and take it off. But when you regret your **wedding day polish**, that stuff is sticking with you in photos forever, especially if you pop that pic up on Instagram. While brides should choose a color that makes them feel confident and fits with their personal aesthetic, one popular option is to stick with pretty and soft neutrals. "Neutral nail polish is a such good option for wedding because it blends in and not distracting from the wedding gown," says **Honey Artists manicurist Liang Su**. "It's always classic and chic. You want your wedding look to be harmonious at your wedding day. You want everything to compliment each other so focus could be on the bride."

Some of Liang's favorites include Deborah Lippmann's famed nude **Fashion**, as well as essie's pastel pink Mademoiselle. Sticking with the theme, we rounded up a few more nudes, pinks, beiges, and soft iridescent buys for you to consider on your big day.

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Top Nail Experts Weigh In on the Most Popular Summer Shades



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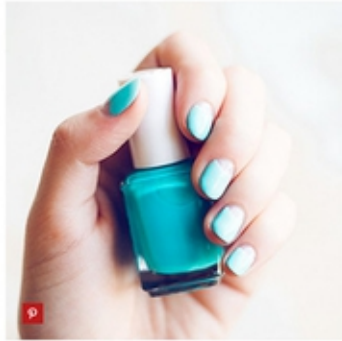


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For an eye-catching mani-pedi, might we suggest a metallic shade from Deborah Lippmann. Is your style more minimalistic? Add a subtle hint of color to your nails via Jinsoon's sheer gloss polish. Or perhaps you want a sunny shade to match the weather? If that happens to be the case, Côte's array of sky-blue polishes will do just the trick. **For the summer nail colors that will be trending this season, keep on scrolling.**

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Deborah Lippmann Glitter Nail Color in Happy Birthday (\$20)

For a mani-pedi befitting a summer night out, Honey Artists manicurist **Liang** recommends swiping on a chunky glitter polish over a neutral-toned base. Glitter not your style? Lead nail technician for OPI Alexandra Falba says a deep, dark metallic polish like OPI's Don't Take Yosemite for Granite (\$9) is a great option for a summer soirée as well.

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The Pros Have Spoken: 8 Red Nail Polish Bottles Actually Worth Buying

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Not that we don't dig those Christmas lights manicures, but sometimes you want a little something more subtle for the holiday season on your nail beds—something that doesn't require you camping out in your salon for two hours. Or, even better, something you can do yourself and wear past December.

Red nail polish, in all its classic glory, takes care of that. But picking out the right red is no easy feat (especially for the indecisive human), so we asked a few pro manicurists for what formulas they really obsess over. Here's the deal on the reds you should really invest in.



7. MY OLD FLAME BY DEBORAH LIPPMANN

"One of my favorite reds is Deborah Lippmann's My Old Flame. It's a classic, timeless red that complements all skin tones and any occasions," says Honey Artists Manicurist, **Liang**.

Deborah Lippmann | \$18

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3 Tricks to Make Your Nail Polish Dry Faster



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You've successfully applied two coats of *Wicked* without spilling or turning your cuticles bordeaux. Well done! Now all you've got to do is sit still long enough for your handiwork to dry. But when there are emails to write, texts to be sent, and Instas to post, you can't afford to be digitally sidelined for long. So we tapped N.Y.C. manicurist Liang for his tricks to make polish dry in a matter of seconds.

1. Get a Blowout—for Your Mani

The cool-shot button on your dryer can do more than seal your hair's cuticles—it can set nail polish, too. "It's probably the most effective way to dry nails fast," says Liang, who notes that hot air actually prevents polish from hardening. Blast that chilly air about six inches from your nail beds for about a minute. Then gently tap nails to gauge if they're still tacky.

2. Take a Dip

Now that we know cold air helps polish harden, employ the same cool principle with water: Dip wet nails into a bowl of cold H₂O, says Liang. (Just be sure to wait at least a minute before doing so to allow your polish to set preliminary.) A two-minute dunk should dry nails to the point that you can go about your business as normal.

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3. Upgrade Your Lacquers

Trade your usual top coat for a quick-dry version, says Liang, who favors longtime *InStyle* Best Beauty Buy award winner Seche Vite (\$10; ulta.com). For extra insurance, invest in drops, like Liang's favorite, Essie's Quick-E Drying Drops (\$15; ulta.com), formulated with special resins to speed up dry time. Apply just a droplet to each nail after your top coat for best results.

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3. DEBORAH LIPPMANN NAIL COLOR IN HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"This cult classic polish is made of chunky, multicolored glitter. I like to do just one swipe over a neutral nail for a playful and chic pop of color." —Liang

Deborah Lippmann | \$20

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