

Wire Work Nail Art Trend



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Wowing us with diamond nails and shattered glass nails, [Eun Kyung Park](#), the founder of Unistella Salon in Seoul, South Korea, has done it yet again. But this time the nail art queen left nail artists everywhere spellbound.

Park debuted her latest innovation, wire work nails, earlier this year on Instagram and nail art fanatics went wild. The cutting-edge technique involves using thin gold wire twisted and shaped into 3-D designs on the nail. From hearts and cherries to flamingos and artsy faces, wire nails have become the new "it" nail design.

This edgy, modern look begins with very thin gold wire that is bent and twisted into shapes to form nail art designs and nail extensions. The pioneer of wire nails says her inspiration came from the bendy, interconnected wording of neon sign lettering. Using tweezers, the wire is first twisted and manipulated into tiny designs. The pre-made wire designs are then laid on the nail, topped with a clear gel polish and cured under a UV lamp.



The possibilities are endless with what you can create with wire nail art. Here are some ways to create your own looks.


Wire Work Nail Art Basics

Essentially, a wire manicure is simply a gel manicure with thin, sculpted wire encased in a gel top coat. The challenging part comes in the tediousness of sculpting the wire to make it what you want. Here are the basic steps to creating your wire nail look.

1. Purchase the thinnest jewelry stringing or jewelry-making wire you can find at your local craft store. If you cannot find jewelry wire, floral wire also works as well. Use the absolute thinnest wire available. Silver or gold 30 gauge, 20mm wire works well.
2. Manipulate the wire into the shape you desire using tweezers or craft pliers. Do a quick internet or [Pinterest search](#) to get more inspiration for the types of designs you'd like to create.
3. After designs are created, make sure the wire has a nice finish after trimming the excess wire. Use flush wire cutters and cut with the flat side to achieve a finished, smooth edge. If you leave sharp, jagged edges, the wire can get caught in your client's clothes or hair, destroying one or both, so make sure to trim and finish both ends.
4. After you have made as many designs as you need, prepare the nails as usual for a gel manicure service. If you are using a colored gel, apply and cure under UV lamp. Next, lay your designs on top of the nail, press to make it conform to the shape of the nail bed, then apply a top coat over the design. Cure it under the UV lamp and voila, you are done!

If you want to achieve a cleaner, more minimalist look, apply clear gel only to the nail, and add wire accents like "cuticle cuffs" or outline the nail with the wire. If you really want to jazz up your wire nail look, add studs, beads, and crystals to give it a more artsy appearance.

When it comes to creating wire nail art, remember to practice and be patient. Working with thin wire can be very tedious and challenging. Designing your creations to fit the nail will present some challenges so allow yourself some trial and error time before trying it on clients.



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