



Polygel Nail Replacement

This guide serves to show the process of repairing a broken nail made up of polygel. When a polygel nail isn't built properly it can easily break or lift.

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INTRODUCTION

If your polygel nail has been damaged due to lifting, chipping or breaking, use this guide to rebuild the entire nail. In order for a polygel nail to last, it needs to be built on a proper and sturdy base. Before using this guide, be sure to inspect the nail and ensure that the damage is not minimal. Typically, a small chip or break can easily be filed without removing much length from the nail itself.

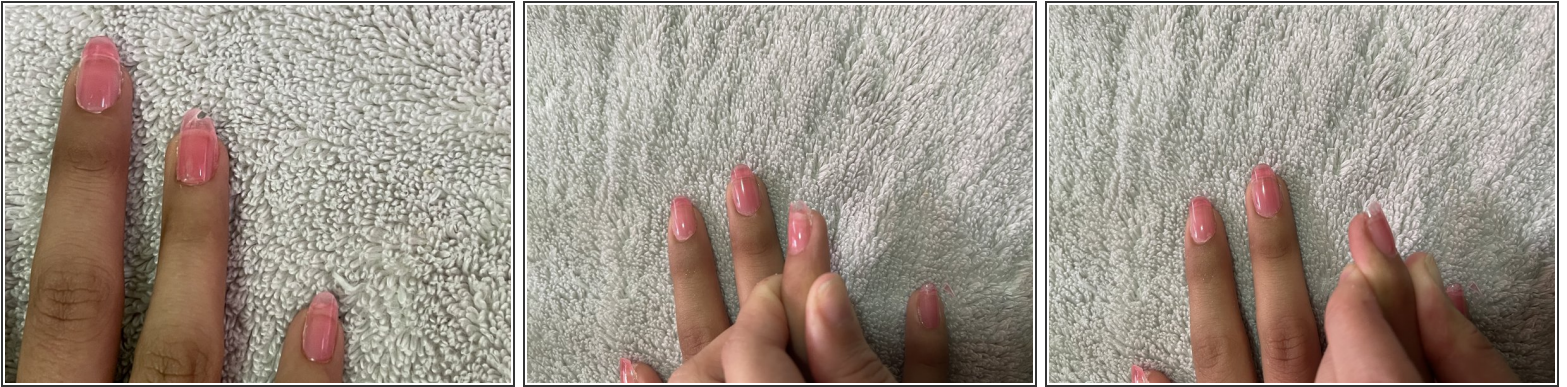
Step 7 requires the use of a UV lamp in order to cure both a gel base and top coat. Make sure you have one available, as it will be necessary.

Before beginning, make sure that within the curing process, if you experience any heat spikes or discomfort, you remove your hand from the lamp immediately and allow time for your nail to cool off.

TOOLS:

- [Polygel](#) (1)
 - [Polygel Brush](#) (1)
 - [UV Lamp](#) (1)
 - [Nail File](#) (1)
 - [Nail clippers](#) (1)
 - [High Content Rubbing Alcohol](#) (1)
 - [Cotton Ball](#) (1)
 - [Gel base coat and top coat](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Polygel Nail




- Check the extent of the damage.
- If the damage is minimal, file off any minor nicks around the edge of the nail.
- If the damage is extensive, the nail needs to be removed and rebuilt.

Step 2



- Start by cutting from one side of the nail then going to the other side with the nail clippers.

 Cutting directly from the center will cause pressure on the natural nail, which is something you should avoid.

Step 3



- Start filing off the remaining gel until you are just left with the natural nail as the base.
- Hold the finger in place to make sure you have control of where you're filing, making sure not to hit any skin.
- ⓘ The grit of the file does not matter; polygel is thin and easy to file.
- File until you see that all the gel is removed.

Step 4



- Turn the nail and ensure there's no remaining gel.

Step 5



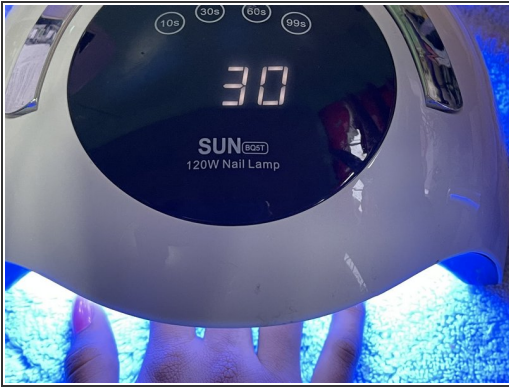
- Dampen a cotton ball with the alcohol and wipe off any dust residue from the filing.
- ⓘ The alcohol will also dehydrate the nail and prep it for the base coat.

Step 6



- Paint a thin, even layer of base coat onto the natural nail.
- Wipe off any base coat that gets on the skin.

Step 7



- Put your hand inside the UV lamp.
- Press the 30 second button.
- Once the 30 seconds have passed, remove your hand from the lamp.

Step 8



- Apply a small bead of polygel at the base of the form.
- Pour alcohol in a dappen dish (or small container) and dip your brush into the alcohol.
- ⓘ This prevents the polygel from sticking to the brush.
- Spread the polygel towards the top of the dual form in an even layer.

Step 9



- Hold the finger steady and place the form on the natural nail.
- With a small amount of pressure, push the dual form down until it stays in place.
- Wipe off any gel that spills out onto the sides of the nail.

Step 10



- Put your hand inside the lamp.
- Press the 60 second button.
- After the 60 seconds have passed, remove your hand from the lamp.

Step 11



- Grip the dual form from the tip.
- Pull while moving the form from side to side to pop it off.

Step 12




- Dampen one of the cotton balls with the alcohol and wipe off the nail until all the sticky residue is gone.

Step 13



- Cut off any length you don't want or need using the nail clippers.
- Start from one side and then move to the other side.

 You don't want to cause any pressure or unwanted discomfort on the natural nail by cutting from the center.

Step 14



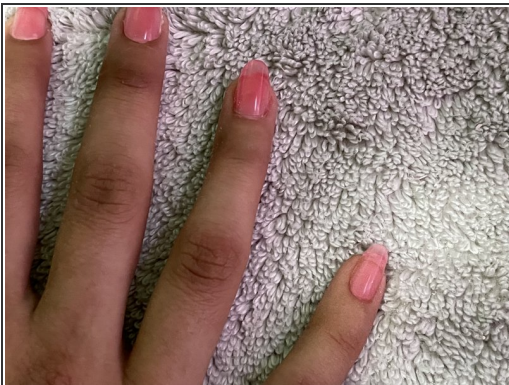
- Start filing and ensure your nail is even all around.
- File any bumps or unevenness on the surface of the nail.

Step 15



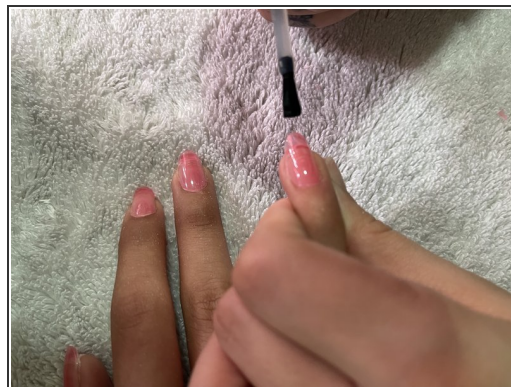
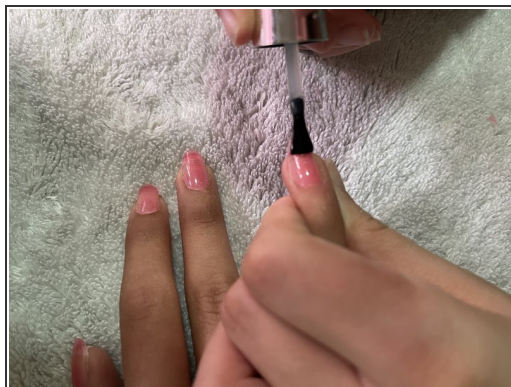
- Dampen one of the cotton balls with the alcohol and wipe the nail until there is no longer dust on it.

Step 16



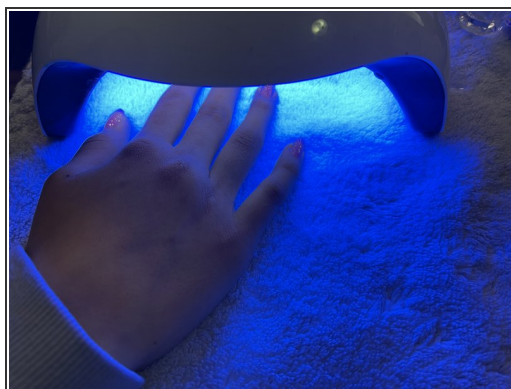
- Move the finger to make sure you can see that all sides of the nail are even.

Step 17



- Apply a thin layer of top coat onto the gel nail.

Step 18



- Put your hand inside and press the 60 second button.
- Once the 60 seconds have passed, remove your hand from the lamp.

Step 19



- After curing your nail, you are done!
- You can always go back and paint your nails and design them in any desirable manner.