



CND SHELLAC™

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We tried it...and you might want to
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When we heard about **CND SHELLAC**, the 30-minute in-salon manicure that dries almost instantly and promises perfect polish for *two weeks*, we thought it sounded too good to be true. So assistant beauty editor Alessandra gave it a go, and remarkably, the fiery red on her fingers stayed brilliant, and entirely chip-free, for 21 days. Val, the beauty department's skeptic in chief, had her toes Shellac-ed in February and was back in the office, wearing socks and boots, in less than an hour.

THE FORMULA: Shellac combines acrylic with the solvents in classic nail polish to form a liquid that brushes on in thin layers but sets to a hard, shiny finish.

THE PROCESS: A base coat, two coats of color, and top coat are painted on just like regular polish. In between each step, you slip your hand (or foot) under a UV lamp to set the polish (for ten seconds after the base coat, two minutes after each subsequent coat). Two minutes after the top coat has been applied, your nails are totally, completely, go-ahead-and-

dig-through-your-purse-for-your-keys (or slip-back-into-your-shoes) dry.

THE PRICE: \$35 to \$45 for a manicure; \$40 to \$60 for a pedicure (depending on the salon, go to cnd.com for a list).

THE CATCH: Shellac is trickier to remove than regular polish (though far easier than acrylics or other new "soak-off gels" we've tried). Nails must be wrapped in acetone-soaked cotton for ten minutes—the color then slides right off. The company advises going to a salon for removal (for which some salons will charge).

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Keep in mind! Because of the UV light exposure, you might want to apply sunscreen to your hands 30 minutes before your appointment.

LOOK WHAT WE FOUND!

TWO FER

if it's silky hair you're after, here's a double dose of help: dove hair conditioning CARE DAILY TREATMENT CONDITIONER (see ingredients). Each squeeze of the bottle gives you two ribbons of conditioner: the white ribbon contains softeners that repair damage and seal the cuticle to reduce frizz and lock in moisture; the yellow is infused with a mix of conditioning oils that penetrate hair, leaving it smooth and shiny.

Best Bargain Brushes

We rubbed our eyes to double-check when we saw the \$23 price tag on this five-piece set of gorgeous makeup brushes. Unusually soft bristles and stylish handles—the final one's shellie to find on any more expensive brushes—at a price that won't break the bank? Quick, snap up the ANIMA MAKEUP BRUSHES COUPONS FREE MAKEUP BRUSH SET (target.com) before the magic disappears!

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