

# Basic Odorless Acrylic

Time  
2 Hours

Class Supplies  
Basic Odorless  
Acrylic Kit CU-15900  
Tool Kit DL-C900

## Objective

Upon the conclusion of this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Apply the tip
- Overlay the acrylic
- Complete a basic filling

## Motivation

The hands are one of the first things we notice when we meet someone, from the ancient times when long nails signified status, to today where a good manicure is an indication that you take pride in your appearance. It is easy to understand why our nails have always played such an important role in the grooming ritual.

## Procedure

1. Before you begin, wash your hands with a pH-balanced cleansing soap and have your client do the same. Sanitize your hands and your client's hands with Cuccio Pro Antibacterial Cleansing Spray.
2. Using the 100/180 grit file from your tool kit, gently remove the shine off the nail bed in the direction from the cuticle towards the free edge.
3. Gently push the cuticle back using the rubber grip cuticle pusher from your tool kit.
4. Clean the nail with a dry brush or lint-free nail wipe to make sure there isn't any loose debris on the nail plate.
5. Put on the safety glasses from your tool kit.
6. Apply primer using the primer pen to the nail plate only, being careful not to touch the skin or cuticle.

*Note: Should your client experience a reaction to primer, mix 2 oz. of water to 1 tablespoon of baking soda; this will neutralize any primer reaction.*

7. Let the primer dry to a chalky white color.
8. Apply nail tips to all 10 nails.
  - Size each tip by making sure the sides match without overlapping on skin.
  - Apply one drop of nail glue on the inside of the well, rock tip back and forth so the glue spreads on the entire well.
  - At a 45 degree angle, apply the tip.



9. Cut and blend nail tip.
  - Cut nail tips to the desired length using the tip slicer in your tool kit.
  - File to desired shape.
  - Gently file over the seam line to blend. Be careful to not file the nail plate.
10. Spoon Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into one side of your dappen dish. Using a clean dropper from your tool kit, dispense Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid into the other side of the dappen dish.
11. Prime your #7 flat brush by immersing it fully into the Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid in the dappen dish.
12. Wipe excess liquid off of the brush onto your table towel.



### Helpful Hints

- Your ratio of powder to liquid is 1 : 1.
- Unlike traditional acrylics, too much liquid will produce a thin, weak nail.
- **DO NOT USE THE ODORLESS SYSTEM IF WET.** It is normal for odorless products to look powdery/dry when you have picked up an acrylic ball with the tip of your brush. Product will start spreading when it touches the nail bed.
- Just guide the product gently, it will start self-leveling into place.

13. Lightly re-dip the brush into the liquid; make a ball using the tip of the brush.
14. The size of the ball will depend on the size of the area of the nail you are covering and the desired length.
  - Apply a smaller dry ball of clear Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder to the stress area.
  - Place the ball in the middle of the nail; this will create the arch of the nail.

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## Overlay Application

1. Pick up a medium-sized ball of Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder and apply just below the line where the tip ends on the nail plate.
2. Pat gently without touching the surrounding skin and cuticle area.

### Helpful Hints

- Let product self-level.
  - Brush down the nail as you would nail polish; wipe brush continually.
  - Too much liquid will create a weak nail. The drier the better as liquid rises on odorless systems.
  - Let the nail harden before you remove the form.
  - The surface will be a little soft; you will be filing this off.
  - Tap the nail with the nail brush and if you hear a click sound, it is ready to file.
3. File nail to remove top tacky layer on nail plate.
    - File in a downward direction, being very careful not to over-file; the tacky layer will roll off.

### Helpful Hint

You can use the buffer from your tool kit to remove any scratches on the artificial nail.



## Maintenance/Fill

After 2-3 weeks your client will need to return for a 'maintenance' appointment or 'fill-ins'.

1. Dispense 1 inch of Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid into one side of your dappen dish. Using a clean dropper, spoon Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic powder into the other side of your dappen dish.
2. File the inner edge of the acrylic nail down using a 100/180 grit nail file.
3. Pick up a small ball of clear/pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder and apply to the cuticle area.
4. Pat gently without touching the cuticle area.
5. File nail to remove top tacky layer on nail plate.
  - File in a downward direction, being very careful not to over-file; the tacky layer will roll off.



# Intermediate Odorless Acrylic

## Time

2 Hours

## Class Supplies

Intermediate  
Odorless Acrylic Kit CU-15901

Tool Kit DL-C901

## Objective

Upon conclusion of this lesson, the student will be able to:

- Sculpt an artificial nail using forms and clear or pink and white acrylic powder
- Basic fill and backfill techniques

## Motivation

Pink & White full sets refer to the pink being at the base of the nail, and the white being the tip - or the extension of the nail. Sculpting is an advanced technique where the nail technician uses forms to sculpt the entire extension providing a much more realistic looking final result.

## Procedure

1. Before you begin, wash your hands with a pH-balanced cleansing soap and have your client do the same. Sanitize your hands and your client's hands using Cuccio Pro Antibacterial Cleansing Spray.
2. Using a 100/180 grit file from your tool kit, gently remove the shine off the nail bed in the direction from the cuticle towards the free edge.
3. Gently push the cuticle back using the rubber grip cuticle pusher from your tool kit.
4. Clean the nail with a dry nail brush or lint-free nail wipe to make sure there isn't any loose debris on the nail plate.
5. Put on the safety glasses from your tool kit.
6. Apply Cuccio Pro X-Strength Primer sparingly to the nail plate only, being careful not to touch the skin or cuticle.
7. Let primer dry to a chalky white color.

**Note:** Should your client experience a reaction to primer, mix 2 oz. of water to 1 tablespoon of baking soda; this will neutralize any primer reaction.



8. Apply nail forms to all 10 nails. The forms should fit flush under the free edge and follow the contour.
9. Hold form between fingers and curve it by pressing the sides against the skin.
10. Dispense Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid into middle dappen dish using a dropper, then spoon white Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into one end of the dappen dish, and the pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into the opposite end of the dappen dish.
11. Prime your #4 flat sable brush by immersing it fully into the liquid dappen dish.
12. Wipe excess liquid off of the brush onto your table towel.



### *Helpful Hints*

- Your ratio of powder to liquid is 1 : 1.
- Unlike traditional acrylics, too much liquid will produce a thin, weak nail.
- **DO NOT USE THE ODORLESS SYSTEM IF WET.** It is normal for odorless products to look powdery/dry when you have picked up an acrylic ball with the tip of your brush. Product will start spreading when it touches the nail bed.
- Just guide the product gently, it will start self-leveling into place.
- Re-dip the brush into the liquid lightly, make a ball using the tip of the brush.
- The size of the ball will depend on the size of the area of the nail you are covering and the desired length.

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## Sculpting

### There are 3 Areas to Sculpt

#### 1. Free Edge

- Apply a dry ball of white Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder (for white tip) to the stress area and free edge, where the nail and form meet.
- Press the ball gently from side to side tapering the sides down to a thin, clean edge and leaving the stress area a little thicker for strength.
- Wipe the brush off on the non-woven wipes before re-dipping into liquid to prevent contamination of the liquid.

#### 2. Nail Bed

- Apply a smaller dry ball of clear/pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder in the stress area.
- Place the ball in the middle of the nail, which will create the arch of the nail.

#### 3. Cuticle Area

- Pick up a small ball of clear/pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder and apply to the cuticle area.
- Pat gently without touching the cuticle area.

### Helpful Hints

- Let product self-level.
- Brush down the nail as you would with nail polish, wipe brush continually.
- Too much liquid will create a weak nail; the drier the better, as liquid rises on odorless systems.
- Let the nail harden before you remove the form.
- The surface will be a little soft; you will be filing this off.
- Tap the nail with the nail brush and if you hear a click sound, it is ready to file.



4. File nail using the 100/180 grit nail file to remove the tacky layer from the nail plate.
  - File in a downward direction, being very careful not to over-file; the tacky layer will roll off.

#### *Helpful Hint*

You can use the buffer from your tool kit to remove any scratches on the artificial nail.



## Maintenance/Fill

After 2-3 weeks, your client will need to return for a 'maintenance' appointment or 'fill-ins'.

1. Dispense 1 inch of Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid into one side of your dappen dish. Using a clean dropper, spoon Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into the other side of your dappen dish.
2. File the inner edge of the acrylic nail down using a 100/180 grit nail file.
3. Pick up a small ball of clear/pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder and apply to the cuticle area.
4. Pat gently without touching the cuticle area.
5. File nail to remove top tacky layer on nail plate.
  - File in a downward direction, being very careful not to over-file; the tacky layer will roll off.



# Advanced Odorless Acrylic

## Time

2 Hours

## Class Supplies

Advanced Odorless Acrylic Kit CU-15902

Tool Kit DL-C902

## Objective

Upon the conclusion of this lesson, the student will be able to complete:

- Nail Biter technique
- Advanced backfill techniques

## Motivation

Nail Biting: If your clients want to cover up their bitten nails, acrylic nail application is a quick solution to attractive nails.

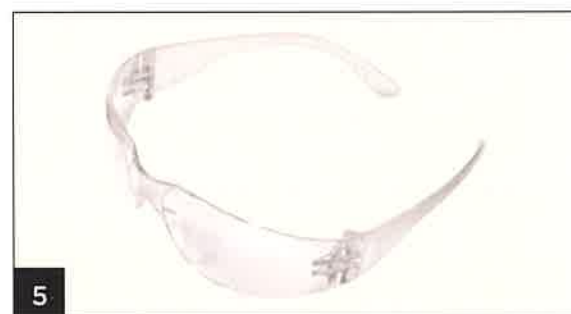
## Procedure

### Nail Biter Technique

1. Before you begin, wash your hands with a pH-balanced cleansing soap and have your client do the same. Sanitize your hands and your client's hands using Cuccio Pro Antibacterial Cleansing Spray.
2. Using a 100/180 grit file from your tool kit, gently remove the shine off the nail bed in the direction from the cuticle towards the free edge.
3. Gently push the cuticle back using the rubber cuticle pusher from your tool kit.
4. Clean nail with a dry nail brush or lint-free nail wipe to make sure there isn't any loose debris on the nail plate.
5. Put on the safety glasses from your tool kit.
6. Apply Cuccio Pro X-Strength Primer sparingly to the nail plate only, being careful not to touch the skin or cuticle.
7. Let primer dry to a chalky white color.

**Note:** Should your client experience a reaction to primer, mix 2 oz. of water to 1 tablespoon of baking soda; this will neutralize any primer reaction.

8. Dispense Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid into the glass liquid container using a clean dropper and spoon Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into the three separate dappen dishes.
9. Prime your #14 Ultimate "Big Boy" brush by immersing into the Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid.
10. Build the New Nail Bed: With pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder, apply 1 ball of product that blends into the nail plate shy of the cuticle area.
11. Press the ball of product over the free edge of the nail right on the skin on the tip of the finger. Touching the skin is OK as acrylic will not adhere to skin.



12. Make sure you push the tip of the acrylic over the end of the natural nail bed.
13. When completed, you should have a nail bed that is longer than the original one.
  - Repeat steps 6-8 for all 10 nails.
14. Prime your brush by immersing it fully into the Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid in the dappen dish.
15. Wipe excess liquid off of the brush onto your table towel.

### Helpful Hints

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- **DO NOT USE THE ODORLESS SYSTEM IF WET.** It is normal for odorless products to look powdery/dry when you have picked up an acrylic ball with the tip of your brush. Product will start spreading when it touches the nail bed.
- Just guide the product gently, it will start self-leveling into place.



16. Lightly re-dip the brush into the liquid, make a ball using the tip of the brush.
17. The size of the ball will depend on the size of the area of the nail you are covering and the desired length.
18. File nail to remove top tacky layer on nail plate.
  - File in a downward direction, being very careful not to over-file; the tacky layer will roll off.



### Helpful Hints

- Let product self-level.
- Brush down the nail as you would with nail polish, wipe brush continually.
- Too much liquid will create a weak nail; the drier the better as liquid rises on odorless systems.
- Let the nail harden before you remove the form.
- The surface will be a little soft; you will be filing this off.
- Tap the nail with the nail brush and if you hear a click sound, it is ready to file.
- Use the 220/280 grit buffer to remove any scratches on the artificial nail.

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## Maintenance/Fill

After 2-3 weeks your client will need to return for a 'maintenance' appointment or 'fill-ins'.

1. Dispense 1 inch of Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Liquid into one side of your dappen dish. Using a clean dropper, spoon Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into the other side of your dappen dish.
2. File the inner edge of the acrylic nail down using a 100/180 grit nail file.
3. Brush any loose debris using a clean dry nail brush.
4. Put on the safety glasses and mask from your tool kit.
5. Apply Cuccio Pro X-Strength Primer sparingly to the nail plate only, being careful not to touch the skin or cuticle.
6. With your cone bit and the electric file, dredge the smile line. Make three cuts, one on the side to the center, across the center, then the third from the center to the left side. Be careful not to file too fast or deep to avoid nail damage or production of heat.
7. Remove the cone bit and replace with a barrel bit with the appropriate filing band. Holding the nail sideways so you can see the ledge, you will remove the remaining tip product.
8. Apply a small ball of white Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder into the well of the smile line.
9. Work acrylic to fill-in smile line.
10. Fill in the back of the nail using your pink Cuccio Pro Odorless Acrylic Powder.
11. Once the nail is dry, indicated by the tapping sound, buff the nail and finish as you do with a basic fill.
12. File nail to remove top tacky layer on nail plate
  - File in a downward direction, being very careful not to over-file; the tacky layer will roll off.

## Advanced Backfill Techniques with E-File

### 1. With a backfill carbide small bit:

- Backfill bits come in different sizes. All perform the same function - it is preference only on which one you use.

### 2. A full barrel bit:

- This multi-functional bit has many benefits. It allows techs to cut and remove the old, white powder from the nail once the cut has been made. All of this can be done without having to change the bit. With a soft, rounded-edge carbide tapered barrel bit, techs can remove the product from the tip to the smile line by holding the bit flat to your nail. You will replace the white tip product as you would when you hand file.

### 3. The French fill bit:

- It is a diamond shaped diamond bit that trenches out the perfect "V" for backfills. It is made from the finest diamond products and has a perfect cutting edge. It is large and aggressive but gives you the smoothest cuts of all.

## Electric File - Maintenance/Fill

After 2-3 weeks your client will need to return for a 'maintenance' appointment or 'fill-ins'.

1. Dispense 1 inch of Cuccio Pro Ultra Clear Acrylic Liquid using a clean dropper into the glass container. Spoon the Ultra Clear Acrylic Powder into a dappen dish.
2. File the inner edge of the acrylic nail down using a 100/180 grit nail file.
3. Brush any loose debris using a clean dry nail brush.
4. Put on the safety glasses and mask from your tool kit.
5. Apply Cuccio Pro X-Strength Primer sparingly to the nail plate only, being careful not to touch the skin or cuticle.
6. With your cone bit and the electric file, dredge the smile line. Make 3 cuts, one on the side to the center, across the center, then the third from the center to the left side. Be careful not to file too fast or deep to avoid nail damage or production of heat.
7. Remove the cone bit and replace with a barrel bit with the appropriate filing band. Holding the nail sideways so you can see the ledge, you will remove the remaining tip product.
8. Apply a small ball of white Cuccio Pro Ultra Clear Acrylic Powder into the well of the smile line.
9. Work acrylic to fill-in smile line.
10. Fill-in the back of the nail using your pink Cuccio Pro Ultra Clear Acrylic Powder.
11. Once the nail is dry, indicated by the tapping sound, buff the nail and finish as you do with a basic fill.

