

5 Steps to Beautiful Bejeweled Nails ♥1

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Ever see someone with a bedazzled manicure and think, "Yikes that's too much for me to pull off!" There are definitely some wild things being done in the nail world right now. If you're on the nail art fence, you'd be surprised at how subtle and pretty the jeweled nail can be done, and, the best news is, you can do it yourself easily! I've been playing around with this idea and have even managed to convince many an anti-bejeweled woman to test it out. (It's kind of fun to have a little sparkle on your nail that's not a glitter polish.) So try it out, and see what you think!

Items Needed:

- Base Coat
- Nail polish of your choice
- Flat-bottomed jewels — stick on or non stick (You can find these at most drugstores in the nail section, beauty supply stores, or your local craft store.)
- Top coat
- Tweezers

Step 1: Pick a few jewels and a pattern you want to follow. The easiest look (and probably most elegant) is to follow the bottom cuticle curve of your nail and put a few there, or do two or three in a diagonal somewhere along the nail. Or you could just do one if that's all you'd like.

Step 2: Prep your nails as you would normally for an at home mani. Wash your hands, moisturize, and apply your favorite base coat. Apply two coats of the polish of your choice to one hand.

Step 3: Now pick your fourth finger, your thumb, or if you're feeling bold, do both. By limiting it to just one or two fingers on each hand, you make the look subtle and the effect much more cool and controlled. Carefully apply a little bit of top coat polish to the bottom of the jewel. Then with a tweezer, place it on your nail. Press with the back of your tweezers to set. Repeat with the rest of the jewels.

Step 4: When you're done applying the jewels, apply one or two layers of top coat to the entire nail. Even if you are using stick-on jewels you should apply top coat to give them extra staying power. (Apply to the rest of your nails as well.)