

CND™ Tip Application

10 MIN Use CND™ Tips to extend the natural nail to a desired length or correct the appearance of misshapen nails.



STEP 1:

Fit the Tip

- 1. Match** - Choose the correct tip to match the C-curve of the natural nail.
- 2. Fit** - The tip should fit easily from lateral wall to lateral wall of the natural nail and should encase the natural nail extension edge exactly. Use a **Kanga™ File** to shape and refine the natural nail to fit the tip perfectly into the stop point of the contact area.



STEP 2:

Pre-Tailor the Tip

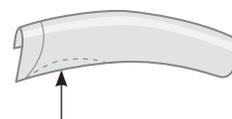
- 1. Contact area** - The contact area of the tip should cover no more than 1/3 of the natural nail before application. This will facilitate fast, efficient application and blending as well as optimum contact of the Liquid & Powder or UV gel to the natural nail.



To reduce the contact area, gently file away unwanted material using a **180-grit file**. File contact area at a 45° angle to gradually form a “C” shape similar to the stop point. Bevel and taper to a thin edge. You may also choose to use a one-cut tip cutter or curved cuticle scissors to cut the contact area away.

When using the **Velocity™ White Tip**, the client must have a slight extension edge for proper smile line placement.

- 2. Lateral wall** - If there is any overhang along the lateral wall of the tip (and you feel you can't use a smaller size, or if the nail is bitten and has excess skin on the sidewalls) use a file or sharp, curved cuticle scissors and carve out an arch to allow the tip to fit snugly along the sidewall, making sure the tip does not press into the skin. Work only on the area of overhang; do not remove other areas of the sidewall. Isolate the problem area, and alter only in that area. Buff the tip to bevel and smooth all edges. This will reduce the amount of blending once the tip is adhered.



STEP 3:

Apply the Tip

- 1. Determine degree of upper and lower arch** - To accommodate a ski jump or flat nail the tip will need to be angled slightly downward. The more dramatic the curve, the more angled (in a downward direction) the tip should be placed to the nail. It's fine for the contact area to be slightly raised up off the nail surface, as long as the stop point of the tip is fully adhered to the extension edge of the natural nail. This area will need to be removed during Zone blending.



2. **Place a bead of SealeBond™ Adhesive** in the contact area of the tip and distribute evenly, being particularly careful to coat the corners. Place a thin line of adhesive on the natural nail plate extension edge. Hold the tip between the thumb and forefinger when applying adhesive.

3. **Spread the adhesive** gently with the tip to completely coat the entire extension edge. Use one or two quick wiping strokes to do this. Be particularly careful to coat the corners of the natural nail and the sidewall of the contact area with adhesive.

4. **Secure** the tip by holding it at a 45° angle and gently butt the stop point against the natural nail extension edge. Slowly lower the contact area down to the natural nail, stopping when the desired side arch is achieved, while pressing all bubbles out.



5. **Press firmly** against the extension edge for 10 seconds securing the stop point to the natural nail.

6. **Remove** any residual adhesive with a lint-free plastic-backed pad.

STEP 4:

Cut the Tip

1. **Determine the desired length** and hold the client's nail plate firmly.

2. **Cut the tip** using a **one-cut** tip cutter or wide-blade curved cuticle scissors or clippers. Be sure to avoid pulling while cutting or applying unnecessary stress on the tip material (which may show up as vertical white marks on the tip).

Note: Always use a sharp blade to cut; dull blades cause tips to flatten, split and possibly crack. Use a heavier file to thin the bulk of the unwanted tip and then refine with a smoother file, always using a light touch.

STEP 5:

Shape and Blend the Tip

1. **Shape** the extension edge of the tip with a **180-grit file, Hot Shot™ File or Blizzard™ File**, to create the desired shape. Start with the file parallel to the extension edge and slowly rotate underneath the nail to start rounding the corners. The deeper the oval edge, the further the file should rotate under the nail. This procedure should connect the lateral sidewalls together into the prescribed front form. The file can now be used in long, sweeping strokes to clean up this line into a perfect and symmetrical form.



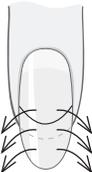
2. **Thin** the entire tip evenly using a 180-grit file in a rounded motion, paying close attention to the corners of the tip. This area often traps dust and excess adhesive; it should be completely blended away.



3. **Refine** Zone 1 and thin to a sharp edge by beveling from the center of the tip toward the extension edge using a one-directional stroke.



4. **Refine** and bevel sidewalls using a 180-grit file. Bevel evenly down each side of the nail, working from the center of the tip down towards the sidewalls to prevent a wide look in Zone 2.



5. **Refine** Zone 2 using a 180-grit file. Thin the contact area of the tip and gently blend the remaining tip material from the nail using the **240-grit Koala Buffer™** to prevent ghost shadowing and pocket lifting. Be sure the tip is thin, blended and translucent.



6. **Remove** any excess dust with a disinfectable dust brush and cleanse the nail plate area with **SCRUBFRESH™ Nail Surface Cleanser**. Avoid the tip when cleaning the nail with **SCRUBFRESH™**, since the solvents may melt the tip and can lead to cracking.



PRODUCTS REQUIRED

SCRUBFRESH™ Nail Surface Cleanser

CND™ Tips

SealeBond™ Adhesive

CND™ Files and Buffers

ACCESSORIES/EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Hand towels

Plastic-backed, lint-free pads

Disinfectable dust brush*

Curved cuticle scissors*

One-cut tip cutter

*Optional