

Master Gel Nails Course Materials

Hey there soon to be structure gel specialist!

Below you will find the materials you need to successfully complete [the Master Gel Nails Course](#).

While the **MGN Course** has an emphasis on potted soft gel brands like Japanese gel brands, it is not exclusive to them.

You only need ONE item from each section to build your course kit and complete a portfolio assignment (if completing one during group class events).

Note:

1. Everything in the “RECOMMENDATIONS” column has been carefully recommended based on products that I’ve either personally used for years, or have previously tested. They are my TOP recommendations, but other brands/products can work too.
2. Efile technique is highly recommended for applying gel overlays, but it is *not required* for completion of the course or any portfolio assignments at this time.

REQUIRED	RECOMMENDATIONS
Brands I recommend to successfully complete MGN:	<p>KOKOIST (including Nail Thoughts), RÉDI, Leafgel, Vetro</p> <p>Choose no more than 2 brands to start.</p> <p>You can get all of your items from just ONE brand!</p> <p>Below you'll see what I like and recommend from these brands per section.</p> <p>AGAIN: You only need ONE item per section. i.e : one curing unit, one base gel, one 2-in-1 builder etc...</p>
For Overlays:	

Curing Unit	<p>KOKOIST Le Blanc (What I've used for last 5+ years. Already replaced once.*) KOKOIST Infinity</p> <p>Choose the one from your #1 or #2 most used brands.</p> <p>Or, choose a long-standing trusted gel nail brand. Avoid generic Amazon brands.</p> <p>*Generally, curing units need to be replaced max every 2 years for full-time artists, and 3 years for less frequent users.</p>
Base Gel (for Build 0 overlay)	<p>Mega Stick Base Nail Thoughts Clear Base LEAFGEL Smooth Fit Base RÉDI Twin Seal</p>
2-in-1 or 3-in1 Builder gel (for Build 1 overlay)	<p>KOKOIST Platinum Filler Base Nail Thoughts Bases</p>
Builder gel (for Build 2 overlay)	<p>KOKOIST Excel Builder LEAFGEL Sculpting Gel II VETRO Extension Clear RÉDI Builder</p>
Color gel	<p>KOKOIST LEAFGEL VETRO</p> <p>I use primarily potted gel color, use your favorite gel colors. Pot or bottle.</p> <p>All of the above apply very similarly. Buttery, and great opacity when needed.</p> <p>You will need a classic red (any tone) for your portfolio assignment.</p>

Top coat	KOKOIST Ultra Glossy LEAFGEL Non-Wipe Top Gel (Really thin viscosity, great to avoid bulk after nail art.)
Base coat gel brush	KOKOIST Oval, Round, or Thin Round LEAFGEL Long Oval, or Round VETRO Oval Your selection will vary based on the viscosity of the gel. Visit the Theory portion of the MGN Course to understand how viscosities and a brush's length and firmness correlates to it.
Builder gel brush	Same recommendations and notes as above.
Color brush	KOKOIST Oval or Round LEAFGEL Long Oval or Round VETRO Oval or Max
Top coat brush	KOKOIST Flat or Medium Flat LEAFGEL Long Oval or Flat VETRO Flat or Max
Liner brush (For French and for base & build application)	KOKOIST Long Liner Nail Thoughts Detailer Vetro Liner S or Liner M LEAFGEL Liner M
Clean up brush	French Cleaning Brush Like this one

For Prep	
Dusting nail brush	<p>Wearable Like this one</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Handheld Like this one</p>
Lint-free wipes	<p>4-ply Like these</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Single ply Like these</p>
Cuticle nipper	5mm jaw Like these , or similar
Cuticle pusher	Like this one , or this one
240 and 180g emery and board file	<p>Emery board</p> <p>I highly recommend this mechanism: Base + abrasive sleeve* in 240g</p> <p>*Note the “papmAm” line is the glide-on abrasive sleeves for Staleks</p> <p>240/180g Board file Like these</p>

	Or use your favorite emery and board files
Sponge buffer	Sponge buffers I really like these Or find your favorite 180g sponge buffer
Electric file & bits	
Gel removal bit	
Cuticle bit	
Etching bit (optional) for nail plate prep	
	See all of my dry efile mani implements and bits recommendations here
For Repairs	
Silk (fiberglass ok)	Like these
Scissors	Like these
Nail Tweezers	Like these
Other Supplies	
Dust collector	I've used VBeauty Pure, Anemone, & Ulka... All very comparable as far as power.

Table napkins	Like these
Nail clipper	
90% alcohol	
Gloves	
Flash curing unit	
Cuticle oil	
Art media	i.e.: glitter, stickers, studs, crystals

Here are our affiliate links to the brands mentioned above. They've all generously extended a 10% discount to our community.

KOKOIST & Nail Thoughts

<https://paolaponcenails.com/kokoist> (PPN10)

LEAFGEL PREMIUM

<https://paolaponcenails.com/leafgel> (PPN10)

VETRO

<https://paolaponcenails.com/vetro> (PPN10)

REDI

<https://red-iguana.com/> (PPN10) Code is seasonal.