Ultimate Beginners Guide: A Complete Nail Supply Equipment Checklist
Foreword

Starting a new hobby or passion could be difficult at times.

Just the thought of where to begin would give someone like me anxiety… Fret not! We’re here for you!

See I usually get questions like ‘What are some good tools to have in my toolbox? ALL THE TIME.

Well to do us all a favor ;) I’ve decided to create this list of all the necessary equipments needed for a BRAND NEW beginner.

This could also be a good recap for more seasoned vets.
About Polish Perfect

Polish Perfect is a website dedicated to beginners to advanced nail professionals interested in learning more about nail and beauty industry and perfecting their craft at the same time.

The goal of this eBook was to quickly show you all the necessary tools needed for nail technician on a daily basis!

Also, make sure to follow us on our other social media channels as well!
I understand your frustration when starting a brand new hobby (or passion). It could be overwhelming if you don’t know where to start. I remember when I was first getting into this line of business I thought hmmm ‘If I could have a cheat sheet list of all the tools I needed for the job - that would make my life a lot easier’. Well I didn’t and I know how much of a pain that could be.

That’s why I thought it would be a great idea to create this Beginners Guide.

Hope reading this book will alleviate any concerns you have about what tools to get. Below you’ll find all the tools necessary for the trade. Some are questionable, yes, but it’s better safe than sorry. Enjoy guys!

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Nail Clippers

A true nail technician requires a few different types of nail clippers, including the following: Nail edge clippers, Standard nail clippers, and Toenail clippers.
Acrylic Nail Tips

Many salon suppliers offer sets of nail tips of up to 500. Purchasing these larger sets will not only give you a variety of sizes for different sized nails and hands but also keep your salon stocked.
It’s important to ensure that your salon has acrylic nails kits. A complete acrylic nails kit should include the following items: Acrylic Powder, Acrylic Liquid, Dappen Dish (glass cup), and Brush.
Nail Cleanser

Nail cleanser helps keep nails as well as the skin around the nails clean to help prevent infections. It also helps acrylic nails tips to stick better to the natural nail after application.
Nail polish remover is a must-have item on the nail salon equipment checklist.
Moisturizer

One of the parts of a mani or pedi that customers look forward to most is leaving with soft and smooth hands; therefore, a quality moisturizer is necessary.
Manicure Bowl

A manicure bowl is a good item to have nearby when soaking is necessary. A small, round bowl will certainly do the trick, however, there are bowls designed specifically for resting hands on it while nails soak.
Many nail technicians opt to use any old antibacterial soap, it’s best to use a soap that is good for soaking as well as cleansing hands.
Double Sided Nail Files

Having a good double sided nail file on hand will make your job that much easier. With a variety of files, such as ones with rougher and smoother edges, you can file away rough edges of acrylic nails.
Diamond Nail File

A diamond nail file is also great to have on hand. These types of nail files are coated in diamond dust, which makes the file incredibly durable and hygienic.
Electric Nail Drill

Electric nail file enables you to file customer's' nails in half the time. Very good tool to have. Learn more in our guide here.
Nail Buffer Blocks

Nail buffer blocks are made with four different surfaces, each designed to file, buff, polish and shine nails.
Nail Glue

Sometimes nail glue can be used to repair a broken acrylic nail instead of mixing acrylic powder and liquid. Nail glue is easy and convenient to use in a snap to repair one broken acrylic nail.
You can’t give your customer a proper manicure without tending to their cuticles. A cuticle exfoliator is a great tool to help you remove dry, rough cuticles without causing pain.
In addition to using a cuticle exfoliator, cuticle oil will help you soften cuticles, making it easier to push them back, exposing more of the nail bed.
Cuticle Pusher

Pushing cuticles back exposes more of the nail bed, which provides a clean and neat look as well as a better surface to apply acrylics.
Cuticle Nippers

This is a great tool that also aids in the process of cleaning up cuticles. However, it’s best not to rely on these for every manicure as excessive cutting can cause infection and bleeding.
Bond Aid is a chemical that is applied on the natural nail before applying nail glue and/or acrylic powder and liquid. It also helps balance the pH levels in natural nails prior to applying acrylic nails.
You can’t complete a manicure without a quality topcoat. Applying a topcoat to your customers’ nails will protect the nails as well as help keep their manicures looking fresh until their next visit.
Manicure Towelettes

These are handy for removing chemicals from customers’ hands after the manicure is complete.
Toe Separators

Toe separators are another must-have item for pedicures. Depending on the size and shape of the feet, top separators can make it easy for nail technicians to paint each toenail without one toe smudging polish on the other.
Pedicure Foot File

A pedicure foot file is designed with both rough and fine surfaces can be used to help smooth rough areas of the feet and even rid the feet of calluses.
Salon Smock

A salon smock is a good thing to keep nearby your workspace as it can help protect your clothes from chemicals as well as keep your clothes clean for your next appointment!
Supply Organizer

Keeping your equipment and nail technician supplies in one place will not only help you to stay organized, but it will also make it easy to find the tool you are looking for when you need it.
Don’t give up, the beginning is always the hardest.

I hope you guys enjoyed my book! If you have any questions reach out to us on Facebook! ;)