



Nail art can be calming and super easy! Learn how to do an easy nail polish gradient using household supplies you probably already have. Teen Librarian Hallie will show you all the steps to do a gradient on your nails. This nail polish hack has endless design possibilities. Get creative with your design!

Gather your supplies:

- At least 2 colors of nail polish
- tape
- makeup sponge
- paper or placemat for your work area
- clear nail polish

Step 1: Start with a base coat of nail polish. Your base coat should be the lighter shade of nail polish. It's okay if your base coat is a little streaky at the top since you're going to cover it with more layers of polish.

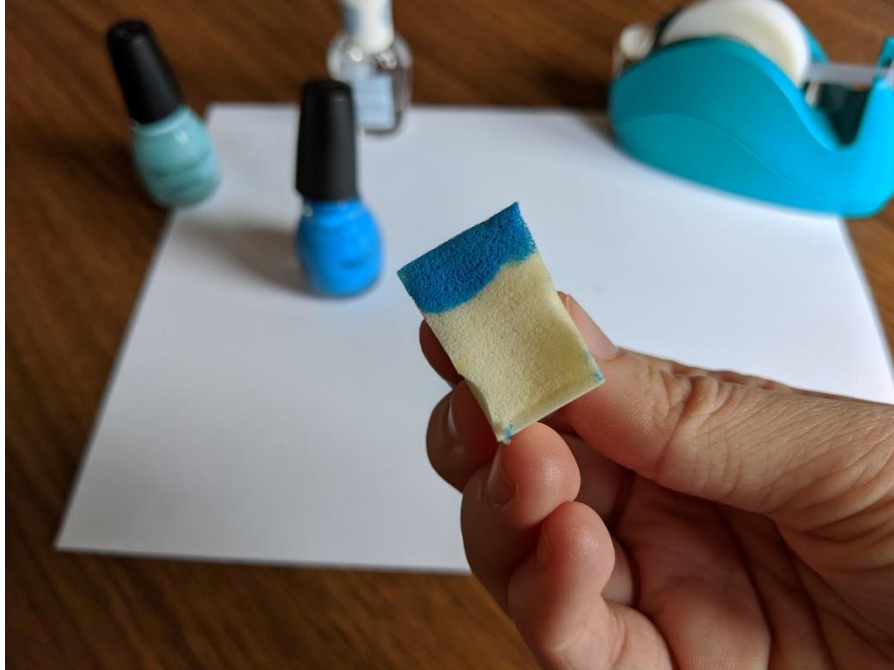


Step 2: Once your nails are dry, place pieces of tape around on your cuticles and around your nail. This step allows for easy clean up after you stamp the gradient. You can skip this if you would rather clean up with nail polish remover later or don't have tape.



Step 3: Add a stripe of the 2nd nail polish color to the makeup sponge. Add several layers to build the color because the sponge will absorb some of the polish.

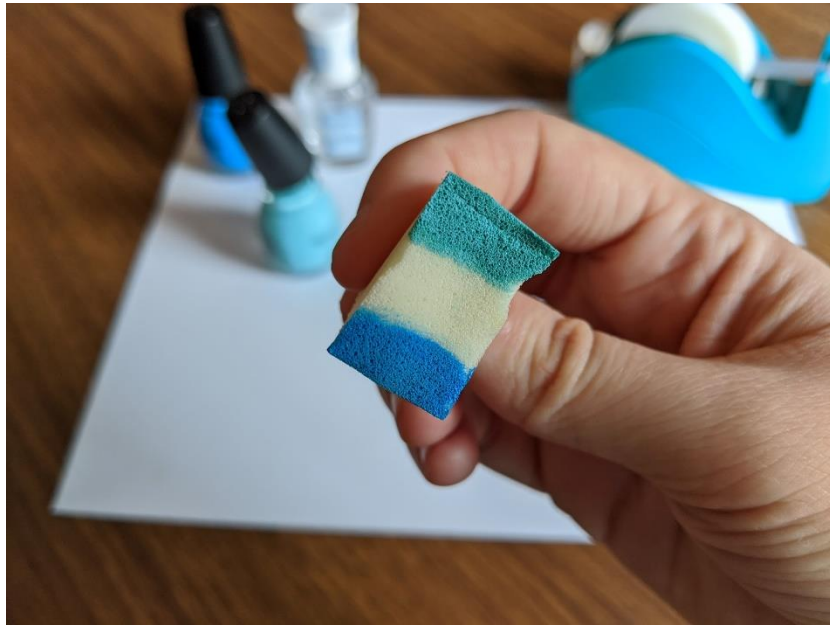
No makeup sponge? You can also use an eyeshadow applicator



Step 4: Lightly sponge and blot the color onto the top half of your nail. Let it dry and add more layers of the color if you want it to be darker.



Step 5: To achieve the gradient look, add the base coat color to the other end of the sponge. Lightly sponge and blot the base coat color along the edge where the two nail polish colors meet in order to blur the line.



Step 6: Once all of your polish is dry, carefully remove the tape around your nail.



Step 7: Add a clear top coat and admire your fresh nails! You can reuse the makeup sponge for another gradient by trimming off the used part.

