

My Online Learning Journey

DIY GEL NAILS
& SO MUCH
MORE!

Getting Started

It all began with a Reddit post ([see blog](#))! I realized that learning how to do my own gel nails didn't require a fancy setup – just a bit of curiosity and a basic gel polish kit. For the cost of one salon visit, I now have supplies to keep my nails looking fresh for months!

Why This Matters as a Teacher

This project reminded me that authentic learning happens everywhere, not just in the classroom. I want to help students find quality tutorials and resources, discover how they learn best, and feel confident exploring new things on their own.

What I Used to Learn

I learned the basics through more thorough [YouTube tutorials](#), and learned new techniques through a mix of [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), and [WikiHow](#) tutorials. There are also [a ton of free resources](#) out there – seriously, it's wild what you can find.

What I Learned About My Learning

I've learned that short, clear tutorials with great visuals work best for me. I'll always choose a 5-minute video over a 20-minute ramble. Additionally, visual learning really clicks, and it's helped me build confidence not just in DIY skills, but in my ability to teach myself anything.

Beyond Nails: Home Fixes

When my door latch broke, I didn't call a repairperson – I looked up a tutorial and fixed it myself for \$10! That small win gave me a huge confidence boost. I've already picked out my next DIY summer project – building a cozy breakfast nook around my table!