

STYLE } DIY Products: Can't Beat That Homemade Touch

Ever wonder what goes into the products you use in your services? These owners and techs took it upon themselves to make sure they were using products with the best ingredients by creating their own product lines. Check out what these owners have to offer, and see how it's been so successful for them. BY KELSEY NOLAN



Product: Coco Gommage Scrub

Salon: Chic Nail + Beauty Bar, Haley, Idaho

Creator: Anne Mulick

Anne Mulick, a nail tech at Chic Nail + Beauty Bar, and creator of the salon's custom scrub, says she initially developed Coco Gommage for cost purposes. Plus, she and the owner were not crazy about anything that currently existed in the market.

Gommage is the French word for scrub, and coco is an inside joke between Mulick's mother and herself meaning XOXO. It is a coconut oil-based scrub with sugar and a hint of almond. The salon uses it during its spa pedicure service and clients are able to buy a container to take home or give as a gift. This fall the salon also featured a pumpkin spice scrub, which is made with pumpkin puree and spices.



Product: Nail polishes, candles, nail oils and body polishes

Salon: Gloss Nail Bar, Miami

Owner: Sandra Weir

The line, created by Gloss Nail Bar owner Sanda Weir, was crafted with purity and wellness in mind. Weir found that when her teenage daughter started to frequent nail salons, it resulted in brittle and broken nails. When Weir inspected product ingredients, she was troubled to find a list of harsh and potentially harmful chemicals. Weir decided to create custom products that reflected her dedication to healthy and luxurious salon alternatives.

The line includes more than 100 polishes, a body mist of 100% blended essential oils, body lotions in rosemary-mint and vanilla-tangerine, a sugar body polish with essential oils, foaming bath salts to help detoxify the body, natural soy nail polish remover, and soy-based candles.

Product: Ambiance Elegance scrubs, salts, and lotions

Salon: Ambiance Spa & Wellness Centre, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

Owner: Tammy Deacon

Owner Tammy Deacon explains that her day spa, Ambiance Spa & Wellness Centre, was using DoTerra essential oils as much as possible, so using them during manicure and pedicure treatments as well made sense. DoTerra's oils are 100% natural with no fillers, which is why they are so effective, Deacon says. However the company does not make scrubs and lotions, so Deacon decided to make her own.

Because she wanted to give clients a decadent experience while using products that are as just as effective, Deacon decided to incorporate these scented scrubs and lotions in the salon's manicure and pedicure services. The salon offers salts, scrubs, and lotions in scents such as wild orange, peppermint, and lavender.

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