

BEAUTY JURY

This week, our editor and lacquer queen tests matt nail polish!

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ORLY NAIL LACQUER IN CHARGED UP, £8.25 for 18ml; **MATTE TOP**, £8.85 for 18ml

THE HYPE A unique satin effect for great nail art.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Not as good as the all-in-one varieties.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'Thin and watery – needed two coats.'
RESULTS ★★



MANGLAZE MATTE NAIL POLISH IN MATTE IS MURDER, \$6.66 (£4.10) for 15ml

THE HYPE Industry-defying brand of matt, flat nail polish.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Not very glam, but it was designed for men.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'Great winter colour; it dried completely matt.'
RESULTS ★★★★★



ESSIE NAIL POLISH IN MINK MUFFS, £8.95 for 15ml; **MATTE ABOUT YOU**, £9.95 for 15ml

THE HYPE Create a smooth matt finish with this no-lustre polish.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Didn't quite give the finish I was hoping for.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'Gives a matt finish to any product; great value.'
RESULTS ★★★★★



NUBAR NAIL LACQUER IN CONTEMPO, £8 for 15ml

THE HYPE Modern look with the most innovative shades.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Good matt finish, but prone to wearing off.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'Not that keen on the colour, but it dried to a matt finish in one coat.'
RESULTS ★★★★★

JULIE'S MATT NAIL TIPS

1 Don't apply a base coat first, as this could potentially shine through your matt nail varnish.

2 The matt trend is more suited to nails that are worn short and square.

3 Ensure nails are buffed and free from any oil or hand cream before application.

4 Rich colours provide a better look for this trend than paler shades.

Dannii Minogue does matt



ZOYA MATTE VELVET LACQUER IN POSH, £9.25 for 15ml

THE HYPE Shimmery shade with a unique matt-finish formula.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Gorgeous, dense pigment – my hands-down winner of the lot.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'Gave good coverage with just one coat.'
RESULTS ★★★★★



ILLAMASQUA NAIL VARNISH IN RARE, £12.50 for 15ml

THE HYPE Hard-wearing and chip-resistant with a matt finish.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Fairly matt, but it still had a hint of gloss.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'A good way to wear bright neon, although it was a little streaky.'
RESULTS ★★★★★



OPI MATTE NAIL LACQUER IN LA PAZ-ITIVELY HOT, £9.95 for 15ml

THE HYPE A completely matt and shimmer-free nail polish.
EDITOR'S VERDICT 'Turned glossy when I used moisturiser.'
EXPERT'S VERDICT 'Lovely and rich; a perfectly matt finish.'
RESULTS ★★★★★

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