

## Nail Art Tutorial: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Nails



Sometimes inspiration hits me between the eyes when I least expect it. \*Ouch\* Hehe... Originally I was just going to do some nail stamping with Bundle Monster Image Plate BM-206. But when I finished my nails, the more I looked at the pattern, the more I thought about Teenaged Mutant Ninja Turtles! (I used to watch that show with my brother when I was little.) The nail-art light bulb turned on. *Eureka!* **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Nails** were born! From index finger to pinkie, let me introduce you to the pizza-eating-ass-whooping-sewage-dwelling crew: Donatello, Leonardo, Raphael, and Michelangelo. This design is extremely easy to do, and it's pretty fast to do, too. However, the one major drawback of this nail art is that it requires lots of different polish colours. But...for those who have the supplies, I'd love for you to try it out and show me how yours turn out! :) And before I continue...I have one very important thing to say: *Heroes in a half shell! Turtle power!* :P Haha, I'm such a nerd, I know... **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Swatches** All swatches have:

- Nubar Foundation Base Coat
- 2 coats of OPI Gargantuan Green Grape
- **Turtle Shell:** Nail stamping using Konad Special Nail Polish in Green & [Bundle Monster Image Plate BM-206](#)
- **Face:** Nubar Forest (Green)
- **Eyes:** OPI Alpine Snow (White) & China Glaze Liquid Leather (Black)

- **Donatello's Mask:** China Glaze Grape Pop (Purple)
- **Leonardo's Mask:** China Glaze Aqua Baby (Blue)
- **Raphael's Mask:** Rimmel Rapid Ruby (Red)
- **Michelangelo's Mask:** [China Glaze Papaya Punch](#) (Orange)
- [Seche Vite Dry Fast Top Coat](#)

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**\*~\* Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Nail Tutorial \*~\***



**What I Used:**

1. Nubar Foundation Base Coat
2. [Seche Vite Dry Fast Top Coat](#)
3. OPI Alpine Snow
4. OPI Gargantuan Green Grape
5. Nubar Forest
6. Konad Special Nail Polish in Green
7. China Glaze Aqua Baby
8. China Glaze Grape Pop
9. China Glaze Liquid Leather
10. [China Glaze Papaya Punch](#)
11. Rimmel Rapid Ruby

12. Konad Stamper
13. Konad Plastic Scraper
14. [Bundle Monster Image Plate BM-206](#)
15. Daniel Stone Dotting Tool #1
16. Piece of foil

### **Step 1: Apply a Base Coat Step 2: Paint Your Nails a Light Green**

I chose to use OPI Gargantuan Green Grape, which is a nice, minty green that goes on opaquely with 2 coats. Then wait about 20 minutes or longer to make sure that this is fairly dry. If you get impatient and start stamping onto this when it's still wet, it'll ruin the manicure and you may have to start over.

Sorry that I don't have a swatch of Gargantuan Green Grape to show you. Originally I wasn't going to do TMNT nails and was just going to do nail stamping. So I didn't think to take photos of each step like I normally do for tutorials.

### **Step 3: Stamp the Circular Pattern from the Bundle Monster Image Plate BM-206 onto Your Nails**

I used a medium-green stamping polish (Konad Special Nail Polish in Green) so that it would stand out on the minty green base. When you're done this, wait about 5 minutes to give the pattern a chance to dry a little.

**Tip:** If you're new to Konad and Bundle Monster, you may want to check out my [Nail Stamping Tutorial](#) where I have step-by-step instructions and photographs that show you how easy it is. (I actually wrote that post when I was a beginner at nail stamping, so it includes tips and tricks I discovered through trial and error.)

**P.S.** I know that one of the Bundle Monster image plates has an actual turtle-shell pattern (BM-215), but, I used this stamp already and actually, I like these circles better - they look more cartoony to me anyway. But feel free to use whatever stamping design you want to.



**Step 4: Paint the Tips**

### Dark Green

I used Nubar Forest because it's dark green without looking black. And it's highly pigmented with a smooth formula to boot! :)

Wait about 10 minutes to let this dry a bit before continuing to the next step.



**Step 5: Add the Masks**

This is the fun part because you get to use 4 different colours!

From left to right, I used China Glaze Grape Pop (purple), China Glaze Aqua Baby (blue), Rimmel Rapid Ruby (red), and [China Glaze Papaya Punch](#) (orange). You'll want to choose similar colours that are opaque within 2 coats and that have a creme finish. Stay away from jelly

finishes because they won't show up well on the dark green.

Try to keep the lines as straight as you can and not too thick. Ideally, you want the masks to be like the purple one (and not the blue one, which I made too thick).

You may need to apply more than one coat to ensure opacity. Once you're done painting these, wait around 5-10 minutes to let this dry a bit.

**Tip:** You may find it easier to hold the polish brush on one side of your nail and then just turn your nail while keeping the brush in place. I find that gives me a smoother line. But do what you find works best for you.



**Step 6: Start the Eyes**

Add a few drops of white polish onto your piece of foil. Then use your dotting tool dipped into the polish to create the whites of the eyes on all the masks.

Wait about 5 minutes before continuing to the next step.

**Tip:** It's best that for each dot, you re-dip your dotting tool into the polish. If you don't, you could wind up giving one of them a cataract, like I did to one of the buzzers from my [Bee Nails post](#).



**Step 7: Add the Pupils &**

**Give Your Turtles Sight So They Can Kick Ass & Take Names!**

Add a few drops of black polish onto your piece of foil. Then use your dotting tool dipped into the polish to add the pupils. You could make them look at each other, stare at you (like I did), or give them crazy eyes. Their sight is in your hands...and well, on your hands (err...nails)! :P

Wait a good 10-15 minutes before proceeding to the next step.



**Step 8: Add a Top Coat**

**Step 9: Eat Pizza**

Please do this only once your nails are completely dry and set! :P I love nail polish, too, but not to eat!

**Design Ideas for Thumb Nail**

- **Slice of pizza** - Paint a triangle & then use your dotting tool to add red 'pepperoni'
- **Turtle-shell pattern** - You could also just add nail stamping
- **Female TMNT** - You could add a new character & imagine that it's a female

Well, I hope you found these TMNT nails fun or funny! :) I had a good time painting this. Oh, and if you want to listen to the theme song to get you in the TMNT mood, check out this [video of the theme song](#). :D *Who was your favourite ninja turtle? Would you take fighting lessons from a big rat in Japanese attire? :P Did this bring back some good memories of your childhood?*