





**ARTIFICIAL FINGERNAILS FOR WEAR**

This invention is concerned with the provision of a unit or rack of artificial nails shaped to form its own stacking tray and which is a complete and self-contained moulded unit including a plurality, e.g. ten artificial fingernails.

The unit of nails is primarily for promotion purposes during the sale of self-adhesive fingernails, and is provided so that during the sale of self-adhesive fingernails, and is provided so that a consultant can peel off a fingernail and attach the fingernail to the nail of a lady bystander. The fingernails in the unit or rack are preferably coated with self adhesive so that they may be easily fixed to a natural nail.

Self-adhesive fingernails if nor separated during transit will stick to one another and become unuseable, hence the method of a "builtin" stacking tray to keep the nails apart and for easy dispensing by the consultant.

According to the present invention we provide a unit of artificial nails comprising a stepped base member and a plurality of artificial nails each connected to the base member only by a neck of material, the arrangement being such that several units may be stacked one on top of the other without the nails coming into close contact with one another.

In order that the invention may be clearly understood and readily carried into effect reference is now directed to the accompanying drawings given by way of example in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a unit of nails embodying the invention;

FIG. 2 is an underside view;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged section on line A-A;

FIG. 4 is a side elevation;

FIG. 5 is an end elevation; and

FIG. 6 is an enlarged section similar to FIG. 3 with several units stacked.

Referring to the drawings a unit 1 of nails comprises a base member 2 stepped at 3 and provided with 10 artificial nails 4 each connected to the base member 2 by a neck 5 of material. It will be understood that although we have illustrated a rectangular unit any suitable shape, e.g. square, circular, oval, diamond shaped and so on may be used. We have also illustrated two rows of nails but again any number of rows or indeed any other arrangement of nails may be used and ten nails have been shown purely as an example and any number may be used.

It will be noted that when the units 1 are stacked as in FIG. 6 with the lower edge 6 of an upper unit resting on the step 3 of a lower unit the nails 4 are separated from one another by a

space 7 so that even if the nails 4 are coated on their underside with pressure-sensitive adhesive they do not stick together.

As illustrated the nails are arranged to sit up above the base member when the racks are disposed as in FIG. 3 and this gives the unit of nails an attractive appearance and makes it easy for a nail to be broken away from the base for trial purposes.

In the illustrated example we have shown a unit including 10 nails, all of the same size, naturally, if desired a unit may contain nails of more than one size.

A unit of nails in accordance with the invention may be moulded in a single operation from a suitable plastics material e.g. acetate and polyethylene.

The invention therefore includes a stacked set of individual units of artificial nails each unit comprising a base member with a step extending around its outer edge, a depending outer skirt forming a lower edge and a plurality of artificial nails each connected to the base member by a thin neck of material, the units being stacked with the lower edge of an upper unit resting upon the step of a lower unit, the arrangement being such that the nails do not touch one another when the units are in a stacked position.

We claim:

1. A unit of artificial nails comprising a stepped base member and a plurality of artificial nails each connected to the base member only by a neck of material, the arrangement being such that several units may be stacked one on top of the other without the nails coming into close contact with one another.

2. A unit according to claim 1 wherein the stepped base is of rectangular shape.

3. A unit according to claim 1 wherein the stepped base is of rectangular shape with two rows of nails each row being parallel to the long sides of the rectangle.

4. A unit according to claim 1 which can be stacked above a second unit of the same shape with a lower edge of the upper rack resting on the step of the lower rack.

5. A unit according to claim 1 wherein the nails are arranged to sit up above the base members.

6. A stacked set of individual units of artificial nails each unit comprising a base member with a step extending around its outer edge, a depending outer skirt forming a lower edge and a plurality of artificial nails each connected to the base member by a thin neck of material, the units being stacked with the lower edge of an upper unit resting upon the step of a lower unit, the arrangement being such that the nails do not touch one another when the units are in stacked position.

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