Dark-cherry diagonal French tips with two border widths

Paint a diagonal French tip in Black Cherry Chutney at two border widths, a narrow one and a wider one, and use the outlines to decide which width goes on which nail before you paint. The worksheet shows both widths on example outlines, then a ten-nail plan labelled by hand and finger.

What you need

- Base coat
- Dark-cherry nail lacquer, such as Black Cherry Chutney
- Top coat
- Striping tape or a fine detail brush, and remover with a small clean brush for edges
- The worksheet and a pen
- A separate practice nail tip

Steps

1. Choose the two widths on paper
Compare the narrow and wider examples on the sheet; FigureNook's starting points are about 2 mm and about 4 mm at the widest part of the slant. Then write N or W on each nail of the ten-nail plan and draw the direction of the slant.

2. Lay down the base coat
Practice the design on a separate practice tip first. Apply base coat and let it dry as its label directs.

3. Paint the diagonal edge
On the practice tip, place striping tape along the slant or work freehand with a fine brush. Paint the tip in thin coats as the chosen lacquer label directs. Remove the tape carefully and tidy the line with a small brush dipped in remover.

4. Seal and let it dry
Follow the top-coat label and allow it to dry. Once satisfied with the practice tip, repeat on your nails if desired. Work with good ventilation and keep lacquer and remover away from flames and heat.

Tips

- Keep the brush angle fixed and turn the finger instead; the slant is easier to keep straight that way.
- The illustration is an AI concept and may show a different finish or base shade; check the selected lacquer in person where possible.
- The optional product link is an affiliate link. Check the current shade, seller and return terms; base coat, top coat, tape and brushes are separate.

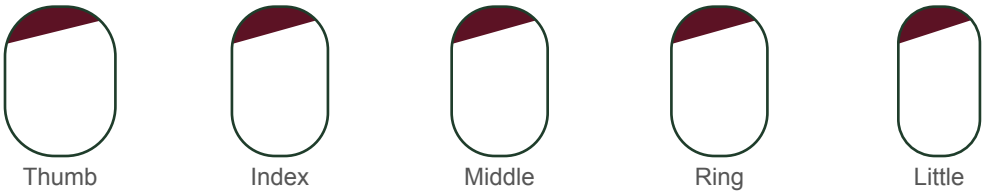
Full guide: https://figurenook.com/guides/dark-cherry-diagonal-french-tips-with-two-border-widths/

Your worksheet

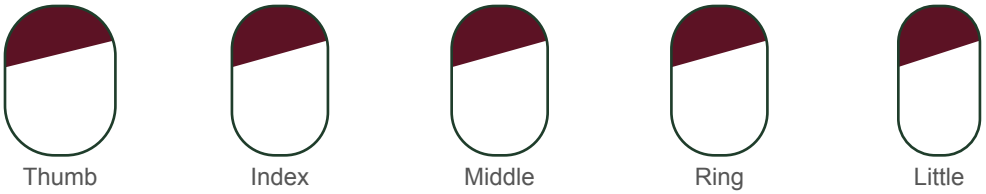
Two border widths

Example outlines: the shaded tip shows the narrow border on the first row and the wider border on the second row. Outlines are for planning; they are not to scale and are not for nail sizing.

Narrow border



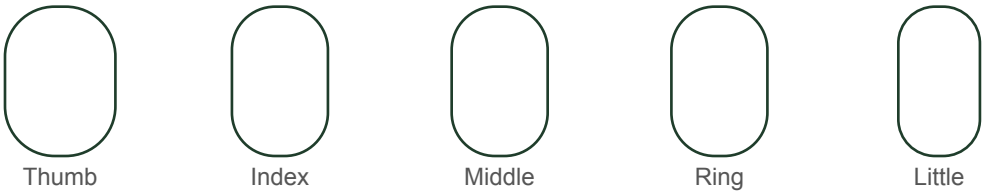
Wider border



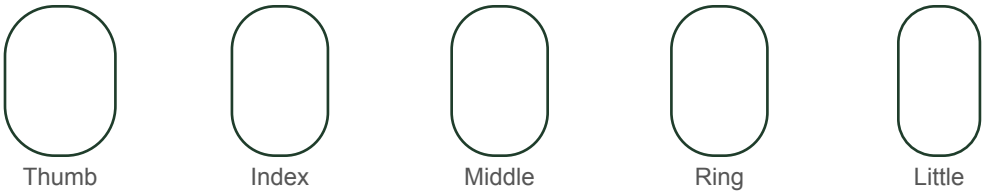
Ten-nail plan

Write N (narrow) or W (wider) on each outline and draw the slant. Each hand is drawn thumb to little finger, left to right.

Left hand



Right hand



Width for longer nails _____

Width for shorter nails _____

Order of work

- ☐ Practice tip prepared
- ☐ Base coat applied as directed
- ☐ Slant marked with tape or a guide line
- ☐ Tip color and top coat applied as directed
- ☐ Worked with ventilation, away from flames

About this sheet

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Sources

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https://www.fda.gov/cosmetics/cosmetic-products/nail-care-products