

Chicago Nail Salon Design Tips — A4 Action Checklist

Print and keep at the reception back wall or staff room. Mark daily/weekly.

1) Pre-Opening (Daily)

- Unlock, set HVAC to target temp; confirm vestibule door closes fully.
- Lighting scenes: Morning preset ON; verify 3500K ambient, task lamps ON at stations.
- Music under 70 dB; scent at reception only; stations scent-free.
- Floors clear: 42" main aisle, 30" between chairs; remove trip hazards.
- Photo corner: backdrop clean; ring off, task photo lamp ready.

2) Layout & Flow

- Retail faces path to seating; top three SKUs at eye level.
- Waiting bench charged; USB ports working.
- ADA 60" turning circle open; no carts stored there.
- Pedicure platform drawers shut; hoses and power hidden.

3) Lighting Recipes

- Morning: ambient 3500K, task high; check CRI labels on lamps.
- Afternoon: warm ambient bump; retail spots ON.
- Evening: lower ambient; task steady; fronts dimmed for calm.
- Glare check at mirrors; adjust diffusers if reflections show.

4) Furniture & Ergonomics

- Technician stool height set; lumbar support checked.
- Forearm edges padded; footrests placed.
- Cord channels closed; grommets intact; no floor drag.

5) Sanitation & Safety

- Disinfectant at arm level; labeled clean/used trays in contrasting colors.
- Local exhaust/downdraft ON; filter status card signed.
- Hands-free pumps filled; pedal bins empty at start.
- Washable mats under stools; dust sweep after each gel removal.

6) Branding & Decor

- Shelf props ≤2 per shelf; dusted.
- “Chicago edit” retail trio staged with a 3-step card.
- Brand motif repeated three times in each zone (e.g., slats, ribbon, or cane).
- Small sign for nail salon design tips in staff area (training cue).

7) Budget-Smart Upgrades (Weekly)

- Replace highest-wear bulbs first; keep one spare per fixture type.
- Touch-up paint nicks; wipe door hardware; inspect edge banding.
- Rotate art/prints seasonally; log swaps and storage location.

8) Winter Ops (Nov–Mar)

- Boot tray dry; salt wipes stocked; door mat clean.
- Radiators clear; plants watered less; low-light species only near windows.

9) Photo & Review Loop

- After one premium set daily, capture photo at preset; confirm true color.
- Ask opt-in review at checkout; QR visible; staff script ready.

10) Closing

- Return scenes to “Close” preset; task lamps OFF, safety night light ON.
- Sanitation log signed; filters checked; waste out.
- Restock cards for morning: gloves, liners, wipes, disposables.

Weekly Manager Audit (Mondays)

- Aisle widths spot-measured; ADA circle measured.
- Ventilation airflow smoke-tested at one station.
- Retail sell-through reviewed; rotate “Chicago edit.”
- Staff ergonomics check-in; adjust stools/footrests.