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precious metals

Prom polishes go way beyond silver and gold. BY ANDREA DAWN CLARK



PRO TIPS: Don't match nail polish on fingers with toes. Go for a darker tone on your tootsies. If your dress is shiny, steer clear of supersparkly polishes—save them for more matte fabrics. Dark polish looks great on short nails; if yours are long, opt for lighter colors.

Metallic polish is the thing for spring. Here are the shades that'll look best with your dress.

• **If your dress is blue:** "Go for an icy, cool-toned metallic," says Jan Arnold, creator of Creative Nail Design. Try lavender (like Creative Nail Design's Rebel With A Cause, top left) or a frosty pink.

• **If your dress is pink:** "Pairing berry tones with a little sparkle looks fantastic," says nail pro Dinah Mohjar, creator of Hard Candy. Choose a metallic polish with glitter (like Sally Hansen's Tuff Nailcolor in Coriella, bottom left). Or opt for a very sheer metallic shade (like Hard Candy's Blast) to give your natural nail bed a subtle hint of shine.

• **If your dress is purple:** "Since all iridescent polishes have a violet shimmer in them, they're perfect with any shade of purple," says Mohjar. Play it safe with a pearly metallic (like Orly Salon Nails in White Whisper) or try a colorful opalescent (like OPI's Amethyst Abyss, bottom right). Option 2: Stay monochromatic with a lilac shade (like Urban Decay's Violence).

• **If your dress code is a bit more vivid:** "You've gone wild with the color, so go crazy with your nails," says Mohjar. Try a hot pink shade with tons of sparkle (like Hard Candy's Cosmic) or a shiny orange (like Orly Salon Nails in Citrify, top right).



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