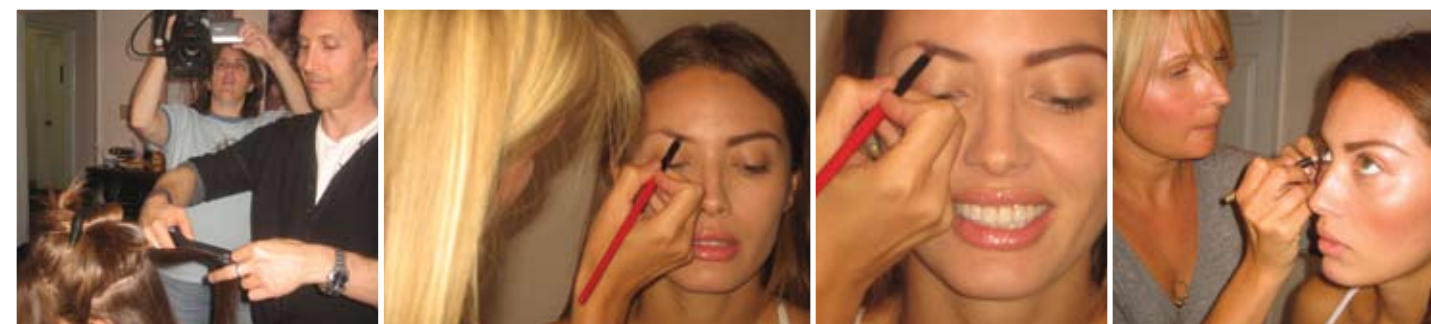
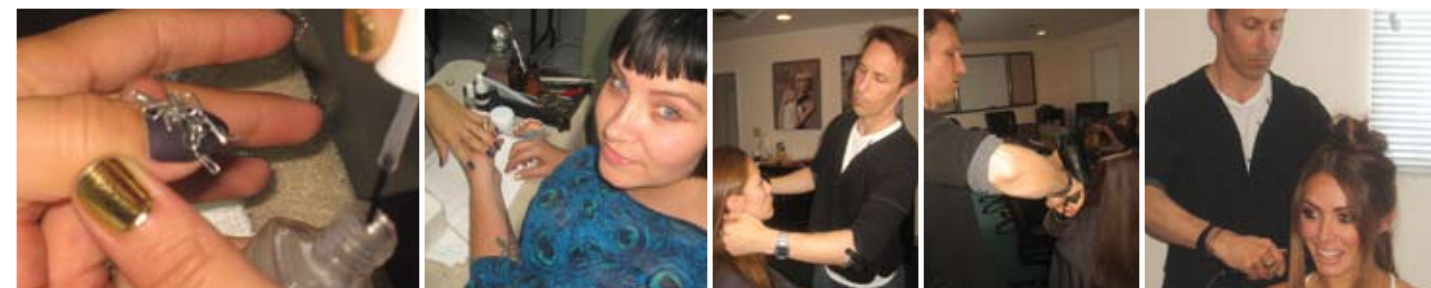




## The Making of Our Cover: Heavy Metal

A few days after I asked Naja Green to do the nails for our November cover, a box showed up in the mail. In it were dozens of tips that Green had decorated in all kinds of different, wild and beautiful styles. It was a nail editor's dream come true! With so many fabulous designs to choose from, it was difficult to settle on just one, but the unusual idea of having staples attached to nails as hardware really stood out. We decided the silver would look extra cool against the newest trend this fall: matte polish. And I think the play of shine against matte worked really well! To match the futuristic rocker nails, makeup artist Gudren gave our model a similar look by turning her eyebrows into a high-fashion, Spock-inspired style. Hairstylist Rick Farber gave our naturally curly-haired model a sleek look so as not to compete with the nails, makeup and clothing (that fashion/beauty editor Karie Frost expertly chose). Photographer David Casteel not only captured the look but created a desaturated feel to the image that we were so excited about, we made sure to keep for the cover!

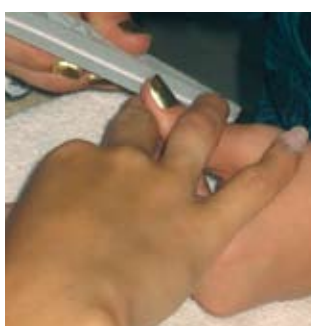


### Nail Artist

Naja Green went from being a gourmet chef to nail artist, and loves what she does! She's a salon owner and nail tech to the stars.



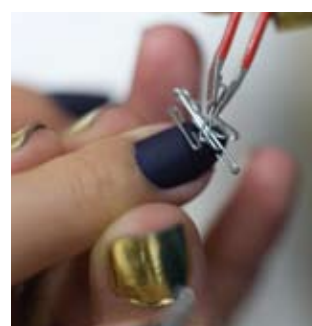
## Creating the Cover Nails



**1** Green began by prepping the model's nails. She filed them into a chic almond shape and polished them with a navy matte lacquer.



**2** After the polish dried, Green applied a ball of clear gel on the nails where she wanted to put the staples.



**3** Using tweezers, Green piled up staples onto the nail, using the gel as a glue.



**4** After the staples were applied, the model placed her hand under a UV light to cure the "adhesive" gel.



**5** The finished look: very cool and extremely editorial stapled nails.



### Photographer

David Casteel has worked as a photographer for 20 years. His love of travel inspires his work in fashion and advertising.



### Hairstylist

Rick Farber has spent 20 years in the beauty/fashion industry working at salons and on print and ad campaigns.



### Makeup

Gudren enhances gorgeous faces that seem to glow from within. Her clients include *Marie Claire* and *Glamour*.