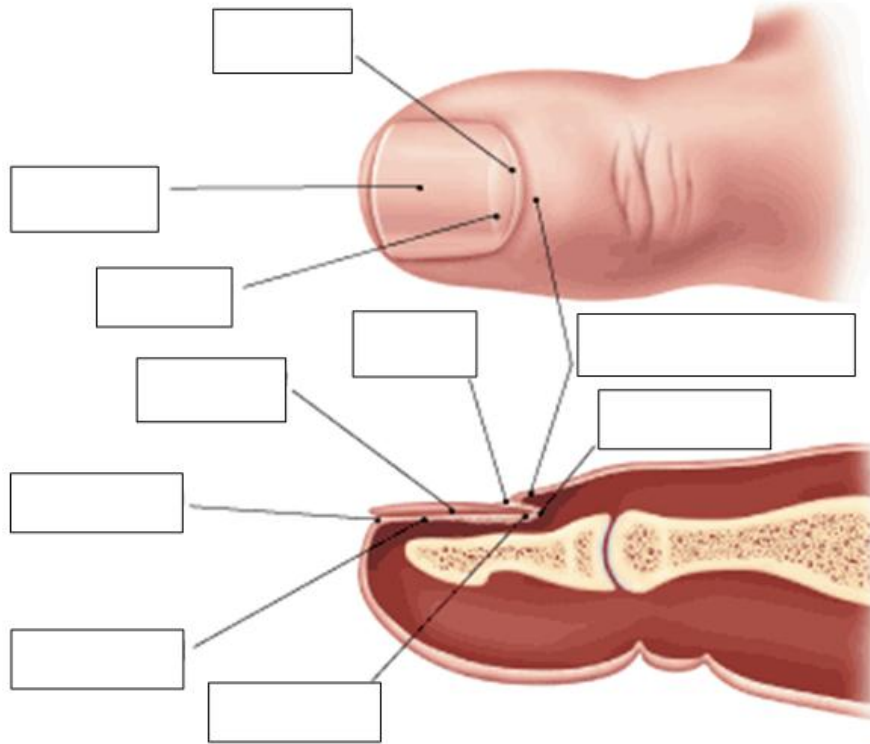


Nail Structure



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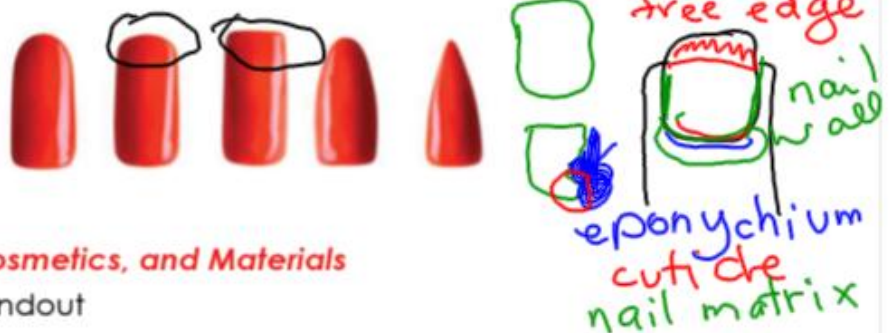
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| Cuticle | Nail Matrix | Nail Plate | Cuticle | Nail Plate |
| Lunula | Hyponychium | Nail Root | Nail Bed | Proximal Nail Fold |

Nail Shape

Also look at the shape of the eponychium area (or base of the nail).

Shape of Nails

There are four general shapes for nails: square, round, oval, and pointed. When working with a client, you must discuss the shape that best suits their fingers. The oval shape fits most hands. If the client works with their hands regularly, it would be beneficial to have shorter nail lengths to prevent breakage and/or injury to the nails.



Equipment, Implements, Cosmetics, and Materials

Refer to additional handout