

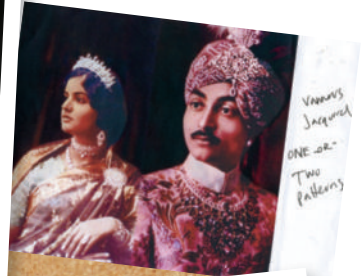
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NAIL NEWS

Runway in a Bottle

Designer Thakoon Panichgul's vibrant paisley-and-gold-saturated spring 2012 collection drew many oohs and aahs for its fusion of American West elements (cowboy hats, yoked fronts) with the pageantry of India. You'll get similar raves from the **Thakoon for Nars Nail Collection**, developed concurrently with the brocades and prints on his runway (here, his mood board for both). "Nails are easy to do," Panichgul says. "They're a bit more playful than makeup and don't limit the wearer to one sort of shade." —MEGAN DEEM

THAKOON PANICHGUL



Nars nail polish in (from left) Kutki, Koliary, Amchoor, Lal Mirchi (646-459-2323), Ratin Jot, and Anardana, \$18 each; nars cosmetics.com.



"After seeing these shots of India, I wanted to include a turquoise polish as well as a lighter blue and a play on the reds and pinks."



He creates his own patterns every season, like these spring 2012 paisleys based on vintage textiles.

THAKOON'S TIPS FOR ROCKING THIS POLISH

- 1. Keep it short.** The designer advocates nails clipped to fingertip length. "Long nails are such a pet peeve of mine," he says.
- 2. Don't be a matchmaker.** A fully color-coordinated look? "Too much. This enamel was only *inspired* by the shows." The runway models wore metallic beige.
- 3. Avoid competition.** "Let the polish be your outfit's sole statement." Translation: Pair it with khaki, camel, black, white, or pale pink clothing and strappy nude sandals, not metallic or black.