

# The next GELeration

**VICTORIA PALMER tries out a manicure with a difference at local salon Jas Hair**

**F**ed up with manicures that chip or smudge almost the moment you've left the salon? Now that Jas Hair in Wilton is offering Jessica's brilliant GELeration manicures (and pedicures), you won't have that problem.

GELeration is far more sophisticated than just a gel (which from previous

siren' (fuchsia) before plumping for 'confident coral,' a vibrant orange which I'm totally addicted to at the moment, whether in the form of lippy or a scarf.

Sarah prepares the nails by soaking my hands in Jessica Hand & Nail Bath which softens the cuticles so that they can be cut back before the nails are filed and shaped.

As Sarah works away, she tells me that when it comes to aftercare, it's pretty low maintenance, too; you just need a dab of cuticle oil once in a while to keep them hydrated and gloves for when you decide to take action on the garden, the washing up or cleaning the Aga. "The more you look after them, the longer they'll last," says Sarah.

Sarah deftly gets rid of any dust with a nail brush before she gets out the buffer. She must have noticed my face fall, because she's quick to point out that she's using a "really light cushion buffer, which just takes the excess oils off the nail bed rather than stripping the top layer off". Phew.

She applies some Clarify nail cleanser before squeezing my nails so hard that they squeak (I think this is to make sure you have a completely oil-free nail bed). After a base-coat of 'Start' which ensures the colour sits evenly, you have to 'cure' the product in a UV lamp in order to set it to the nail. Although it takes a minute or so in between coats, the beauty of this is that it's totally dry and touchable once you're done.

Two coats of colour and a top coat later, and the results are professional, super-glossy and polished. I couldn't be happier with the results. Do you want to know the best thing? As I write this, it's over a week later and they're still looking good.

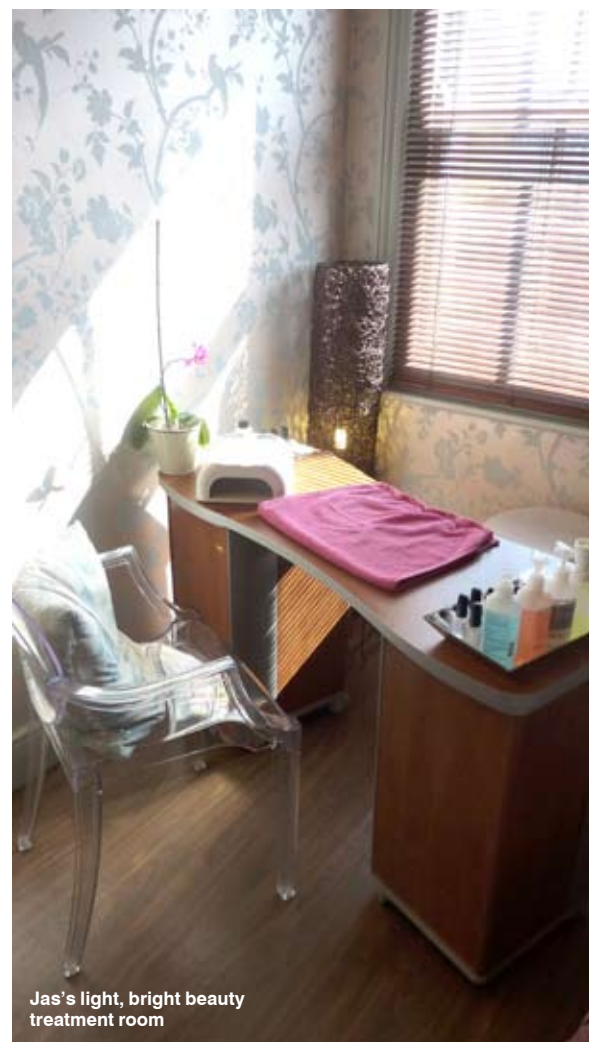
If you've got something special to attend or you're just in need of a pick-me-up, try the next GELeration in nails. **SL**



After: a high gloss, pristine finish in Jessica's 'confident coral'

experience can totally ruin your nails) because it's a 'soak-off gel polish'. This is good news because a) it doesn't damage your nails and b) it lasts much longer than conventional polish or "around double your manicure and extra", as my therapist Sarah puts it. "It's fantastic for holidays and honeymoons," she says, or indeed, for those not wanting to re-apply chipped polish on a daily basis.

It's only been available in the salon for the last couple of weeks, and the manicure (or pedicure) is currently available in 14 gorgeous Jessica colours and a classic French. I umm and ahh over the 'sexy



Jas's light, bright beauty treatment room



Jessica's GELeration essentials

## In detail

• A Jessica GELeration manicure takes around 45 minutes, lasts at least double the length of your normal manicure and costs £33

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