

Get your claws out for Kilkenny Cats

BY JOHN CLEARY

IN A novel show of support for their county ahead of this weekend's All Ireland final, Kilkenny's ladies are baring their nails and sporting black and amber designs in honour of the Cats.

While the Kilkenny hurlers are firmly focused on getting their claws into their Limerick opposition this Sunday, a Kilkenny based, talented nail artist has created a series of Kilkenny-themed designs to help the county's ladies show their solidarity ahead of the biggest hurling match of the year.

Ukraine born Natalie Yefimenko, a nail artist at Kieran O'Gorman Hair, Beauty and Day Spa on the Butterslip in Kilkenny, has designed the series of hurling motifs for gel and acrylic nails.

And Natalie, who trained at the American Beauty Academy in the Ukraine, said it was already the fashion in Russia and she is expecting to see a

lot of black and amber nails on show in Croke Park on Sunday.

"Hurling is a new phenomenon for me but my clients have really taken to the hurling designs and we expect to see creative black and amber talons in Croke Park on the first Sunday of September," she said.

"I am looking forward to spreading this art form throughout Kilkenny and beyond.

"Russian ladies come every 10 days for a manicure and get different nail art designs for specific events' celebrations or simply to match an outfit."

Natalie will make an appearance on TV3's breakfast show Ireland AM tomorrow morning (Friday) to demonstrate her hurling-themed and other popular nail art ahead of the big showdown.

Meanwhile salon proprietor Kieran O'Gorman has said, in a show of equality Limerick fans who want designs in green and white will also be accommodated.

