

- ★ Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothing that your artist will not have to struggle with. It may be necessary to bring a towel or wrap to cover your body if your tattoo will be in a private area.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU COME IN FOR YOUR TATTOO

The artist will walk you through the process. Don't be afraid to ask questions. You will be required to fill out a release form upon arrival. You will also need a state issued, photo-ID which will be photocopied. Valid forms of ID according to the Minneapolis Environmental Health Department Body Art Code 339 include:

- ★ A valid driver's license or identification card issued by the State of Minnesota, or another state, and including the photograph and date of birth of the person;
- ★ A valid military identification card issued by the United States Department of Defense;
- ★ A valid passport; or
- ★ A resident alien card.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOUR TATTOO IS COMPLETED

As addressed previously, it will be necessary to care for your tattoo after completion. Please see the care sheet which will be provided by your artist, for specifics on the care of your tattoo. Do not hesitate to contact your artist if you have questions.

OUR ARTISTS AND STERILIZATION PRACTICES

We are all extremely qualified with many years of tattooing and artistic experience. We have all completed training in blood borne pathogens and are licensed by

the City of Minneapolis, and the shop is licensed and inspected by the Health Department.

Cleanliness is of the utmost concern at our shop. All of our needles are of course, pre-sterilized, single use and disposed of in approved containers after use. All areas are cleaned between clients with the highest level of virus-cide. All items that contact clients are bagged, or covered in a protective sleeve, then cleaned after use. All surfaces are non-porous and the only items that are reused go through a three-stage sterilization process.

If you have any further questions, please contact us. We aim to be the most accommodating, comfortable, and quality tattoo shop around! Thank you very much!

CONSULTATION: _____

AT: _____ **AM PM**

WITH: _____

DEPOSIT: _____

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**FULL CUSTOM
TATTOO
&
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**THINKING OF A
TATTOO?**

SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER

Take into account how this tattoo will fit into your lifestyle. As a shop with solid morals and values, we will not tattoo anyone who is under the legal age of 18. We also reserve the right to refuse service to anyone. If we feel someone is not of sound body or mind, or if the tattoo in question is deemed "inappropriate," or offensive, we will refuse service.

We also advise that those who are not heavily tattooed do not get artwork in visible places; hands, face neck etc. This is a factor to consider when deciding where your tattoo should be placed on your body. Does your employer allow tattoos to be shown at work? If not, what does this mean for your wardrobe options while working? Will this limit your comfort at work, (i.e. wearing long sleeved shirts at your outdoor job in the summer)? If you are in school, will your future profession allow you to be visibly tattooed? If you are self-employed will this effect your client relations? There are still stereotypes about tattooed people and many employers still have policies against tattoos.

Consider that getting a tattoo requires care afterwards. You will need to wash and lotion your tattoo for two weeks in addition to keeping it away from unsanitary conditions, direct sunlight, tanning beds and things that may hinder the healing process. It is best not to get tattooed immediately before a vacation. It is also not a good idea if you are sick, undergoing a high stress period, or sleep deprived. Your body needs to heal the tattoo.

WHAT TO GET?

What to get is a question that has a different answer for each person. People find inspiration for tattoos from every source imaginable. Consider again, that a tattoo is permanent, and can only be removed/lightened through surgery. As tattoo artists we can advise and help make your design as timeless as possible. We prefer not to

decide for the client what specifically to get, however, with your initial ideas, we can help to morph them into an enduring design based on the tattoo knowledge we have acquired through our years of experience in the industry.

THE STEPS INVOLVED BEFORE GETTING YOUR TATTOO

Consultation

A consultation appointment is recommended for anyone who has not been tattooed before, or who is getting a custom design. A consultation can be set up over the phone. What is advisable to you, the client, is to bring any preliminary images or visual aides. What you can expect during that consultation process is for the artist to sit down with you and gather ideas about your tattoo based on these visual aides and descriptions.

We will trace and evaluate the part of the body which the tattoo will be placed, answer any questions, and do some preliminary sketches. After the consultation is complete, a deposit is required to begin the creation process and set up a time to review the drawing. (The deposit fee is based on a percentage of the estimated final cost of the tattoo.)

Review

The review is an opportunity for the artist and client to make sure they agree on the final rendition of the drawing, before proceeding with the tattoo experience. After the design is agreed upon, the appointment will be finalized.

Appointment

The appointment can be made after the design is finalized, or after the consultation. For extensive designs, several appointments may be necessary. At the very least, the outline must be finished during the initial appointment. For any tattoo that will take less than four hours, it is advisable to finish the tattoo in one sitting.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR YOUR TATTOO EXPERIENCE

It is recommended to do several things prior to getting tattooed to make your experience more pleasant and tolerable. We have learned from our personal experiences that the following items help:

- ★ Getting enough rest the night before getting tattooed. A solid eight hours never hurt anyone. It is very hard to sit still and tolerate pain when sleep deprived.
- ★ If you have a medical condition you feel may hinder your ability to heal a tattoo, or are taking medication that may effect the ability for you to go through the process, we recommend you consult with your doctor before your appointment. Many common conditions can effect the tattoo process, share any concerns with your artist and doctor.
- ★ Do not drink alcohol before getting tattooed. This includes abstaining from alcohol the night before. Not only does it thin the blood, it impairs judgement. We have a zero tolerance policy for those under the influence of drugs and alcohol.
- ★ Please bathe and wear clean clothes. If you will be coming to your appointment from work, allow time beforehand.
- ★ Do not come in with damaged skin. We cannot and will not tattoo over skin that is sunburned, broken due to a wound or scratch, has a rash, or other conditions we deem inappropriate to tattoo over.
- ★ Eat a healthy meal beforehand. It will help prevent you from getting light-headed or passing out. Drinking water beforehand helps as well.
- ★ Come to your appointment on time. If you are more than 15 minutes late to your appointment you will forfeit your deposit and need to reschedule. >>>