

## FAQ

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Please take a look at these most commonly asked questions. If your questions still aren't answered please contact us.

Do you use single use needles? Or are the needles new every time?? The needles are new, sterile, and single use, placed into sharps container for proper disposal!! Everything that is disposable is one time use, and non-disposable items are cleaned and sterilized in an autoclave. The autoclave is regularly tested for effectiveness by doing a spore test every month. We record all results from spore tests in a book at the shop. Autoclave is tested at every use with sterilization integrators, and logged into a folder with the date and cycle number of each process. How much does a tattoo cost?? The cost depends on the size and the detail. There is a minimum for any tattoo of \$50.00 dollars. This is the cheapest price for a tattoo of any size, because we account for the cost of insuring that everything is clean, new and sterile. How long have you been tattooing and/or piercing?? The shop has an overall experience of more than 20 years tattooing and 15 years piercing. All artists are trained and certified in blood born pathogens, which includes the prevention of cross contamination. Does it cost more for color?? Color is not more or less. This also depends on the size and the detail of the tattoo. Small tattoos with 2 or less colors would be similar to one that only has gray shading. When doing multiple colors, the cost would be more because of the time that it takes. Is it more for custom work?? Regular work is usually based on the design, depending on size and detail. Custom work or larger work runs about \$100- \$140 an hour depending on the artist and the piece. Also, long sessions could get a price break, for example, 5 hours of tattooing could be \$400- \$450. Does a tattoo hurt?? Yes, it's not a back massage, but its not the dentist. Are touch ups free?? Touch ups will be free from the artist who did the work, provided you did what was required in the healing instructions. If you get a tattoo and go swimming the next day, and come to get a touch up, its gonna cost ya!!! Can my friends watch?? Friends will be able to watch, as long as they are not annoying or distracting the customer or the artist. As for jealousy from boyfriends or husbands, our hands have to stretch skin in different ways, we could care less about touching a girl or seeing nudity. We are here to do a clean professional tattoo, that's all. How long does it take to heal?? A tattoo takes 7-10 days to get to a safe point where you can do normal things like before you got a tattoo. Your tattoo will take up to 4-6 weeks to fully heal, to where the skin is normal, not shiny, and ready for any touch up if needed. How do I care for my tattoo?? There is a lot of controversy about what is best to heal a tattoo, you should do what your particular artist recommends that did your tattoo or do what normally works for you, because we are all different. See each artist care instructions on their page. How much for a piercing?? The cost for the most basic piercing with basic jewelry (3/16 LVM surgical stainless steel) which includes the tongue, eyebrow, nose, lip, navel, cartilage, and a nipple would range from \$40-\$60. We have other choices of jewelry for your initial piercing like spikes and jewels, which would have a additional cost. Advanced specialty type piercing prices should be consulted with piercer, for example industrial, genital, and surface piercing.