

Panther Tattoos

Panther tattoos are powerful body art selections. As one of the most popular animal-based tattoo designs, **panther tattoos** symbolize strength, power and beauty. Due to their large size and commanding presence, **panther tattoos** are usually seen crawling up legs, arms, backs and around torsos. Their muscular bodies easily lend themselves to being placed along the natural curves of human muscles. Although panther tattoos are mainly popular among men, the number of women requesting them as symbols of confidence and beauty or symbols suggesting personalities with “wild sides” is on the rise.

General Information About Panthers

The term panther means “large cat” and is commonly used for the cougar in North America and for the jaguar in Latin America; therefore “panther” refers to any large cat of the Genus Panthera family including leopards, jaguars, pumas, lions and tigers. “Black panther” is the term used for any of these large cats baring black coats – a melanistic (dark skin and hair) color variant caused by gene mutation. Although black panthers may appear solid black in color, the natural markings or fur patterns of certain species of cats can still be seen in direct sunlight. This unique gene mutation is hereditary although it is not passed from one generation directly to the next. Therefore, two normal colored cats may have one or more black cubs in their litter or two black panther parents may produce a litter of all normal colored cubs.

Black Panther Tattoos As Cover-ups

The amount of black ink required for black **panther tattoos** makes them great selections for those seeking designs to cover up existing tattoos, particularly older tattoos that already have a fair amount of black coloring in them or those covering large areas. Simple panther heads can cover unwanted round tattoos while **panther tattoos** crawling upwards can seamlessly cover older, vertically positioned tattoos (crosses for example). Likewise, prowling panthers can easily transform unwanted horizontal tattoos or tattoo groupings into new and bolder works of art!

Panther Tattoos Featuring Water

Many times, **panther tattoos** will feature waterfalls, waves or other forms of water. One interpretation of this combination suggests a balance of peace and calmness (represented by the water) with power and ferociousness (represented by the panther) for a yin-yang effect. Black panther tattoos featuring waterfalls accented with bamboo are simply portraits of the cat in its most common natural habitat: dense tropical rainforests of Southeast Asia. However, a tattoo with a panther head half submerged in water or one that is bursting out of the water could suggest the bearer himself is hungry and on the prowl as panthers regularly hunt their prey in water and use it as a source of which to sneak up on their prey before devouring them.