

Skull Tattoos

Skull tattoos have been popular for a number of decades. One of the most popular skull designs in the world is the “Jolly Roger” skull and crossbones that was used by pirates in the 17th and 18th centuries. Symbolizing the presence of pirates, the skull and crossbones was used to ward off trespassers and promise death if they did not turn back. Today, it is still a well known and widely recognized tattoo design.

There are numerous other variations of **skull drawings** and **skull tattoos** that are available in today’s tattoo studios. Many of these designs include a skull accompanied by other elements that effect the size, mood and overall appeal of the final tattoo. Roses that are featured in many skull tattoos help to soften the hard nature of the skull and also allow the addition of more vibrant colors to the design. These particular tattoo designs sometimes incorporate a flowing ribbon where a name or message can be added.

Skull tattoos featuring roaring flames is a popular design combination. **Flaming skulls** are not only popular as body art, but they can easily be found airbrushed on motorcycles, helmets, snowboards and in hundreds of other applications. The flames add a burst of color to an otherwise monotone design and, when applied to moving vehicles, indicate death-defying speed.

Skull tattoos are not always drawn with human skulls. Designs incorporating animal skulls such as cows and bulls are the way to go if you are looking for a southwestern flavor. The inclusion of rattlesnakes, lizards, feathers or a cactus are standard additions to these themed **skull tattoos** that have increased in popularity over the past decade.

Finally, the ever popular tribal tattoo makes a bold statement when combined with **skull drawings**. With limitless options, this combination has covered many tattoo flash pages in studios around the world. With flowing curves and crisp, sharp lines, tribal **skull tattoos** are eye-appealing and always in demand.