

# Astrological Tattoos

The world's fascination with astrology, an ancient system of understanding human existence within the physical universe, has steadily increased over the centuries. As a result, interest in astrological tattoos has also grown. Popular among both men and women of all cultures, astrological tattoos can be small or large, simple or detailed and can be designed in various styles to suit every personality.

## Understanding Astrological Tattoos

In astrology there is a band of twelve equal parts, or houses, called zodiacs. Symbols of animals or humans represent eleven of these twelve zodiacs (excluding the Scales of Libra) – explaining the Latin meaning for zodiac as “circle of animals.” Just as Native American totem tattoos may help to identify the strengths and weaknesses of individuals, astrological tattoos may help to identify specific mental, emotional, and physical traits that are associated with an individual's zodiac sign. Thus, Scorpio astrological tattoos, for example, may suggest the wearers to be intense, direct and very much in control. Taurus astrological tattoos, represented by bulls, may be indications of willfulness, determination and emotional strength.

Here is a list of the twelve zodiacs and the symbols that represent them.

*Aquarius: Water Bearer*

*Pisces: Fish*

*Aries: Ram*

*Taurus: Bull*

*Gemini: Twins*

*Cancer: Crab*

*Leo: Lion*

*Virgo: Virgin*

*Libra: Scales*

*Scorpio: Scorpion*

*Sagittarius: Archer*

*Capricorn: Goat*

## **Astrological Tattoos as Glyphs**

A glyph is a written symbol that is similar to the characters found in Greek or Cyrillic alphabets. In relation to astrological tattoos, the glyph's popularity may be that it is simple, small and easily identifiable to its relative zodiac sign. This popularity may also be due to a resemblance to classic tribal style tattoos, with the majority of glyph astrological tattoos being all black in color with a graphic appearance. However, as with any predominantly black design, glyph astrological tattoos can be enhanced through both composition and color by introducing such elements as vines, flowers, waves, and even the zodiac's corresponding human or animal symbol into the design.