

Heart Tattoos

Popular with both men and women, **heart tattoos** are always in style. As a long-time favorite, the demand for unique designs with trendy flairs remains constant. Symbolizing love, devotion, betrayal or sacrifice, your heart tattoo can be much more than just a pretty picture.

The most well known meaning of **heart tattoos** is to symbolize love, friendship and devotion. Often times, a simple, symmetrical, well tattooed heart shape is all that is wanted. Other times, the artwork may feature cupid, love birds or beautiful flowers. For those with a sense of humor, selecting a dancing heart or comical **heart cartoon** may be an option while others may lean towards more whimsical, heart-shaped ladybugs. Whatever your taste or message, there are literally thousands of designs to choose from in modern day tattoo studios and on reputable tattoo art websites.

Hearts with Ribbons

Heart tattoos featuring winding ribbons gracing the name of a loved or lost one are a staple design in today's tattoo studios. "Mom" ribbons and **heart tattoos** were made popular by sailors and is a classical design that can be seen around the world. Whether using "Mom", the name of one's children, a spouse or even pets, this timeless tattoo is just as popular today as it has ever been. There are many different variations of these ribboned **heart tattoos** including multiple ribbons and hearts (for multiple children, both parents, etc.), complimentary flowers (signifying beauty), birds (peace, "love birds", etc), butterflies (free spirits) and water (purity, serenity, etc) to name a few.

Hearts with Daggers

Heart tattoos featuring daggers is another variation. Many of these designs symbolize pain, hurt or betrayal inflicted by a loved one or the pain associated when losing someone close. Sometimes daggered **heart tattoos** indicate "sacrifice." This is usually when the dagger or heart depicts military features or if the daggered heart is enveloped by thorns (representing the thorned crown associated with Christ).

Sacred Heart

A fourth variation, as briefly touched on above, are those symbolizing religious beliefs, most recognizably, the sacred heart tattoo. The sacred heart tattoo features a heart surrounded by thorns, blood and fire. These **heart tattoos** symbolize Christ's sacrifice and his burning love for all mankind in the Catholic church. Other religious **heart tattoos** may feature crosses, angel wings, halos and even Christ himself.

Although **heart tattoos** are common requests by both men and women, they are more

commonly associated with women. They are normally smaller in size and can be placed practically anywhere on the body: chests, lower stomachs, lower backs, arms, ankles and numerous other areas.