

# Choosing Your First Tattoo

So you are finally ready to get your first tattoo. You've done your research, decided where you want the tattoo located, and saved up some cash.

But now the question is this: What do you want your first tattoo to be?

This is the hardest question of all. You want your first tattoo to be something memorable and stunning, something that turns heads, something that you won't regret ten years down the road.

Here are several tips to help you decide on this perfect first tattoo.

## Think about what you love

Make sure your first tattoo is something that means a lot to you, something that speaks to you on a deep level. Whether it's music, books, movies, cars, hunting, make sure the design is based on something you thoroughly enjoy. Furthermore, make sure it's something that you have enjoyed for years, as opposed to something you recently picked up. You don't want your first ink job to be something that you lose interest in several weeks down the road.

## Tape the design on your bathroom mirror

When you decide on something that you think will be a great first tattoo, tape it on your bathroom mirror for a month before you make the appointment. This way, you are looking at the design every single day. If you still love it after looking at it for a month, it's time to pick up that phone and dial the Dan's Ink and Art (315-335-7663). If not, move on to a different design that speaks to you.

## Ask friends and family what they think

Obviously you don't want to rely too heavily on other people's opinions, as this is *your* tattoo and not theirs. But still, getting feedback from a trusted source is a great way to decide if your tattoo idea is fitting or not. Even going into the tattoo shop itself is an excellent way to get feedback. Usually the artists there will be honest and straightforward about what they think of your design.

With these tips in mind, get out there and get some ink.

Tattooing is a beautiful and long-lasting form of self-expression worth exploring.