

Are tattoos vegan?

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What you should look for:

Vegan ink!

- Your tattooer's ink needs to have a label, an expiration date and a lot number. If you notice your tattoo artist is pouring ink from unlabeled bottles, you have every right to refuse the tattoo as it is required by the health department for all tattooers to use ink that has a label, expiration date and lot number.
- Some vegan ink brands: Fusion, Dynamic, Solid Ink, Eternal Ink, Starbrite Colors, Intenze Ink, Fame Tattoo Ink, Radiant Colors, World Famous tattoo ink.

Why did tattoo ink brands switch to vegan ingredients?

- Healthier for the body to process & hold under the skin.
- Simpler & cleaner ingredients.
- Less adverse reactions & less allergic reactions.
- Vegan Inks retain better & hence, hold/age better over time under the skin.

What makes tattoo ink vegan?

- First, there are two types of inks: ethyl alcohol based inks and powder based inks. These inks are mixed with ingredients such as organic color pigment, distilled water, and sometimes glycerine sourced from plants, menthol, eucalyptus, carbon or logwood, and vegetable carbon.
- The absence of dyes, synthetic colors, chemicals, fillers, emu oil, glycerine sourced from animals.

Vegan aftercare:

- Petroleum jelly based ointments that are not manufactured with bone char.
- Make sure there is no beeswax listed in the ingredients.
- Products made simply with shea butter or coconut are always best!
- Unscented soap that does not contain animal glycerine as an ingredient.

Vegan numbing creams:

- Some numbing creams have ingredients such as emu oil, which is derived from the fat of emu's.
- 4-5% lidocaine with aloe is the best option!

Furthermore:

- Tattoo furniture/leather tables are sometimes made of non-vegan materials.
- Razors can have animal sourced glycerine on the strip above the razor edge.

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Some plant-based minded tattoos from my shop, Resilient Visions (ig @resilient_visions).

