

# The History of Tattooing

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Tattooing is one of the oldest forms of art. As far back as we have traces of human activity, we have indications that they have been tattooed.

The first tattoos probably were created by accident. Someone had a small wound, and rubbed it with a hand that was dirty with soot and ashes from the fire. Once the wound had healed, they saw that a mark stayed permanent. In time they learned to use it consciously and artistically.

Tattooing did not develop some specific place on Earth and spread from there. All communities and all societies has practiced tattooing in some form.

To want to have a tattoo, is a primeval human instinct. But everybody does not dare, or hasn't realized their needs yet..

Of course today we use thoroughly tested colors, sterilized needles and other disposables, and you can see some of my equipment here.

The history of tattooing is almost as old as the history of human beings. Almost as far back as we have traces of human activity, we have hints that they have been tattooed.

Probably the first tattoos were discovered by chance. Someone has had a small wound, into which they have grinded some soot (from the cook-fire?). That way they discovered: "Hey a mark was made!" And it was permanent. After a while they have started doing it consciously - and later on, artistically. And soon they realised that this was one of the important ways to distinguish human beings from mere animal. And us form them.

In ancient cavepaintings, and on humanlike figures we can see patterns and designs that strongly resembles tattoo patterns that is in use, even today.

Mummies and other human remains that are thousands of years old, have been found that are actually tattooed.