

Water Tattoos

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The term "water tattoos" can actually have two different meanings. Temporary tattoos are often referred to as water tattoos, regardless of design. Permanent tattoos of water-inspired images are also called water tattoos.

Temporary Tattoos

Temporary tattoos are basically fragile decals that are transferred to human skin. They look similar to real tattoos, but they only last for a week or so, depending on how careful you are with them. Although some people still think of these tats as strictly for children, many adults like to use temporary tattoos when they're trying out a new design or deciding on placement in preparation for being inked. Do a quick search on the Internet, and you'll find thousands of temporary tats for sale.

The term "water tattoos" actually comes from the fact that you use water to loosen the decal from the paper when you're applying it. The process is fairly easy.

- First, wash the area you plan to place the tat with soap and water. Clearing away your body oil allows the decal to adhere better to your skin, which will make the temporary tat last longer.
- Next, trim out the exact tat you plan to use if it is part of a set. Gently peel away the clear plastic cover and place the tattoo against your skin. Apply a wet cloth to the back of the tat paper and give it a couple of moments to soak through and loosen the tat.
- Remove the cloth and gently give the back of the paper a final press to make sure the tattoo sticks to your skin.
- Now, either gently peel back or slide the paper away from your decal. You can lightly pat down any raised areas while the tat is still damp. Once it dries you are finished.

Your water tattoo will eventually begin to wear away, but you can make it last longer by keeping it dry when you shower. You can also remove it whenever you want with a soapy wash cloth.

Water Inspired Tattoo Designs

In addition to temporary tattoos, water tattoos also refer to inked tattoo designs inspired by water. This genre can cover an extremely wide variety of designs related to anything aquatic in nature. Ocean animals: Tattoos of fish, whales, dolphins, sharks and other natural sea creatures in their watery habitat all qualify as a version of water tats. Some of these designs can be quite colorful and intricate, and they make a terrific design for a full sleeve tattoo.

- Fantasy sea creatures: This group includes fanciful tats of mermaids, sea monsters and more.
- Ships: Although it may seem a bit cliché these days, tattoos of tall ships once adorned many a sailor's chest and back. They were usually pictured in full sail with the sea splashing up around the ship's hull.
- Anchors: Another sailor favorite, these tats qualify as water tattoos if they are done as part of an underwater scene.
- Surfers: Think Hawaii Five-O, and you know what we're talking about. These tats feature surfers shooting the curl, hanging ten and more.
- Pisces: According to the Zodiac, Pisces is the astrological sign of the fish. Designs for this tat can include one or two fish.
- Aquarius: Another astrological sign, Aquarius is known as the water bearer, and is often pictured as a young man carrying a jug of water for the Gods of ancient Greece. Another symbol for this sign is two waves.
- Waterfalls: There's just something about waterfalls that inspire a feeling of romance. If you've ever seen some of the Hawaiian falls or Niagara, you'll understand.
- Tear drops: Tears have a special meaning in gang and prison tats, but they're sometimes used in memorial tats as well.
- Snowflakes: These frozen masterpieces make lovely subjects for tattoos