**LIP TATTOO FAQ**

## HOW TO PREPARE

* Do not consume caffeine and alcohol for 24 hours prior to your appointment to prevent excessive pain and bleeding.
* Do NOT TAKE ADVIL or other blood thinners such a Aspirin, Niacin, Vitamin E and/or Ibuprofen unless medically necessary, 48-72 hrs prior to your procedure. Extra strength Tylenol can be taken if you have low pain tolerance.
* Avoid exercising the day of the procedure.
* Do not take or get any chemical peels, laser skin resurfacing, vitamin E, retinols, fish oil, at least 4 weeks before your appointment.
* Please read the aftercare and arrange your schedule accordingly to the healing stage. There is downtime for every procedure.

**For Lip Blush:**

* If your appointment is booked during an outbreak of cold sores on your lips the procedure may not be done. Please be aware that if you have the simplex virus herpes, you will most likely trigger an outbreak following this treatment which will negatively impact the desired result. It is highly recommended to take an anti-viral medication before and after receiving this treatment or as advised by your doctor or pharmacist.
* Do not get lip injections 4 weeks before and after this treatment.

## HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

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Depending on your skin, health and if you come for touchup refreshers, your tattoo will last from 2-5 years.

Here are some factors will cause your semi-permanent tattoo to fade faster:

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* Oily skin
* Retinol or Vitamin C
* Iron deficiency
* Sun exposure
* Exfoliants
* Exposure to salt water

## DOES IT HURT?

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It is slightly uncomfortable but completely bearable. The tattooing process lasts about an hour. DO NOT take Advil or drink a coffee before your appointment. Coffee and Advil will cause you to bleed lots and also make you more sensitive during the procedure. Booking during your menstruation may also cause more discomfort.

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## CAN I GET LIP BLUSH IF I HAVE DARK/COOL TONED LIPS?

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Yes, however, on the first session we will have to color correct your lips to cancel out the cool tones, otherwise known as lip neutralization. This means the initial color we tattoo MUST be orange/coral! If any other color is tattooed you risk darkening your lips further or having absolutely no results at all. When healed at 6 weeks, most if not all of the darkness in your lips will be covered and your lips will have a nudey-pink even tone. Note that results cannot be guaranteed and lightening or evening out dark lips may take a few sessions.

## DO I NEED A TOUCHUP?

Yes, upon a touchup sessions, we can alter the shape and color of your tattoo or go bolder or fill in spots that didn't retain pigment as well as others during healing. Touchups will also add longevity to the life of your tattoo. A Touchup can be booked no sooner than 4 weeks of your last appointment. Please read the FAQ page to ensure you have waited long enough from laser treatments, filler or botox to have a touchup done.

## CAN I STILL GET LIP BLUSH IF I HAVE LIP FILLER?

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Yes! in no way does having Lip filler interfere with the process of tattooing lips or the results. Not that lip filler and lip blush appointments MUST be at least 4 weeks apart from each other. Lip filler is best getting it done before your lip blush tattoo.

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