

TATTOO

FACT SHEETS

What is Flash?



Flash tattoo designs are a collection of pre-designed tattoos that are designed by the tattoo artist who works at the tattoo shop. Most tattoo shops will have their flash tattoo designs in a case or hanging on the wall. The types of flash designs are limitless—from very simple designs to complicated—both large and small. Flash tattoos are for people who may want a tattoo, but who do not want to go through the process of having the tattoo specifically designed for them. And since they are pre-designed someone may be able to walk into a tattoo salon and get a tattoo on the

spot without waiting. Flash tattoos are also useful if a group of people want the same design for everyone to commemorate a special occasion like a wedding, winning a competition or being part of a special group. Even though flash tattoos are somewhat mass produced there is enough variety and the personal style of the tattoo artist in the design to make them a bit different than others. Many people get flash tattoos while on vacation — if you get the flash tattoo away from home it is less likely someone in your community will have the same tattoo.

A couple of things to consider before getting a flash tattoo:

- Are you 'OK' with a design that may not be unique?
- Do you care if your idea isn't incorporated into a design that is specially made for you?
- Is getting a flash tattoo an impulse tattoo? Have you allowed enough time to make sure that it is something you can wear for the rest of your life?
- Does the flash design match your idea of what you want in a tattoo? If not, flash designs are a great way to zero in on a particular design concept so that you can work with an artist to refine it and make it your own.

