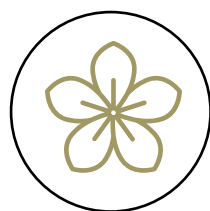


Color Realism Tattoo Guide - NYC

Amongst the pinnacle of artistically eye-popping, beautiful tattoos is the style referred to as color realism. As the name suggests, color realism tattoos focus on a realistic color scheme around the real object.



Popular Color Realism Ideas



Flowers

Flowers are an extremely popular subject for color realistic tattoos; roses specifically are often depicted in this style.



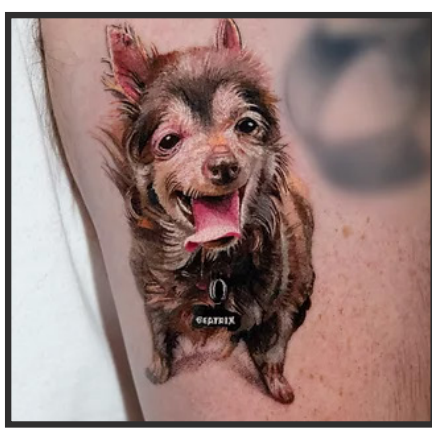
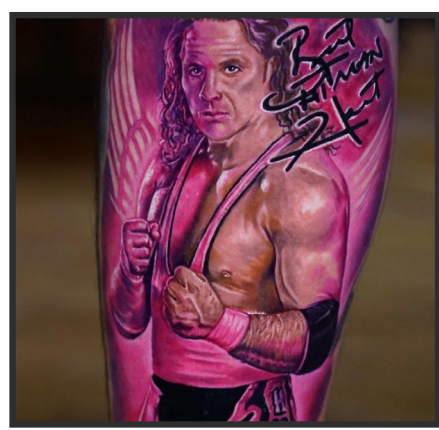
Portraits

Color portraits are a popular subject for color realistic tattoos. Using rich, deep, realistic color and adding light sources can allow for a portrait to really shine.



Skulls

Skulls are another popular example of what people choose to tattoo under a color realism approach.



Frequently Asked Questions

Do Color Realism Tattoos Age Well?

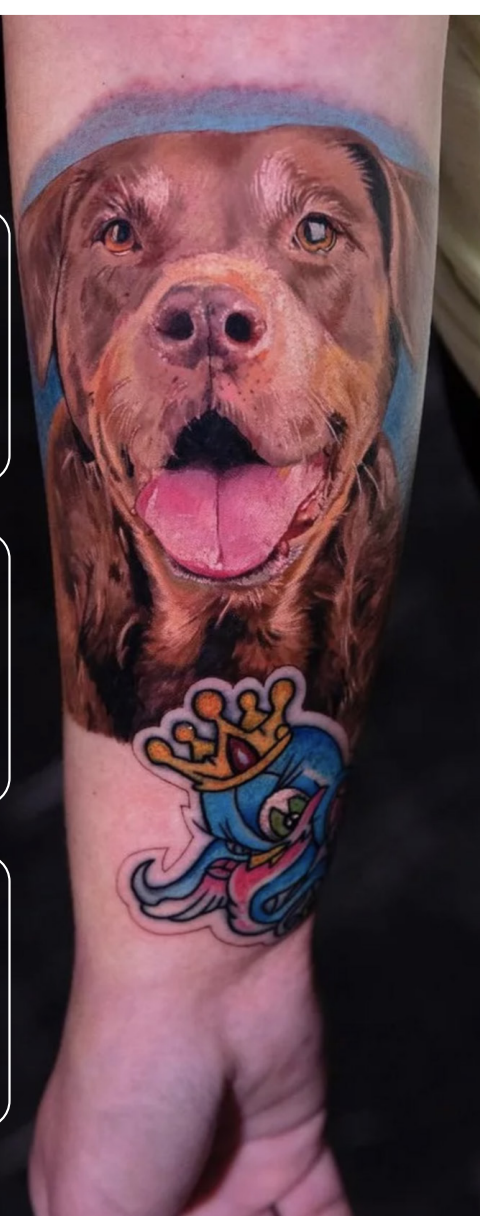
As your tattoo ages, the ink will settle in the skin. It is perfectly normal to need a touch-up in the future to refresh some of those finer details and textures. As for any tattoo, do your research when finding an artist so you are going to someone experienced and reputable along with taking care of your tattoo afterward will make a large difference with how your tattoo holds up over time.

How Long Does it Take to Tattoo Color Realism?

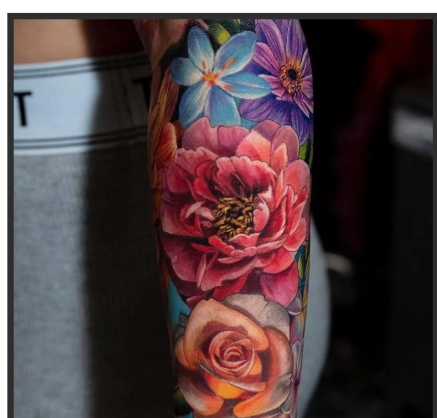
The short answer is that color realism takes longer than most other styles. This is because color realism pieces have so much detailed shading and saturation that need to be incorporated.

How Do I Take Care of My New Color Realism Tattoo?

To help heal your new color realism tattoo, go to the basics of tattoo care. This includes washing the tattoo 2-3 times a day and applying healing ointments multiple times a day while letting the damaged skin breath.



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History of Color Realism Tattoos

The color realism style of tattoo is relatively new, especially since it is based on an art style that didn't gain traction until the 1850s. As art goes, that's pretty late in the game—and it wasn't until even later that tattoo artists began to implement the realism style into their own designs.

The Future of the Style

As a relatively new style, color realism has a lot of potential. While the style hasn't changed much since its inception, some popular themes that are sure to stick around include portraits, pop culture references, animals, and natural scenery.

Different Uses of Color Realism Techniques

Layering

Unlike many other styles of tattoo, color realism focuses largely on layering to create more realistic images.

Shading/Gradients

Similar to layering, shading and using gradients of colors serve to add to the reality of an image.

Stencils

Many color realism tattoo artists take advantage of using projected stencils to have a template to follow while inking the desired design.



Color Realism Tattoos & Cover Ups

Color realism is a great style of tattoo to use as a cover up; the larger size and deeply saturated color creates a large barrier to block previous tattoos below. Color realism can easily dwarf many types and sizes of tattoos. Get yourself an incredible color realistic tattoo piece all while essentially eliminating a previous, dated design with the expert hands at First Class Tattoo.

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