



How to Choose the Correct Size of Tattoo Needle

Getting the correct tattoo needle size is a critical part of the process and somewhat confusing for someone just starting who is not familiar with each type of needle and why and how to use them.

Not an easy task, given the variability between **tattoo machine suppliers** and the lack of standardized sizing across the industry. Taking the mystery out of choosing a tattoo needle will make the entire process easier and less stressful.

Choose Tattoo Needle Taper:

The length of the needlepoint is the taper, and there is a wide range of varieties between manufacturers here. You will find tapers from 1.5 to 7 millimetres.



Why is tapering important? The shorter the taper length, the more ink flows on the skin at one time. A higher taper measurement means the ink flows more slowly on the skin. That makes those higher tapers ideal for black and grey since you have more time to work with the skin before the colour fills in completely.

For the most part, the choice of taper size is a point of personal preference. Many tattoo artists out there don't think there's a huge difference in cone size, so this might not be a big deal for you. If unsure, go with a medium taper that doesn't involve any adjustments. Like most of the process of choosing a tattoo needle, preference comes with experience.

You will use tattoo needles more often than any other item. You will need different groupings and sizes. [Cartridge tattoo needles](#) take you through the basic features of needles and

cartridges and what to look for when shopping for them. Remember, never reuse your tattoo needles — you must use new needles every time.

The artist and the tattoo cartridges

A tattoo artist uses an arsenal of needles or cartridges to tattoo. The team has drastically evolved. Before they can think of colours and styles for their artwork, tattoo artists must choose the right equipment. Several tattoo machines on the market can be equipped with a wide range of needles.

Tattoo Needle Basics

There are many **Tattoo Cartridge**, but they all fall into four basic categories and from here on, you will use the concept of styluses and cartridges interchangeably.

Round tattoo cartridges

- Round cartridges are needles welded around a central axis in round patterns.
- Round cartridges can be either liners or shaders, depending on how close together the needles are placed.
- You can also use [tattoo cartridge needles](#) in loose round outlines. Loose round liners are used for thick, bold outlines like those in Japanese-style tattoos.
- Round shaders are ideal for all-purpose colour fills and basic shading.

Flat Tattoo Cartridges

- Flat cartridges are needles that are welded in a straight line to a needle bar.
- These needles are the most popular for outlining because their shape allows them to deliver more ink to the skin. This means lighter and darker lines with just one stroke.
- Larger flat needles can be used for colour filling faster with just one stroke.