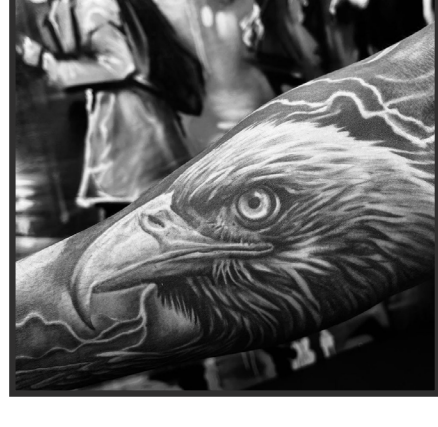
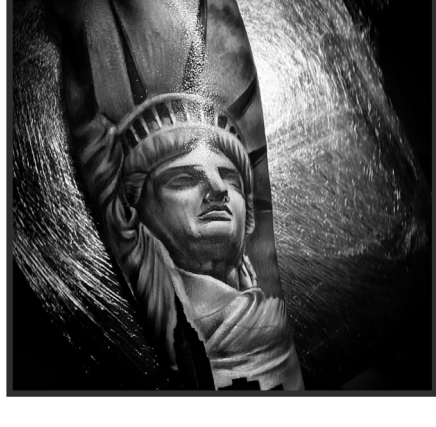
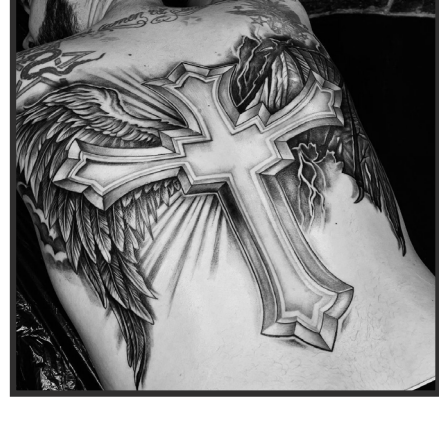
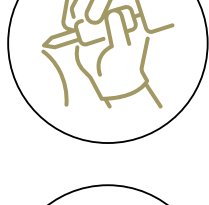


## Black & Grey Tattoo Guide - NYC

Getting a tattoo can be a unique way of self-expression and self-identity. Black and Grey tattoos have become increasingly popular and contextually diverse.



### Size & Placement of Your Black & Grey Tattoo



**Design and Artist**  
Smaller tattoos that hold a lot of detail will need an artist that specializes in micro work.



**Price**  
Some people think smaller tattoos will cost less but that is a myth.



**Healing and Aftercare**  
Smaller tattoos can be easier to take care of because you don't have much surface area to look after.

### Questions Before Getting a Black & Grey Tattoo

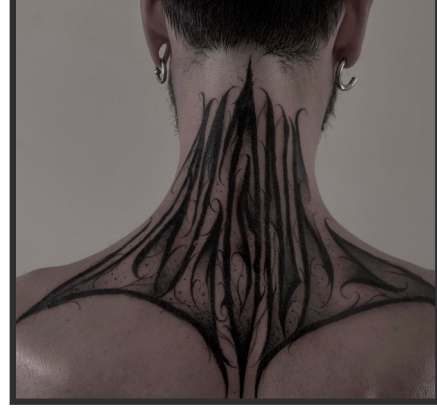


#### Should my first inking be a Black & Grey Tattoo?

Black & Grey is a good style for beginners. This is the case mainly because Black & Grey ink typically takes less time to complete than color tattoos. The pain can be considered more manageable, and the overall cost can be lower.

#### Will a Black & Grey Tattoo look good on me?

There is a common misconception that certain tattoo styles may only look good or flatter certain types of people / skin tones.



#### Will my Black & Grey Tattoos fade easily?

Black & Grey Tattoos tend to fade less than other tattoo styles that use color inks. This means that they won't need to be touched-up as often.

### Black & Grey Tattoo Styles

#### Realism

This is the most standard style for Black & Grey Tattoos. This style focuses on life-like artwork. A common topic for Black & Grey realism is portraits.

#### Old School

This style is also known as American traditional. Old School is influenced by work in the 19th century such as sailor and military tattoos.

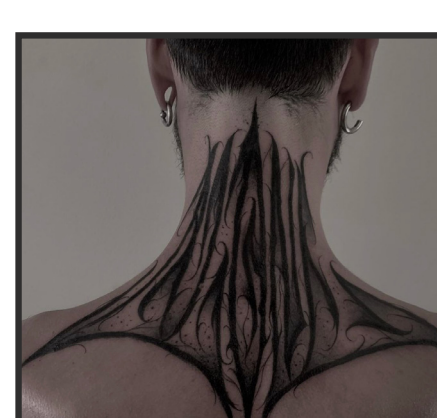
#### Japanese

This is one of the most requested styles due to its visual appeal. Traditional Japanese tattoos use soft black and grey tones.

#### Chicano

What once was an offensive term is now a word of empowerment. Having been reclaimed, Chicano is linked to Mexican American pride and community.

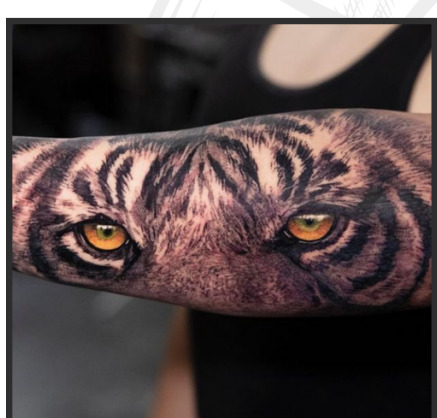
### Selecting an NYC Black & Grey Tattoo Artist



Not only is choosing a Black & Grey Tattoo an important step but so is choosing the artist to make your image come to life. You should 100% do your research. Don't just go to the closest shop or artist. See which artists specialize in the type of Black & Grey style you are looking for. Check out websites, Instagram pages, tagged pictures.

#### History of Black & Grey Tattoos

This tattooing style is believed to have originated in prisons during the 1970s and 1980s when inmates had limited access to materials. It is believed that they used cigarette ashes or pen ink for the tattoo ink.



#### The Future of the Style

Black and grey tattoos are a staple of the tattooing world. Arguably, black and grey may be the one style that outlives all other tattoo styles and fads. The black and grey tattoo style has a very interesting history and has been used by modern artists to create very impressive pieces. The black and grey style also looks great alongside other tattooing styles.

### Black & Grey Tattoos FAQs

#### Who do black and grey tattoos look best on?

Here is a common misconception that particular styles of tattooing may only look good on particular types of people or skin tones. This is not true. All tattoo styles can look excellent on anyone, and black and grey tattoos are no different.

#### Do black and grey tattoos fade easily?

Black and grey tattoos tend to fade less than other tattoo styles that use color inks. This also means that they do not need to be touched up as often. Black and grey tattoos are also less prone to sun damage, which is a benefit to anyone who spends a lot of time outdoors. However, we still recommend taking proper precautions such as wearing SPF 60+ or having your tattoo covered while spending prolonged periods in direct sunlight.

#### Is black and grey a good tattoo style for beginners?

If you are thinking of getting your first tattoo a black and grey tattoo may be a good place to start. Tattoos using only black and grey ink may take less time to complete in comparison to color but the length of time will also depend on the complexity and size of your design.

#### Can any tattoo ink color cover black and grey tattoos?

If you are looking to cover up your black and grey tattoo using colored ink, there are some colors that will work better than others. Generally, the color palette used to cover older tattoos includes blues, browns, and blacks. Depending on how dark the ink is, artists may recommend going through a few laser removal sessions first. This is so your old black & grey tattoo will not show through the new color tattoo cover-up.

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