

So I Don't Have to Carry My Lucky Charms – I'll Tattoo Them On



There is a long tradition in the art of tattooing for good luck and many of the most popular tattoos that people get are these lucky symbols. Such symbols historically representing good fortune are the horseshoe, rabbit's foot, the number seven, a four-leaf clover, playing cards, a leprechaun, and dice. This act of tattooing lucky symbols date back to the tradition of sailors. They often lived a life of uncertainty at sea and needed all the good luck possible to come back home alive. The sparrow was a symbol of good luck for these sailors and helped ensure a safe return home.

Lately, a resurgence of good luck symbols has found their way back on skin boldly and these symbols are more vibrant in color and more animated in design. This particular tattoo is the epitome of the 'good luck' tattoo. It possesses all the elements that have been denoted over hundreds of years as bringing about good fortune. The hearts, spades, clubs, diamonds, shamrock, nautical star, and of course the horseshoe. The

owner of this tattoo, Alex, is of Irish descent, which really commemorates his heritage, beliefs and traditions.

The tattoo came about when Alex needed some encouragement and good luck in the ring while boxing. During every fight, he would have a picture of one of the good luck charms in his glove. Sometimes it wasn't a picture of the charm, but the actual charm itself sitting in his corner such as the crown or horseshoe. After winning numerous fights, Alex felt such a close relationship to his good luck charms and victories that he decided to have all the symbols tattooed collectively to forever travel with him.

Perhaps there are unwritten laws that govern people's good and bad fortune or maybe it is all about chance. Whatever the case may be, people still put a lot of hope and trust into good luck charms. This tattoo acts as a reminder in how fortunate he was in the ring, and also in his life to be doing what he loved. Sometimes, it takes more than good luck, as efforts are always necessary to fulfill any goal. As Alex would like to believe that it was his great boxing skills that won him many fights, his lucky tokens also encouraged positive feelings and good energy that reinforced his success. He wears his tattoo proudly not only as a remembrance of his fighting, his good fortune, but to also protect him against any bad luck!