

## Symbolic Tattoos from the Zodiac Still Remain Popular

Tattoos are forms of expression. Throughout history stretching back thousands of years we have deliberately and permanently marked ourselves for many reasons. Whether it be for protection from evil, a sign of passage, display group identity, even possibly to gain entry into the afterlife – tattoos carry meaning. I do realize that tattooing in modern times may not be quite as culturally related and we now ink ourselves simply for beauty, appeal, or artistry.



But whatever our reasons may be, tattoos are symbols that take the place of words and provide an underlying form of communication.

Symbolism is a profound type of expression considering the placement of them on our skin and its permanence there. The symbols used in tattoos are open to interpretation on many different levels. They allow us to tell a story with a mere single image. The image can be representative of who we are, where we came from, what our influences are, or our deepest desires. These designs can be socially, emotionally and spiritually loaded.

One of the most common symbolic tattoos comes from the zodiac signs. The zodiac has fascinated mankind for thousands of years. As soon as we first connected the dots between stars and named constellations we also assigned a specific energy and correlation that influenced our births. We believe that our lives and actions are somehow influenced by the celestial heavens. And not only that, we

feel a connection to our zodiac sign possibly explaining and identifying our core natures. It is no wonder that zodiac tattoos are abounded.

The zodiac form most popular in the United States, in horoscopes and star charts is the Greek/Roman zodiac. It is broken down into 12 different signs, each one representing a one-month period. Each sign has its own meaning and people who fall under the same sign will generally share common characteristics. Some signs represent who are natural born leaders. Others represent the way we communicate or love. If we are especially similar to the description of our signs and find pride in it, we want to tell the world about our great inherent quality. We want people to know what makes us who we are.

The study of the stars, planets, sun and moon and their alignments has spawned symbols based on those astrological arrangements and their associations with life on earth. Animals, mythical beings, and abstract symbols combine to represent the cosmic and psychological elements that are the concern of astrological interpretations.

The 12 signs of the zodiac are: Aries – The Ram; Taurus – The Bull; Gemini – The Twins; Cancer – The Crab; Leo – The Lion; Virgo – The Virgin; Libra – Scales in Balance; Scorpio – The Scorpion; Sagittarius – The Archer; Capricorn – The Goat; Aquarius – The Water Carrier; and Pisces – The Fish.

Zodiac symbols allow the world to understand us without ever having to speak a word. It also represents who we are without our own choosing just as the universe wanted us to be.

The Scorpion is considered one of the most intuitive of all the signs. They have a determined and forceful nature while at the same time can be very emotional and passionate. They are exciting, magnetic and intelligent. The dark side of a Scorpion can be their jealous and resentful personality. They have also been considered compulsive, obsessive, and secretive. The one description that Scorpions love most about their sign is that they represent the symbol of sex and are considered extremely passionate lovers.

I'm a Virgo, what's your sign?