Permanent Lipstick

FAQ

**What is Permanent Lipstick?**

Permanent lipstick is a treatment which involves inserting pigments beneath the first layer of the skin of your lips. It is also known as the lip tattoo, even though tattoo ink is rarely used anymore. Pigments are used instead and the result is more natural, a powdery look of your lips.

**Who is a Good Candidate for Permanent Lipstick Treatment?**

Anyone who likes wearing lipstick but doesn’t like the hassle of applying it several times a day. Also, women who want to add some volume to their lips. Lip tattoo won’t do as much as lip fillers, but it will definitely make your lips look more plump.

**What Does the Permanent Lipstick Treatment Look Like?**

Permanent lipstick treatment is a process of *micropigmentation*, which means that a needle is used for inserting pigment into the skin of your lips. It consists of the following steps:

STEP 1: Consultations

When you come to the appointment, ask your artist everything you need to know about the procedure and the aftercare.

STEP 2: Choosing the shape and color

Then you will together choose the shape and color of your lips. The artist will use a pencil to outline your lips and once you are satisfied with the choice, the procedure can start.

STEP 3: Numbing

The artist numbs the area with the application of topical anesthetic in order to lessen the pain.

STEP 4: Pigmentation

Pigmentation means insertion of the pigment into the first layer of your skin.

STEP 5: A touch up

After your lips are healed, which usually takes 2-4 weeks, you should book a follow-up appointment. The artist will make some adjustments, add some color if it didn’t set in and round up the final look of your lips.

**How Long Does Permanent Lipstick Treatment Last?**

The treatment usually lasts **1-2 hours**. It depends on the type of your skin. Some people are better candidates for lip tattoo, and the pigment is applied easily, while others don’t take the color so well. In that case, more pigment needs to be applied to those areas.

**Is Permanent Lipstick Treatment Painful?**

Lip area is very sensitive and it really sounds painful when you think about the fact that it is treated with a needle for an hour. However, a numbing cream is applied beforehand, in order to eliminate the pain. It is slightly uncomfortable.

**How to Choose a Permanent Lipstick Color?**

You should discuss with your artist which shade and color fit you best. You will take your skin tone and your personal preferences into consideration.

In general, it should be a neutral color, similar to the color of your favorite lipstick. You should be able to apply a lipstick later in order to enhance or change the color of your lips.  The most popular shade is *soft pink*.

**Can I Have a Permanent Lipstick Treatment if I Have Lip Fillers?**

It is better to avoid performing the treatment on people who have had lip fillers, but that is up to you.

However, *there is some required time that needs to pass between lip fillers and permanent lipstick treatment.*

**How to Prepare for Permanent Lipstick Treatment?**

First of all, it is very important to find a reliable artist. So, do thorough research in order to find a good aesthetician who works in a sterile environment, has a lot of experience and recommendations.

In order to prepare for the treatment, avoid taking the following medicines, substances and vitamins since they cause your blood to thin:

* Aspirin
* Ibuprofen
* Alcoholic beverages
* Caffeine (coffee and tea)
* Fish oil
* Niacin
* Vitamin E
* Retinol-based products

It is also vital to take anti-viral medication before your procedure if you’re prone to cold sores. They can appear due to the needles treatment and negatively affect the healing process.

**What Does Permanent Lip Makeup Aftercare Entail?**

Your lips will be swollen and dark after the procedure. The *aftercare period lasts 5-7 days*, during which you should do the following things:

* Use Vaseline, balm or coconut oil to nourish your lips.
* Clean them with a cotton pad and a little bit of water after every meal.
* Don’t wear any  makeup for a week.
* Avoid spicy food. It is also recommended to take beverages on a straw and avoid food for two days.
* Do not rub, scratch and peel the area.
* Don’t expose your lips to the sun, hot tubs, tanning beds, saunas, swimming pools.

Can I Wear Makeup After the Permanent Lipstick Treatment?

*Under no circumstances* should you wear lipstick immediately after the treatment. You must wait until the healing period is over. Once your lips are not swollen anymore and all the scabs have fallen off, you can wear lipstick. Also, it is desirable not to wear any makeup in order to avoid it reaching the treated area and infecting it.

Be patient for at least a week and after that, you are free to apply makeup.

**How Long Does the Healing Period Last?**

*The healing period lasts around one week.* Your lips will be swollen at first and some scabbing will be involved. Also, the color will look too intense, but 50% of it will fade during the first week. It takes a little bit longer for the color to settle. During this period, you should religiously follow the tips your artist gave you, in order to avoid any discomfort during healing.

**Should I Have a Permanent Lipstick Touch-Up?**

Permanent lipstick is a procedure that requires touch-ups in order to last longer. However, they are not mandatory. *The first one should be done 4-8 weeks after the initial treatment.* After the color has settled, there might be some spots that need filling and imperfections to be corrected.

**How Long Does Permanent Lipstick Last?**

Even though it is called permanent lipstick, **it lasts for 3 to 5 years**, after which the color will fade. This is because pigment, not tattoo ink, is used. Also, lips are a very exposed area, which affects fading. However, if you have regular touch-ups you can prolong your permanent lipstick. It can last **up to 10 years**.

**Is Permanent Lipstick Safe?**

Permanent lipstick is a safe procedure, if you choose a good artist and a good salon. A professional artist must use sterile equipment, disposable needles, and know their job. The artist must be aware of any skin conditions you might suffer from and warn you about side effects.

**Can You Be Allergic to Permanent Lipstick?**

Some people are [allergic to tattoo ink](https://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tattoos-what-you-need-know#1), but permanent lipstick treatment uses natural pigments which don’t cause allergic reactions.

If you are still afraid of having an allergic reaction, you can always do the [patch test](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patch_test), which will show whether you will have an allergic reaction to a certain pigment or not.

**Are There Any Side Effects of Permanent Lipstick Treatment?**

Luckily, *side effects are only short-termed* and they usually involve:

* Redness
* Swelling
* Peeling and scabs
* Scaring (not very common)

This should all disappear within a week.

**Can Permanent Lipstick Be Removed?**

In case you are not satisfied with your lip tattoo, it is possible to remove it. Like any other tattoo, it is done with a laser. However, it means more pain and spending more money.