Tattoo You: The Truth About Getting Inked

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Dead set on getting inked? Only slightly curious? 1 Here's what you need to know before facing down the needle and getting that tattoo. Tattooing is defined by Health Canada as "the art of permanently depositing pigment into the skin to a depth of 1–2 mm to create a design." An electric machine vibrates a cluster of needles hundreds of times per minute to puncture the skin and deposit the pigment. Does it



hurt? Well, yes - at least a little.

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