



Needle

Ensure that you are depositing pigment into the epidermis layer (1-1.5mm below top) of the skin using the following steps:

- The tip of the needle should not stick out any more than 2mm
- Ensure you do not tattoo deeper than 1-1.5mm
- Keep in mind that every persons skin type is different and there is no exact measure
- The 5 sublayers of the epidermis are constantly growing outward to the top, so any ink deposited in the more shallow layers will just be shed back out.

Angle

Tips for holding/ angling the needle as you tattoo:

- Hold the needle like you would a writing tool
- Ensure it is in a comfortable position, but also that you're able to control the machine steadily
- Different needle angles allow pigment to be deposited into different layers of the skin

Stretch

Use the 3 point stretch technique while tattooing to ensure the skin remains taught:

- One hand: Pointer and thumb work together to pull skin apart
- Other hand: While holding needle, the first pulls away as you're tattooing
- Apply equal pressure

Depth

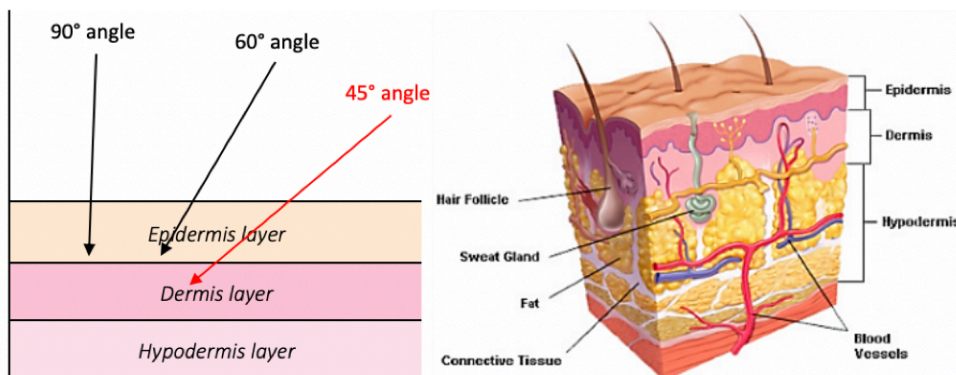
Tips for feeling how deep/ shallow the needle should be as you tattoo are as follows:

- The tip of the needle should not stick out any more than 2mm
- Ensure you do not tattoo deeper than 1-1.5mm
- Maintain consistent control and pressure of the machine as you drag the needle along the skin

Speed

Tips for tattooing with the correct needle speed:

- Faster speed- sharper needle (ideal for normal, dry, young, thick skin)
- Slower speed- less sharp needle (ideal for oily, sensitive, larger pores, sun damage, mature skin.)
- When performing a hair stroke or working on an outline ensure your machine is on the fast setting
- When performing shading ensure your machine is on the slowest or lowest setting.



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