

COLOR DU JOUR

Microblading FAQs

1. WHAT IS EYEBROW MICROBLADING?

Eyebrow microblading is known by several names, including microstroking, micropigmentation, eyebrow embroidery, eyebrow feathering, and 3D eyebrows. Although the names differ, the procedure is the same. Microblading fills in sparse areas of your natural brow, which is done by using a very fine blade to deposit pigments into the dermal layer of the skin. The result is a natural, resembled hair stroke.

2. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 3D MICROBLADING AND OMBRÉ BROW?

Microblading uses a manual tool that resembles an x-acto knife with micro-needles at the end. Ombre brow uses a rotary tattoo pen (actual machine). With microblading, hair strokes are “drawn” in giving the illusion of natural hair strokes. Ombre Brows are shaded in from light to dark, giving an ombre effect that looks soft and natural. Ombre services also involve both the hair strokes and gradient effect which allow brows to look natural.

3. HOW LONG DOES THE MICROBLADING PRODEUCE TAKE?

The average microblading appointment lasts two hours. Nothing is ever rushed during your microblading appointment because the results are a semi-permanent eyebrow tattoo that stays on your face for an extended period of time. We insist on being thorough and taking the time to provide the most beautiful, natural looking brows possible.

4. DOES MICROBLADING HURT?

Keeping in mind that pain is subjective, most clients say they experience no discomfort during microblading. Any pain that was experienced has been compared to

tweezing, threading or the feeling of a light scratch with minimal discomfort. Color Du Jour uses a topical anesthetic to provide a comfortable microblading experience.

5. IS THE PROCEDURE PERMANENT?

Microblading is not permanent. The results from microblading have **semi-permanent** qualities for two reasons. First, the pigment used for microblading has an iron oxide base rather than a carbon base that is used for permanent cosmetics. Second, microblading pigment is not implanted into the skin as deep when compared to permanent cosmetic procedures.

6. HOW DO I DECIDE ON A SHAPE?

We will decide on a shape together. You will receive a brief consultation at the beginning of your appointment to address your brow concerns. We will discuss color, shape, problem areas, and we will work hard to give you that desired brow.

7. HOW WILL I LOOK IMMEDIATELY AFTER MICROBLADING?

Your brows will appear darker and more intense than expected for the first week or two, but no need to go into hiding! This will gradually lighten during the complete healing process. Redness and swelling are minimal. Just make sure you book your microblading appointment at least 2 weeks before a special event.

8. HOW LONG WILL MY BROWS LAST?

Microblading will fade gradually over time. As such, a touch-up appointment is recommended 4-6 weeks after the initial microblading procedure which keeps the color of each micro stroke vibrant. It's important to know, even though the color will gradually get lighter, it will not fade into shades of blue or pink that typically occurs with permanent cosmetics.

The healed results of microblading typically last up to 12 months. The variation in time is determined by lifestyle, sun exposure, and skin type. Someone with oily skin may experience results that fade quicker compared to someone with dry skin. As such, there is no guarantee how long each client results last. Touch-ups range from 6-36 months.

9. DOES MICROBLADING RESEMBLE NATURAL BROW HAIRS?

Color Du Jour takes pride in creating extremely natural looking eyebrows. Natural results are made possible by building a brow according to your face shape. Color Du Jour has mastered each element of the process in order to give your brows the natural, gorgeous look you want. Feel free to review some of our before and after pictures on Instagram @colordujour.

10. WHAT IS THE MICROBLADING AFTERCARE?

The aftercare is not complicated, but it does require some diligence to provide the best possible results. During the first week, microblading aftercare requires applying the aftercare ointment. Making sure nothing else comes in contact with the eyebrow area during the healing process is critical. Activities involving sun exposure, water, and even exercise to prevent perspiration, need to be avoided. It is imperative to follow the aftercare instructions to get the best possible results.

11. WHAT IS THE MICROBLADING HEALING PROCESS?

After the treatment, the color will appear darker through the first week or so. This is because the pigment takes approximately seven days to enter the deeper layers of the skin. After seven to ten days, exfoliation takes place. The top layer of the skin peels off, leaving a softer, lighter color below. The result leaves you with softer, more natural lines. As the treated area continues to heal, itching may occur. Itching is a good sign as it indicates that the skin is healing. The complete healing process for microbladed eyebrows typically takes 4-6 weeks, after which a touch-up appointment follows.

12. I DON'T HAVE BROWS, CAN I GET MICROBLADING?

Of course! Microblading is a great option for those with Alopecia, Trichotillomania, or have been through Chemotherapy. Microblading corrects brow shapes that are changed from scarring, incorrect waxing, over threading or tweezing. Microblading is also great for those who have normal thinning.

13. I'M PREGNANT OR NURSING, CAN I GET THIS PROCEDURE?

As a precaution, we do not perform microblading on pregnant or nursing women.

14. DO YOU TATTOO MEN'S EYEBROWS?

We are happy to accommodate men interested in microblading.

15. HOW MANY TREATMENTS ARE NEEDED?

Microblading is a multiple step appointment process. **YOUR BROWS WILL NOT BE COMPLETED AFTER JUST ONE SERVICE.** For microblading, at least two appointments are needed initially. Each of these appointments being 4-6 weeks apart. At the second visit, your Enhancement Session, we will assess the color retention and make any adjustments necessary. Everyone heals differently and at different rates. If your cosmetic tattoo does not heal perfectly the first time, do not worry! We can always go bolder and add more density during your Enhancement Session. Keep in mind, Enhancement Sessions are not included in introductory rates or microblading promotions unless stated.

16. HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO GET MICROBLADED?

You have to be at least 18 years of age.

17. WHAT FACTORS AFFECT MICROBLADING?

Bleeding during the procedure: Caffeine, alcohol, certain food or drink, and medications act as blood-thinners and should be avoided 48 hours prior to your appointment as they may cause excessive bleeding during the tattooing procedure. As a result, reducing the amount of pigment absorption.

Sun exposure: The sun will extremely soften the look of your tattoo, and may also change the color appearance of the pigment. A sunscreen should be used (once healed) to prolong your enhancement. Whenever possible, we encourage our clients to wear hats to protect their beautiful brows (and skin too)!

The choice of pigment color: Some colors may fade quicker than others, e.g. a blonde pigment may fade quicker than a dark brunette pigment.

Lifestyle: Smokers, "sun worshippers", or anyone with skin that is in a state of distress (rosacea, acne, etc) may have less desirable results.

BEFORE PROCEDURE (PRE-CARE)

- Do not work out the day of procedure.
- DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL or caffeine, 24HRS BEFORE PROCEDURE
- Avoid the following vitamins one week prior to your appointment: Vitamin E and Fish Oil.
- Brow shaping using waxing should be performed at least 48hrs before the treatment. It is okay to have brows tweezed or threaded before the appointment.
- Electrolysis treatment (hair removal) should be undergone no less than 5 days before the treatment.
- Botox, AHA preparations (exfoliants) should be undergone no less than 2 weeks before the treatment.
- Chemical, laser peel, Retin-A or Botox should not be utilized 6 weeks before the procedure.

- Do not take Aspirin, Niacin, Vitamin E or IBUprofen 24 hours before the procedure.
- The procedure cannot be performed on women who are pregnant or nursing.
- Please note that you will be more sensitive during your menstrual cycle.

MICROBLADING MIGHT NOT BE FOR YOU IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING OR HAVE THE FOLLOWING.

- Pregnant or nursing
- History of Keloids or Hypertrophic Scarring
- Diabetic (require doctor's clearance)
- Chemotherapy (consult your doctor)
- Viral infections and/or diseases
- Epilepsy
- Pacemaker or major heart problems
- Organ transplant
- Skin irritations or Psoriasis near the treated area (rashes, sunburn, acne, etc.)
- Sick (cold, flu, etc.)
- Botox in the past 2 months
- Accutane in the past year
- Heart conditions, Uncontrolled High Blood Pressure, Poor general health.

I'M READY, HOW DO I BOOK?

Awesome, I look forward to working with you! Appointment inquiries can be submitted [HERE](#). We will then assess availability and proceed with scheduling your appointment.