





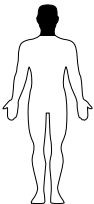






Kirby-Desai Tattoo Removal Scale


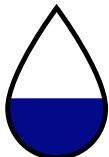
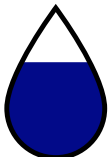
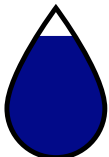
Skin type

 I Always burns & never tans 1 point	 II Burns easily & tans minimally 2 points	 III Sometimes burns & slowly tans 3 points	 IV Burns minimally & usually tans 4 points	 V Rarely burns & tans well 5 points	 VI Never burns & always tans 6 points	—
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Location

 Head / neck / face 1 point	 Upper trunk / shoulder 2 points	 Lower trunk / upper leg 3 points	 Lower arm / leg 4 points	 Wrist / hand / ankle / foot 5 points	—
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Amount of ink

 Amateur 1 point	 Minimal 2 points	 Moderate 3 points	 Significant 4 points	—
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Ink layering

 No, one layer 0 points	 Yes, multiple layers 2 points	—
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Scarring & tissue changes

 No scar 0 points	 Minimal scarring 1 point	 Moderate scarring 3 points	 Significant scarring 5 points	—
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Colors

Estimated number of treatments: —



Black only

1 point



Mostly black
w/ some red

2 points



Mostly black
& red w/
other colors

3 points



Multiple
colors

4 points

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Estimated number of treatments:

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