

WHAT IS MICROBLADING?

Microblading is a semi-permanent pigmentation of the eyebrows, created using a hand tool. Once healed, the results will last from 8 months to a couple years, depending on the individual's skin type, lifestyle, and the specific microblading technique.

TYPES OF MICROBLADING

No one method is better than the others, as it depends on personal style, skin type and lifestyle.



Microblading (aka hair strokes or nanoblading)

Overview: A very natural looking brow can be achieved, creating many hair like impressions by implementing pigment strokes. Microblading is meant to replace individual hairs, not to fill them in as if they are filled in with a pencil or shadow.

Best for:

- those with thin or patchy brows
- a subtle shape enhancement
- those don't regularly fill in their brows



Combination (aka Hybrid Brows or 3D Brows)

Overview: There still is no best method for everyone, but the hybrid brow comes close. It's pretty much exactly what it sounds like: a combination of microblading and shading.

Best for:

- all skin types
- those who want a slightly more bold look

WHO SHOULD NOT CONSIDER MICROBLADING?

Individuals with the following conditions are not good candidates for microblading:

- HIV
- Hepatitis
- Pregnant or breast feeding
- Bleeding disorder or use of blood thinners
- Prone to keloids or post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation
- Eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis, or rosacea near the eyebrows
- Undergoing chemotherapy
- Active herpes simplex
- Autoimmune diseases
- Pre-existing dark eyebrow tattoos
- Very thin skin
- Very oily skin and large pores
- Sunburned skin or deep tan
- Allergy to nickel, lidocaine or epinephrine
- On Accutane within the last year
- Allergic to lidocaine, prilocaine, benzocaine, tetracaine or epinephrine
- Body dysmorphic disorder
- Organ Transplant or on Anti-rejection medications



Ombre/Powder (aka Shading)

Overview: The ombre/powder fill method is more like a traditional tattoo, and involves the application of thousands of tiny dots of pigment, gradually building up a color and defined shape.

Best for:

- oily or combination skin
- those who fill in their brows regularly with pencil or shadow
- darker skin tones



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Use of retinols, chemical and laser peels, microderm-abrasion, Botox and filler in the eye area need to be done 4 weeks prior or 4 weeks after. Latisse, Revitabrow and GrandeBROW also need to be stopped 3 months prior, and not begin again until 4 weeks after.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to keep your brows out of the sun/tanning bed a month after your appointment, so if you have a vacation booked please schedule enough time out or wait until after!

Microblading should be done at least two weeks prior to a vacation. Four weeks prior is preferred.

You will need a doctor's note if:

- You're diabetic.
Your microblading may heal slower and may be more at risk for infection.
- You've had chemotherapy within the last year.
Your immune system is compromised.
- You're taking seizure or other medication.
Many medications have effects on the body so you will want to ask your doctor to make sure this is safe for you.

Those with extremely thin sensitive skin, that simultaneously suffer from rosacea, are not good candidates for microblading, as this causes excessive bleeding and dilution of pigment, which results in poor retention. Also, those with extremely oily skin may find that the line will blur and thicken.

You do NOT need to wax, tweeze, or thread your brows prior. We will groom them for you.

UPKEEP OF MICROBLADED EYEBROWS

Microblading is not a no maintenance procedure. A touch-up appointment is required 6-10 weeks following the initial appointment. This allows the brow artist to fill in any areas that may have been missed, add more pigment, and perfect the shape if needed. Additional follow up appointments or color boosts are recommended every 6-18 months for maintenance.

Microblading is completely safe with a qualified artist, and is a semi-permanent tattoo that is intended to fade with time. With no touch-ups, microblading should fade completely within two years after the initial service.

HOW LONG DOES MICROBLADING TAKE?

An appointment takes about 3 hours for the initial procedure. The appointment will begin with a discussion of your brow goals, your skin type and lifestyle, and mapping your new brow shape for your approval. The brow artist will consider your natural brow shape, the shape of your face, and how we can improve symmetry and shape of the brows. A topical numbing cream will be applied before beginning the procedure. While you are numbing, post-procedure instructions will be given. Additional numbing cream will be applied mid-procedure, as well. Before you leave, the brow artist will once again go over post-care instructions.

Touch up appointments usually take around 2-3 hours to complete.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

Hair strokes: 8-12 months

Combination: 12-18 months

Ombre/Powder: 18-24 months

WHY CHOOSE SCCDS?

- Our microblading artist, Dee Levang, has a background in design and art and has two microblading certifications.
- We offer many cosmetic procedures that may compliment your new brows; Botox, fillers, and laser skin treatments.
- SCCDS is a medical facility, not a salon. We follow CDC recommendations for cleaning, sterilizing and social distancing (where possible).
- We are CLIA certified, and unlike salons, we have access to the strongest prescription strength topical anesthetics.