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Richard asks...

What does a Japanese Dragon Symbolize? ?

Im looking to get a **tattoo**, and I love the **designs** of the **dragons tattoo**'s, but I want something meaningful to me. I need something that symbolizes perseverance, strength, toughness, never giving up, aiming high etc.. Does a **Japanese** dragon symbolize this?



Vanessa answers:

There are nine types of Chinese dragons,

This is a pretty broad question because the history of dragons is quite extensive. But I will give it a shot. There are nine types of Chinese dragons, also regarded as the Oriental Dragons. You should also note that nine is a very lucky number to the Chinese. These are: the horned dragon, the celestial dragon, the spiritual dragon, the winged dragon, the dragon of hidden treasures, the coiling dragon, the yellow dragon, and the dragon king. Each of these dragon types has a special attribute to them. The Horned dragon is also know as Lung. They are the most powerful of the Oriental Dragons and are completely deaf. They have the power to produce rain, too. It should also be noted that the head points South, and the tail points North. In addition, they are a symbol of the East and the sun. The Celestial dragon protects the mansions of the gods to the Chinese, and the Spiritual dragon creates rain and wind for mankind. The Dragon of Hidden Treasures helps keep watch over concealed wealth, and the coiling dragon lives in the water, primarily lakes and deep, deep waters. The yellow dragon is especially important, for this dragon emerged from water and aided the Emperor Fu Shi by showing him writing. The Dragon King is really four dragons, and these dragons keep watch over the four main seas. They were honored and respected, for they were the ones the Chinese went to if there was little or no rain. The four lived in the North,

South, East, or West waters. I hope this helps, dragons make very cool tattoos but talk with your artist and feel him/her out to see if he/she knows about the history. If he/she doesn't know, I feel that, this is an indication that they lack the passion and knowledge that comes across in a good ink piece.

I hope this helps in some way..my source is as listed below..

Good Luck..they do make good looking Tattoos..

Jenny asks...

Can you help me with my tattoo sleeve?

I'm thinking of getting a full **tattoo** sleeve on my left arm

i'm 16 now and I'm thinking of getting done after december 7th next year when I'll be 18 so I have a least a year and half to think about what I want done.

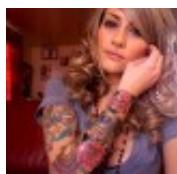
I'm thinking of getting a full **japanese** style design because **Japanese Tattoo's** have always interested me and I think they look beautiful. Hopefully if i still want one next year i'll be getting a dragon,koi and a lotus flower on it amongst other things that I have yet to think of so i was wondering have what I thought of cover

my whole arm or can you recommend some other **designs** that

I can put on **tattoo**?

Also can anyone recommend me some good tattooists/**tattoo** shops in the northwest of England
Liverpool, Manchester, Preston and surrounding areas that are experienced in **japanese** style **tattoo**'s.

Thanks for your help :)



Vanessa answers:

The best tip I can give you, is to research the artist well and find one that can give you something truly original. Free-hand tattoo's will always be unique, and if your artist is good he can incorporate any styles or influences into the finished work. Japanese influenced tatt's are beautiful to look at, and can easily be added to at a later date.

Lizzie asks...

Does anyone know a designer that make long-sleeve shirts whose sleeves have nice designs. Like Jim Jones in ba

Like Jim Jones in Ballin or Lil Wayne in You

Here are the links to their shirts just looking for cheaper ones,
<http://cgi.ebay.com/JAPANESE-YAKUZA-DRAGON->

[-LONG-SLEEVE-T-SHIRT-M_W0QQitemZ200102566943QQihZ010QQcategoryZ15687QQrdZ1QQcmdZViewltem](#)

<http://www.amazon.com/Inkslingers-Dragon->

[-Sleeve-Omarion/dp/B000NGFRJ0/ref=sr_1_3/002-9869613-7332067?ie=UTF8&s=apparel&qid=1177809966&sr=8-3](#)



Vanessa answers:

Http://www.naturalexpressions.org/Tattoo_Sleeves_Shirts.html

Mark asks...

Japanese Koi Tattoo: Help?

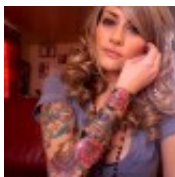
Hey There Guys,

I have been considering a jap trad koi half **tattoo** from chest to elbow for some time now. I'd like it to symbolise my premature birth fighting for survival going from the bottom of the waterfall (elbow) up towards my chest, as leaves (representing time) flow past. I may even consider it evolving into a dragon, however, I'm still unsure.

I have looked at many pictures, and I'm not a good drawer so designing my own proved hard. I have two questions:

Does anyone have any ideas or examples?

What steps should I take to get an idea onto paper?



Vanessa answers:

I'm an artist and I've recently done a Koi fish tatt design for a client of mine. (

<http://coquettishmish.blogspot.com/2010/12/swimming-in-ink.html>)

I don't know if it's the type of koi you're looking for but maybe you can get your tattoo artist to work his way around it to include the waterfall and stuff.

Hope this helped, good luck.

John asks...

Japanese style tattoos. can someone help me out with the etiquette?

does anyone know if its bad luck to have koi fish (two of them), a prodomiately red dragon and a rising phoenix (excuse spelling) in the same design? Any information would be helpful.



Vanessa answers:

Bad luck, you need odd number of fish. Red is not the lucky est colour try blue. If you want a red tone, go pink.

Make sure phoenix is on left side of body

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