

Frequently Asked Questions

These are the most commonly asked questions about Micropigmentation services.

What is Micropigmentation?

Micropigmentation is the process of implanting pigment into the skin using a needle/machine. This is described as the art of cosmetic tattooing, and all techniques fall under Micropigmentation. These could include: Microblading, Combo brows, Powder brows, Shaded Brows, Nano Brows.

What is Microblading?

Microblading is a cosmetic semi-permanent procedure. It is performed using a sterile manual disposable handheld tool composed of very fine thin needles to hand draw each individual hair while simultaneously implanting pigment into the epidermis layer of the skin.

What are Combo brows?

Combination brow is a technique that uses microblading/nano machine hair strokes technique and soft shading. Once the hair strokes are created, I go in with a manual pen machine and nano needle to pixelate the skin. The end result is a soft powdered finish that defines the eyebrows and gives them more definition and a fuller look.

What are Powder Brows?

Unlike Microblading, powder brows have no hair strokes and are made up entirely of machine shading. Using a tattoo machine, small pixels are implanted below the surface of the skin. These pixels are layered on top of each other until the desired amount of saturation is achieved. Pixels can be layered softly for a more natural look or more saturated for a bold, defined, makeup look.

The technique is ideal for basically all skin types & especially those who have oily skin, mature skin, sun damaged/ruddy skin, large pores, uneven brow hairs, or very coarse hairs.

How do I choose which technique is best for me?

You may already know what you want. In the case that you cannot make a decision, I can help. At the beginning of your initial appointment, I will assess and choose a technique based on a number of factors: age, eyebrow goals, skin elasticity, skin complexion, amount of hair present, thickness of the hair, and medical conditions. Individuals with young, normal/dry skin are best candidates for Microblading. Individuals with combination/oily or aging skin are better suited for Combination Brows/Powder Brows.

When do I need a touch up?

After the initial appointment and the 6-12 week follow up you should not need a touch up for at least 1 to 2 years. You do not necessarily need an “annual” touch up. If your previous pmu has faded more than 50% then you are ready, if you are unsure, please contact us.

Will micropigmentation completely replace my makeup?

While PMU services are amazing for enhancing your natural beauty, it's important to have realistic expectations about what it can and can not do. Micropigmentation services are going in your skin, while traditional makeup is applied on top of your skin. Some of the things you can achieve with traditional makeup will not give the same effect as a cosmetic tattoo. Cosmetic tattooing is not meant to fully substitute makeup.

Micropigmentation services are meant to be natural and work with your overall look when you have a bare face, or while wearing makeup. To match the opacity and bold look of a full glam, you might still reach for powder or pencil to give it a little more POP!!

Does the procedure hurt?

Clients are comfortable! I use a topical numbing cream prior to the procedure as well as during the procedure. This helps with client comfort and/or bleeding.

Products used during appointments:

Zensa 5% Lidocaine primary numbing cream, which provides a numbing sensation to help desensitize the skin.

Bowler Esthetics Comfort Candy secondary numbing which will help relieve pain, swelling, and bleeding.

What can I expect after my Micropigmentation Appointment?

After your Microblading procedure, your eyebrows may appear red and/or swollen immediately after, but these typically subside within 24 hours. In the next few hours, the pigment in the skin will oxidize, making the brows look darker and redder than they were at the beginning. It is normal and expected that this happens. In most cases, the pigment fades up to 40% once it has fully healed.

During the third and fourth day, you may notice some scabbing and flaking. It's perfectly normal! Please refrain from picking or it will result in loss of pigment in those areas and can lead to scarring. You may see spots or patches on your eyebrows until they are completely healed.

Approximately 10 days after the flaking is complete, the eyebrows will appear much lighter. Over the next 4-6 weeks, the pigment will darken and return to the skin in its healed state.

It will take 4-6 weeks for your brows to heal completely. You will be able to address any pigment that does not return at your follow-up appointment. I will evaluate your retention, touch up the spots that didn't adhere, and adjust the pigment color to give you natural-looking, perfect brows that will last up to 36 months.

Previously Done Work/ Tattoos

Can I book an appointment if I have previously done work?

A photo of your brows without makeup must be sent via Email to HuniqueBrows@gmail.com to be approved prior to accepting any appointment. Please make sure it is clear with good lighting.

Clients who have previously had semi-permanent makeup performed by someone other than Hunique Brows acknowledge that correcting or touching-up semi permanent makeup that was performed by others involves additional risks because existence of permanent pigments of unknown composition, brand, color, age, shape, and other factors over which Hunique Brows has no control.

If you have previous work done and did not disclose it and found to not be able to work over your brows, your appointment will need to be canceled and charged the full service amount.

Medical Conditions / Contraindications

Am I a good candidate for Micropigmentation?

You may not be a good candidate for micropigmentation if you have any of the below conditions.

Please reach out by email if you have any questions, HuniqueBrows@gmail.com

Autoimmune: Clients with the below conditions have compromised immune systems which may greatly affect the healing process or health of the client. For safety reasons, I cannot perform micropigmentation services on clients with these conditions.

- * Uncontrolled Diabetes - Doctor's note is required

- * Cancer - Must be out of active chemotherapy and radiation for a minimum of 8 months- Doctor's note required after that

- * Lupus

- * Hepatitis B/C

- * HIV / AIDS

Blood Disorders are at high risk for excessive bleeding and poor results.

- * Sickle Cell

- * Hemophilia

Skin Conditions: inherently cause you to be more sensitive, bleed easily, and have more dryness, flaking, or shedding. If you have any of the below on your face, you may not be a good candidate for micropigmentation services, this includes brows, eyes, and lips. I am not able to microblade over scars, moles, bumps, piercings, or keloids.

- * Severe Acne

- * Severe Rosacea

- * Accutane - must be off for 6 months

- * Steroids - must be off for 6 months

- * Keloid Formations

- * Antibiotics - must be off for 2-4 weeks

Active Skin Conditions

- * Cold Sores

- * Shingles

- * Impetigo

- * Psoriasis

- * Pink Eye

- * Vitiligo

Please review before booking an appointment.

Pregnancy, Breastfeeding, and Miscarriages

I cannot perform the procedure on any client who is pregnant or breastfeeding. This is due to unknown complications and risks associated with the procedure.

How long do I wait after pregnancy or breastfeeding?

After birth and once you're completely done with nursing.

This also applies to all miscarriages and terminated pregnancies

SunBurn / Tanned Skin

Can I get a Micropigmentation service if I have a sunburn?

As your skin exfoliates from sun damage it may take the pigment with it causing poor results. If clients arrive to their appointments with a sunburn or tan, I may be unable to perform the service and the client will be responsible for the full-service amount. Please avoid tanning and sun exposure at least two weeks prior to your appointment and during the healing process.

Once your brows are fully healed, I recommend that you apply SPF in the brows regularly to avoid fading and preserve the brow's vibrancy.

Product Ingredients

What are the ingredients in the products that you use?

I have listed out the products and ingredients used below. If you have a lot of allergens or highly sensitive skin, I suggest connecting with your doctor before making an appointment!

- I use Brow Daddy, Monica Ivani, and the Hanafy pigment collection.

Brow Daddy: [Click Here](#) to view the product information.

Hanafy: [Click Here](#) to view the product information

Monica Ivani: [Click Here](#) to view product information

- All of the needles/blades I use are stainless steel & single use only.
- Before and during, I use Lidocaine and Epinephrine for numbing.
- Before, during, and for aftercare, we use INK OIL SOAP containing castile oil and essential oils which are all natural.

What ingredients are in the Aftercare Balm & Lotion?

Balm:

Organic Sunflower Oil, Organic Beeswax, Virgin Shea Butter, Coco Caprylate/Caprates, Arnica Extract, Chamomile Extract, Virgin Organic Coconut Oil, Organic Argan Oil, Organic Tea Tree Oil

Lotion:

Purified Water, Sunflower Oil, Cetearyl Alcohol, Vegetable Glycerin, Arnica Extract, Chamomile Extract, Virgin Organic Coconut Oil, Benzyl Alcohol, Dehydroacetic Acid, Organic Jojoba Oil, Organic Argan Oil, Vitamin E Mixed Tocopherols, Rosemary Oleoresin, Grapefruit Seed Extract

All Permanent Make-up procedures require multiple sessions

An initial application is incomplete until after a follow-up appointment, which must be scheduled approximately 6-12 weeks after your initial appointment, depending on which service was performed. There is an additional cost to your follow-up appointment and is not included in your initial appointment cost.

While your skin heals, please be prepared for the color intensity of your procedure to be significantly larger, sharper, brighter, and darker than what is expected. This is a normal and expected result of the application and healing process. The healing process will take a number of days to complete, depending on how quickly the outer layer of your skin exfoliates and new skin regrows to take its place.

Since delicate skin or sensitive areas may swell slightly or redden, some clients feel it best not to make social plans for a day or two following any procedure.

Please ensure you have read all of my Policies and FAQ prior to your appointment.

Precare / Aftercare Instructions

Precare & Aftercare are extremely important to ensure the best possible results. Please review carefully.

Eyebrow Micropigmentation Precare

- I ask that you please refrain from coming to your appointment with freshly tinted, dyed, or hennaed brows. You'll have to pay 100% of the service amount if I can't fulfill the appointment.
- You shouldn't tan or expose yourself to the sun 14 days before and after your procedure. Sun damage acts as an exfoliant for the skin, ultimately taking the pigment with it. In the event that you show up with a tan or sunburn, you'll need to reschedule, and your deposit will be forfeited.
- Avoid scheduling this procedure within two weeks of a water/sun vacation. After the procedure, stay out of steam rooms, saunas, hot yoga, swimming pools, etc.
- No neurotoxin, fillers, microdermabrasion, facials of any sort for 2 weeks before and after. Injections (Botox, Radiesse, JuveDerm, Voluma, etc.) must be done 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after the procedure.
- Chemical peels and laser treatments may not be done within 60 days before or after the procedure.
- Retinol/Retin-A must be discontinued 7 days prior to the procedure (It will cause the skin to bleed).

- Please stop shaping, waxing, threading or tinting at least 10 days prior. I will shape the treatment area to give you a natural look and feel. Any stray hairs will be taken during the appointment.
- WITH PERMISSION FROM YOUR MEDICAL PROVIDER- Avoid anticoagulants (blood thinners) for 5 days prior and 24 hours after
 - Do not take NSAIDs (i.e., Aspirin, Ibuprofen), niacin, fish oil or vitamin E 3 days prior to procedure unless medically necessary.
- Avoid alcohol 24 hours prior & caffeine 12 hours prior. These can cause excessive bleeding and affect pigment retention.

After micropigmentation, please wait 6-8 weeks to start laminating your eyebrows again.

Brow Laminations: Please understand that laminations soften the hair to create a “fluffier” eyebrow look. Lamination should not be done prior to your appointment if you do not want this look to be achieved with micropigmentation. If you are looking for a fluffier look, please get lamination done 2 weeks prior to appointment.

Eyebrow Micropigmentation Aftercare

What do I do after I get my brows done?

- Blot eyebrows for the first 1-2 hours with a clean, dry tissue to remove any excess lymph or blood from the area
- Wash with soap twice a day am and pm for 10-14 days using clean fingers or a cotton round- use 1-2 pumps of soap and clean in a wiping motion, no harsh scrubbing or circular motion and rinse with cool water
- Apply a small amount of aftercare balm (less is best!) 2-3 times a day directly to the brow area using clean fingers or a Q-tip for 10-14 days.
- Do not pick at the brow area or scabs as they heal.
- Makeup and skincare should be kept away from the eyebrows for 10-14 days. When they have fully healed, avoid anti-aging and acne products
- Keep the area dry: no sauna, sweating, swimming etc. for 10-14 days
- Keep them dry in the shower by using the shields provided to prevent direct contact with running water
- No direct sun exposure for 10-14 days. Use SPF sticks or balm after they are fully healed to protect them

- Contact your physician at the first signs of infection or abnormal swelling
 - Make sure your follow-up appointment is 6-12 weeks after your initial appointment.
- This will be advised at appointment once technique has been chosen.