



Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Your tattoo was done in a sterile environment – Don't introduce bacteria into your clean tattoo! Wash your hands with soap and water before touching your tattoo or doing any aftercare! Perform your aftercare routine in a clean place with clean supplies.

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1. Leave bandage on overnight – Don't worry about some fluid and/or slight bleeding. This is normal.
2. Remove your bandage carefully. The best place to do this is in the shower as warm water will help separate the bandage from your skin. Don't just rip the bandage off without warm water as this will hurt!
3. After removing bandage, wash tattoo well with warm water and mild, unscented liquid soap. Do not use bar soap unless it is a fresh-out-of-the-package bar
4. Do not use anything except your clean finger tips and apply light pressure until the tattoo is clean. A clean tattoo doesn't feel slippery to the touch
5. Pat tattoo dry with a clean towel. Do not apply any lotions or creams
6. Once the bandage is removed, be aware of the clothing you wear. Your tattoo may stick to clothes or bedding. If this happens use warm water to separate the tattoo from your bedding or clothing.
7. On the second or third day, once that tattoo has dried completely (and may be a little tight or itchy) apply skin balm or regular unscented lotion. Apply sparingly, one or two times a day for 2 weeks but only when the tattoo is completely dry. Tattoo may be washed everyday but should be patted dry and lotion applied only after it is completely dry.

Please remember:

- Your tattoo may peel lightly. This is normal. It may also scab. DO NOT pick your scabs. DO NOT soak them. DO NOT put lotion on them. Let them dry out and fall off. It is hard but necessary.
- There is a rare possibility that your skin could react to the ointment or lotion used. If your tattoo becomes red and inflamed, call the shop immediately and speak to your artist
- Due to different skin types, touch ups may be required
- Do not expose your tattoo to sunlight or tanning beds for at least 6 weeks
- Absolutely no swimming or hot tubs for at least 2 weeks – Do not soak a healing tattoo
- Do not use polysporin or other medicinal ointments on a healing tattoo
- After your tattoo has healed use a high SPF sunblock to prevent fading as touch ups at this point wont be free
- Do not listen to tattoo experts that you meet on the street or the bar



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- Please call the shop or text/message your artist if you have any questions or concerns