



Archer Brows & Body Art Studio

FEEL COMFORTABLE IN YOUR OWN SKIN

Proper aftercare is very important for pigment retention and for preventing infection and other complications.

GENERAL AFTERCARE GUIDELINES

- Avoid for 1 week: facial cleansers and water on pigmented areas; chlorinated pools; Retin-A on pigmented areas; hot or steamy showers; jacuzzis or saunas; terry cloth or fabric on pigmented areas; and sun or tanning beds.
- Shower with your back to the water to prevent water, shampoo, and conditioner from getting into the pigmented areas.
- Do not rub the skin when washing your face for at least 10 days.
- Do not pick or scratch tattooed areas.
- Do not wear makeup on the tattooed area until it has healed (around 7-10 days).
- Use a high-SPF sunscreen and avoid direct sun exposure.
- Do not put anything at all on the tattooed area except what your artist provides.
- Do not use antibiotic ointment or anything else during the healing process.

Note: Consult a health care professional at the first sign of infection.

HEALING EXPECTATIONS FOR BROWS:



Day 1: Bold and beautiful! I love them.

Your new tattoo may be a little uncomfortable and may appear dark and bold.

Day 3-5: What happened?! My brows are so dark.

Your pigment has oxidized and now appears much darker under the skin. The tattooed area may seem more rigid and darker, the shape may look thicker, and the color may appear too warm, especially on fair-skinned clients with light hair. Some clients' skin does not get red, and they enjoy the dark, bold look.

Day 7-10: Gross! Do I have dandruff in my eyebrows? The skin is lightly flaking.

Depending on the technique performed, you may shed small flakes, larger pieces, or pieces that look like little hair strokes.

Some people do not shed at all.

Itching is normal.

Day 10-14: Where did my brows go? They're so light and patchy, I can't even see my hair strokes!

This can be an emotional roller coaster. The tattooed areas have finished peeling and flaking. Your healing skin can temporarily hide the pigment, giving it an almost milky look. As your skin continues to regenerate, the pigment will start to resurface. Some clients do not go through this phase at all.

4-6 Weeks: The pigment starts resurfacing, and you are lookin' good!

Your skin continues to regenerate; the pigment settles into your skin; the milky color disappears; and your healed results are revealed. The tattooed area may still appear patchy or lighter in some areas.

Touch-up at 6-8 weeks: Your artist evaluates the tattoo and makes adjustments to achieve the desired look and color.

BROWS AFTERCARE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

While healing, the tattoo may look spotty. Do not be alarmed by fading after the first application. If there is swelling immediately after the procedure, an ice pack may be applied for up to 15 minutes at a time. Please make sure to change your pillowcase.

First Day: Gently blot the treated area 2-3 times with the provided wipes. Apply a small amount of ointment after blotting. If you haven't already, please change your pillowcase.

Second & Third Day: Gently cleanse the treated area 1-2 times a day with antibacterial soap (i.e., Dial) and rinse with water to help prevent infection and excessive scabbing. Otherwise, keep the treated area dry. Too much water can exfoliate the skin and affect color retention. Apply a small amount of healing ointment 2-3 times a day, or as needed, to keep the treated area lightly moisturized. If you have oily skin, you may skip the ointment or consult with your artist for specific instructions.