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Remove the dressing after 2 hours. All wounds need to breathe if they are to heal properly

Wash the tattoo using a mild antibacterial soap. With clean hands, use soap and warm (not hot) water to gently clean your tattoo. Take care to remove all traces of blood and plasma as this will cause scabbing. Do not scrub the tattoo with a cloth or sponge during the healing period.

Pat the tattoo dry with disposable paper towel then leave to air dry for 10 to 20 minutes. This allows for excess moisture from the tattoo as well as moisture from washing to evaporate out.

It is very important to let your tattoo breathe like this every time you wash it during the healing period.

Once dry, apply a very thin layer of ointment to the tattoo. We recommend Palmers cocoa butter or a specialist tattoo healing cream. Only use enough to make the tattoo shine, a little goes a long way. Too much ointment can trap germs into your new tattoo and can potentially lead to infection. There should be just enough to keep the tattoo moist. **Do not re-bandage your tattoo.** Repeat the cleaning and moisturising routine 2-3 times per day until the tattoo is healed. This usually takes 2-3 weeks but can take longer.

You must keep your tattoo clean. However, avoid prolonged showers and baths for the first two weeks as this can affect healing. **Avoid Swimming in the ocean, swimming pools, hot tubs and saunas.**

You Must keep your tattoo moisturised. When your tattoo is kept moist it doesn't have a chance to form a scab but does form a thin membrane to protect the tattoo while it heals. This layer peels off very similar to sunburn (do not pick or peel your new tattoo) and it is perfectly normal to see small flakes of coloured skin falling off during this stage of healing.

It is normal for the tattoo to become very itchy during the healing period. Just remember not to pick or scratch your new tattoo.

Once your tattoo is healed it may need a touch up. Skin is not the most reliable canvas and sometimes a small touch up is required. If you think your tattoo does need anything please don't hesitate to get in touch.

If you have any questions I can be reached at the studio on 01223 351158 or drop me a message on any of my socials