

❖ AFTERCARE TREATMENT FOR YOUR TATTOO

Taking care of a new Tattoo is a fairly easy process, but in the same respect, does require diligence. A poorly tended tattoo will scab, and scabs are the enemy of any fresh tattoo. Once it has scabbed, you risk losing color. Please do not allow the time you spent in the chair to go to waste!

*Tattoos must be washed thoroughly with **just your hand** (no washcloths, loofahs, sponges etc.) and **hot soapy water**. Be sure to wash off any dried blood or ink, as well as, anything that may have come in contact with your new tattoo.*

*Once your tattoo is completely washed, pat it dry with a fresh towel or let it air-dry in a clean environment. It is necessary to do this **3 times a day for 7-10 days**, or as long as needed by your body. Everyone is different and requires their own specific process of healing.*

This is a general guide, that has been proven safe and effective, for not only successfully healing a tattoo correctly but also increasing its ability to last the test of time with the vibrancy and boldness.

❖ Step-By-Step Tattoo Aftercare.

1. Leave the tattoo Saniderm, or similar clear bandage, on- for up to 48 hours. After removal of the bandage and a cleaning, a second Saniderm bandage may be applied. The new bandage can be left on for, up to, 7 days. **Remove immediately if the seal is broken and begins to leak.**
2. Gently remove bandage under warm running water to reduce the risk of a damaging the tattoo.
3. Once bandage is removed, use an unscented soap and warm/hot water wash the tattoo thoroughly.
4. When done washing the tattoo, gently pat the tattoo dry with a clean towel and allow the tattoo to air dry for about 5-10 minutes.
5. Apply non-scented ointment (Aquaphor or similar healing ointment **ONLY**)
6. Treat the ointment like you would a moisturizer. Work it all of the way into the skin and **DO NOT** over apply product. Over applying product leaves a coating on top of your healing tattoo which prevents it from breathing, therefore, delaying the healing process and dulling the color.
7. The ointment must be applied for 3-4 days. After the first 3-4 days, a non-scented skin moisturized should be used for the remaining healing process.
8. Wash and dry 3 times a day (morning, noon and night) until the tattoo is finished peeling.
 - **No** shaving or waxing the area until the tattoo is completely healed.
 - **No** direct sunlight on tattoo for first 2-3 weeks.
 - **No** swimming, baths, hot tubs or saunas for 2 weeks.
 - **DO NOT** pick or scratch tattoo while it is peeling.
 - **DO NOT** re-bandage the tattoo with anything other than a sanitized clear bandage (Ceran wrap is not a sanitized clear bandage).
 - **DO NOT** apply alcohol, Vaseline, petroleum jelly or sunblock to fresh tattoo.
 - **DO NOT** listen to friends or so-called tattoo experts. If you have questions or concerns, call or visit the artist that did your tattoo.

Signs and symptoms of infections. See your doctor if you experience one or more of the following:

- Fever • Waves of heat and cold • Abnormal shivering • Swelling of the tattooed area • Pus excretion from the area • Red lesions around the area • Red streaking from the area • Areas of hard, raised tissue



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