



Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Proper aftercare is essential to ensure your tattoo heals beautifully and remains vibrant for years to come. Please read and follow the instructions below carefully.

Day 1: Immediately After Your Tattoo

- Your artist will bandage your tattoo before you leave the shop.
- Leave the bandage on for 2 to 4 hours (or as instructed).
- Wash your hands before touching your tattoo.
- Remove the bandage and wash the area gently with lukewarm water and a mild, unscented antibacterial soap (like Dial or Dr. Bronner's).
- Pat dry with a clean paper towel—do not rub.
- Allow the tattoo to air dry for 10-15 minutes, then apply a thin layer of healing ointment (Aquaphor, Hustle Butter, or Tattoo Goo).
- Do not re-bandage unless instructed by your artist.

Days 2-7: Healing Begins

- Wash your tattoo twice a day with unscented soap and lukewarm water.
- Apply a thin layer of aftercare ointment 2-3 times a day.
- Tattoo may begin to scab, flake, or peel—this is normal.
- Do not scratch, pick, or peel the healing skin.

Days 7-14: Continue Healing

- Switch to an unscented lotion (like Lubriderm, Aveeno, or Eucerin) as needed for dryness.
- Tattoo may appear dull or cloudy as the deeper layers continue to heal.
- Continue to keep it clean and moisturized.

What to Avoid During Healing

- **✗** Do not soak the tattoo (no baths, pools, hot tubs, or ocean).
- **✗** Avoid direct sunlight or tanning.
- **✗** Do not scratch or pick at the tattoo.
- **✗** Avoid tight clothing that may rub the area.
- **✗** Do not apply scented lotions, Vaseline, Neosporin, or petroleum jelly.

Long-Term Care Tips

- After healing, always apply sunscreen (SPF 30+) to preserve color and prevent fading.
- Stay hydrated and keep your skin healthy—healthy skin means a healthy tattoo.

If You Notice Any of the Following, Contact a Medical Professional:

- Signs of infection (excessive redness, swelling, pus, or pain).
- Prolonged itching, blistering, or rash.
- Allergic reaction to ointment or ink.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about your tattoo or healing process, don't hesitate to reach out:

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