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Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

- Always wash your hands **before** touching your tattoo!
- **When you get home:** Remove bandage within 1 - 2 hours after getting your tattoo. Do not re-bandage. Your tattoo needs to breathe, just like any open wound. If the bandage sticks to the tattoo, use lukewarm water to wet the area and slide the bandage off.
- **Wash** your tattoo with an anti-bacterial liquid soap. Be gentle, do not use a washcloth or anything that will exfoliate your tattoo. Only use your hands. Do not submerge your tattoo in water for 7-10 days (short showers only). Gently pat your tattoo dry with a paper towel. Do not rub or use a fabric with a rough surface.
- **The first 3-4 days:** Rub a **small** amount of **Tattoo Goo or Hustle Butter** ointment on your tattoo. Always use **clean hands** and do not place your fingers back into the ointment after touching your tattoo. Make sure to rub the ointment in so that it is not shiny, or greasy— **you want the thinnest amount possible**. Pat off any excess ointment with a clean paper towel. **Do not** use Vaseline, Neosporin, Bacitracin, A&D, Olive Oil, Preparation H, or Bag Balm. These products can prevent oxygen from reaching your tattoo. Wash, dry and apply ointment 3-5 times daily, as needed.
- **On the first night**, you may want to wrap your tattoo in saran wrap to prevent sticking to your bedding. Do not use any cloth bandages or pads, as the fibers of this material can adhere to your open tattoo and hinder the healing process.
- **Wear clean, soft clothing** over your tattoo for the first 2 weeks— nothing abrasive or irritating. For a foot tattoo: go barefoot as much as possible. If you must wear shoes, first wrap your clean tattoo in saran wrap, then cover with a clean cotton sock before putting on your shoe. Avoid sandals or flip-flops for this period to prevent chafing and damage to the tattoo.
- **After day 3 or 4:** On the 3rd or 4th day your tattoo will begin to peel. This is normal! Do not pick at the skin. Begin using a mild, white, unscented lotion, free of dyes or Perfumes.
- Use lotion for minimum 2 weeks, 1-2 times daily.



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Things to Avoid

- Do not pick, scratch, peel, slap, rub or irritate your tattoo.
- You can shower, but you may not soak your tattoo for 2 weeks. No swimming, soaking or hot tub.
- Don't expose your tattoo to the sun (or tanning beds) for at least 3 weeks (use sunblock after healed).
- Do not wear abrasive materials, jewelry, tight fitting clothes or shoes that rub against your tattoo.
- Do not let anyone touch your tattoo, unless they wash their hands.
- Beware of gym equipment; wash it well before using it but excessive sweating is not recommended.
- Do not use alcohol or hydrogen peroxide on your tattoo.

When to Seek Medical Treatment

The most common symptom of a tattoo infection is a rash or red, bumpy skin around the area where you have the tattoo. In some cases, your skin may just be irritated because of the needle, especially if you have sensitive skin. If this is the case, your symptoms should fade after a few days. But if these symptoms continue for a week or more, see your tattoo artist or doctor.

See your doctor if you experience one or more of the following:

- fever
- feeling waves of heat and cold
- abnormal shivering
- swelling of the tattooed area
- pus coming out of the tattooed area
- red lesions around the tattooed area
- areas of hard, raised tissue

Contact your artist should you have any concerns about care, complications, infections or disease.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS!