



AFTERCARE GUIDE

FIRST 24 HOURS

- Leave the bandage / second-skin on for the time recommended by your artist (usually 2–24 hours).
- Wash your hands thoroughly before removing the covering.
- Gently wash the tattoo with lukewarm water and mild, fragrance-free soap using clean hands only.
- Pat dry with a clean paper towel — never rub.
- Apply a very thin layer of the recommended ointment or aftercare balm.

DAILY CARE — WEEKS 1–2

- Wash the tattoo 2–3 times daily with mild, fragrance-free soap and lukewarm water.
- Always wash your hands first. Use only your fingertips — no washcloths or sponges.
- Pat dry with a clean paper towel and allow the skin to air-dry for a few minutes.
- Apply a thin layer of fragrance-free moisturizer or tattoo aftercare balm after each wash.
- Keep the area clean and allow it to breathe — avoid tight clothing over the tattoo.

DO'S & DON'TS

DO

- Wash hands before touching the tattoo
- Use fragrance-free, gentle products only
- Wear loose, breathable clothing
- Keep the tattoo clean & lightly moisturized
- Let scabs and flakes fall off naturally
- Stay hydrated and get good rest

DON'T

- Pick, scratch, peel, or rub the tattoo
- Soak in baths, pools, hot tubs or ocean
- Expose to direct sun for at least 2–4 weeks
- Apply thick ointments or petroleum jelly long-term
- Use scented lotions, alcohol, or peroxide
- Wear tight clothing that rubs the area

HEALING TIMELINE

Days 1–3: Redness, swelling, and light oozing of plasma/ink is normal. Keep clean and lightly moisturized.
Days 4–10: Itching and light flaking or peeling begin. Do not pick. Continue gentle washing and moisturizing.
Weeks 2–4: Most surface healing is complete. Colour may look slightly dull — this is temporary.
Ongoing: Once fully healed, apply SPF 30+ sunscreen whenever the tattoo is exposed to the sun.

WHEN TO CONTACT US OR A DOCTOR

- Signs of infection: increasing redness, swelling, warmth, pus, red streaks, or fever.
- Severe allergic reaction or unexpected prolonged pain.
- Any concerns about healing — we are happy to advise.

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Thank you for trusting us with your skin. Proper aftercare protects your new art.

