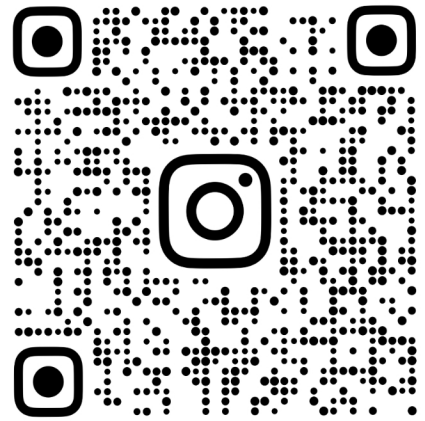


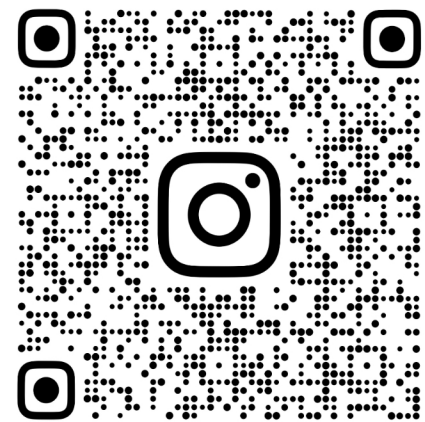
Tattoo Aftercare

The first few weeks of healing are the most crucial for your new tattoo, so it is pertinent that you care for it properly. Below, we have compiled a care sheet for new clients who may not be familiar with tattoo aftercare. Please keep in mind that the healing process can vary from person to person. If you experience any concerning health conditions such as excessive swelling, redness, yellow or green discharge, or fever, please consult a medical professional.

- Once your tattoo session is complete and the artist applies a bandage, please leave this bandage on a minimum of two and a maximum of ten hours. This protects the tattoo from airborne bacteria and contaminants that could put your tattoo at risk for infection.
- Treat your tattoo as you would an open wound. When it is time to remove the bandage, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly beforehand to prevent contamination.
- Your new tattoo will feel slightly slimy as a result of blood plasma rising to the surface of the skin. To remove any dead cells and prevent scabbing, wash your tattoo with unscented, antibacterial soap and water until it no longer feels slick to the touch. Dry your tattoo by gently patting the area with a clean towel.
- Once your tattoo is completely dry, apply either a mild, unscented lotion, or a lotion that is formulated for tattoos. Please remember to follow any additional instructions for any products you use. Please avoid using any ointments or lotions containing a petroleum base such as A&D ointment or Aquaphor, as these can hinder the healing process, cause scabbing and smother your tattoo. Be sure to rub in lotions thoroughly.
- It is not necessary to apply a new bandage to your tattoo. Please avoid any activities that put you at risk for infection.
- Repeat the above steps 6 times per day (or more, if necessary as of a result of exposure to contaminants) for several days until your tattoo is healed. A healed tattoo should feel as normal skin; there should be no redness, tenderness/soreness, scabbing, or peeling.
- After the first few days of healing, your tattoo will begin to peel. Sometimes this is also accompanied with minor scabbing. Thick/excessive scabbing can indicate poor aftercare procedure or poorly applied tattoo.
- Your tattoo will itch during the healing process. Keeping your tattoo hydrated with correctly applied lotion will reduce discomfort.
- ***DO NOT go swimming or submerge your body in water during the time that your tattoo is healing. Avoid soaking in a bath or hot tub. It is fine to take a shower or wash your tattoo in the method described above. When showering, avoid using any soap on your tattoo except for unscented, antibacterial soap.***
- DO NOT use hydrogen peroxide on your tattoo.***
- DO NOT scratch, rub, or pick at your tattoo.***
- DO NOT participate in activities that make you sweat for the first two to three days after the initial tattoo.***
- DO NOT participate in activities that put your tattoo at risk of infection.***



Aftercare Instructions



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