

# BLACK GOLD TATTOO

## General Tattoo Aftercare: Second Skin Bandage

- Leave the tattoo bandaged for 3-5 Days. (**or as instructed by artist**)
- To remove bandage, peel all corners and edges. Peel away from self slowly. Recommended to remove in the shower
- This bandage is permeable, and as such your tattoo is already beginning to heal underneath it.
- You can shower with the bandage on and it will be unaffected.
- If you find air bubbles or fluid buildup, it is recommended that you pop these bubbles with a sterilized needle and purge with a clean paper towel or towel. **\*poke sideways NOT towards yourself and only make a small hole to avoid compromising the bandage\***
- Be careful - as the fluid buildup can leak from bandage please be aware of sheets and clothing.
- The best thing to do once the bandage is on is to just leave it be for the duration of time it is to be left on for (assuming there are no air bubbles or fluid build-up).
- There may be adhesive left on your tattoo; gently rub it off the tattoo.
- Wash the skin after removal being sure to properly clean off with unscented soap on a bare hand and then pat dry with a clean/new towel
- **WARNING:** As your new tattoo is tender removal of this bandage may be uncomfortable

### Do Not:

- **Do not Peel bandage up or down.**
- **Do not peel aggressively as this may cause damage to new tattoo or skin.**
- **Do not pick at bandage.**
- **Do not constantly touch bandage**

You may find some irritation around the bandage area - this can be normal. If irritation persists, please contact the shop and/or a doctor as it may be an allergic reaction to the bandage itself or the adhesive.

Call BLACK GOLD TATTOO with any questions or concerns:

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### Do:

- Leave the tattoo bandaged overnight. (**or as instructed by artist**)
- Remove bandage. If bandage is stuck to the tattoo, place under gently running water for removal – this will reduce the risk of damaging the tattoo.
- Once bandage is removed, using an unscented soap, wash the tattoo off VERY WELL with clean hands and warm soapy water. For larger tattoos, or areas difficult to reach, it's best to rinse the tattoo off in the shower.
- When done washing the tattoo off, gently pat the tattoo dry with a clean/new towel and allow the tattoo to air dry and breathe for 2-3 days.
- Once the tattoo starts to get to the itchy stage (approx. 4 -5 days), apply a thin amount of unscented water based dry skin lotion (e.g. Lubriderm lotion - 24-hour moisture/fragrance free) to the tattoo 1-2 times a day at most.
- The lotion should be a thin layer that absorbs quickly. Too much lotion will cause your new tattoo to scab excessively, and not allow it to breathe.
- Somewhere between 3 and 6 days, the tattoo will start to flake off like tissue paper. **DO NOT** pick at or scratch the tattoo. Let the skin peel naturally. You will notice small pieces of dry skin containing color coming off while using the lotion or washing the tattoo. This is normal - it is just the top layer of dead skin coming off. **Your tattoo is not disappearing.**
- Call your artist if you have any questions or concerns regarding your tattoo.

### Do Not:

- **Do not re-bandage the tattoo once the bandage is completely removed.**
- **Do not allow direct sunlight on tattoo for first 2-3 weeks.**
- **Do not pick or scratch tattoo while it is peeling.**
- **Do not swim, take a bath, or enter a hot tub or sauna for one month or until the tattoo is completely healed.**
- **Do not shave or wax the area until tattoo is completely healed.**
- **Do not apply Vaseline (petroleum jelly), alcohol, healing ointments (polysporin) or sun block to a fresh tattoo.**

### Some extra stuff:

- Once you leave the shop, proper care of your tattoo is your responsibility.
- Small amounts of color may appear on clothing or sheets for first few days.
- When tattoo is peeling, color will appear in pieces of dry skin.
- If the tattoo is in an area where it can be exposed to the air, allow it to breathe. Allowing the tattoo to breathe will help the healing. Your body and oxygen are going to heal the tattoo. If possible, wear loose fitting clothing over the tattoo and be careful not to suffocate tattoo with socks or pantyhose.

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