

TATTOO AFTERCARE

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Your Artist Is: _____

Date Tattooed: _____

1. Leave the bandage on for 2 to 3 hours or until you are home for the evening. Before removing the bandage, wash your hands. Then remove the bandage and wash your tattoo using a mild, non-perfumed liquid soap (Ivory or Dial Antibacterial soap). Only use your hands to wash your tattoo DO NOT use a scrub cloth. After you have washed the tattoo, pat the area dry with a clean towel and allow your tattoo to air dry for a few minutes.
2. Apply a small amount of ointment, roughly the size of a pea. You may use Vitamin A&D or Aquaphor. Rub the ointment into the tattoo until it disappears as if you were applying hand lotion to your skin. **DO NOT** glop it on as if you were frosting a cake. It is better to use small amounts of less ointment more often throughout the day, than to use too much all at once.
3. For the next 3-5 days you will wash the tattoo at least once a day. When applying the ointment, wash your hands first then apply ointment 2 to 3 times a day. It is very important to wash your hands before each ointment application to prevent any chance of infection. You may use the ointment more often during the day if the tattoo is dry or in an area where clothing may rub on the tattoo. After the 3-5 days, switch to a mild hand lotion such as Lubriderm, Eucerin or Cocoa Butter. Apply the lotion whenever the tattoo feels dry or itchy. Your tattoo will take anywhere from 2 weeks to 1 month to fully heal. During this time if you have any questions or concerns about your new tattoo, call your tattoo artist immediately.

DO NOT: Touch your new tattoo unless your hands have been washed thoroughly.

DO NOT: Re bandage the tattoo unless directed otherwise by your tattoo artist.

DO NOT: Wear tight clothing that could rub on or stick to the tattoo during the initial healing period. If your clothes get stuck to the tattoo, wet the area and gently pull the cloth away from the skin.

DO NOT: Scratch or pick at your new tattoo. Peeling and flaking are a normal part of the healing process. Picking or scratching the healing tattoo will cause the ink to fall out leaving spaces without pigment.

DO NOT: Soak your new tattoo in water during the first 2-3 weeks. Showering is acceptable because you will need to wash the tattoo. DO NOT soak means No swimming in pools, lakes, oceans, or hot tubs. Immersing your new tattoo in water for prolonged periods of time can cause damage and possible infection.

DO NOT: Expose your tattoo to direct sunlight or tanning beds during the first 2 weeks. After the healing process is complete, you may use a sun block with an SPF 30 or higher. This will help protect the tattoo and keep the colors from fading over time. The better you take care of your skin the longer your tattoo will stay looking new.

DO NOT: Listen to your friends' advice on how to take care of your new tattoo. They are not professional tattoo artists and cannot give you the correct care instructions to ensure a successful healing process.