

TATTOO AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for getting your new tattoo. Now it is time to take good care of it, so that it will heal well and look great for years to come...

Your new tattoo has been bandaged, and should remain like that for at least 4 hrs. It may remain longer, if it's late at night and sleep is required or you haven't made it somewhere to properly wash and begin taking care of your tattoo...

Note: Getting your new tattoo wet is fine, as in washing your tattoo or showering. Having your tattoo submerged is not, as in bathing, pools, lakes, hot tubs, etc. These sources of soaking will cause your tattoo to not heal well, and usually are dirty or have chemicals in it...

Please only touch your tattoo when you are washing it or putting ointment on it.... **YOU MUST WASH YOUR HANDS FIRST.** They have bacteria, staph, and dirt that should not be introduced to your tattoo. **WASH YOUR HANDS.** If you need someone to help you wash or apply ointment, have them wash their hands also...

Avoid a lot of direct sunlight exposure, both being just outside or tanning inside or out. This is not good for your tattoo, and very bad for it when its healing. After it's healed make sure to use a layer of sunscreen to protect your tattoo from fading.. A lot of people ask me if their colors fade out from this? Yes, they can over time. Also, sometimes they just don't look as bright when your skin pigment is darker..

The first step in the aftercare of your tattoo is removing the bandage. When you do this it will probably look pretty gross.. all of that oozing is your body trying to form a scab... I recommend the first time washing your tattoo thoroughly, numerous times under warm water. Make sure to remove all of the oozing with only soap and your fingers.. no wash cloths or loofas.

After the first washing the steps will be more like this.. A minimum 3 times a day you must was your tattoo with soap and water. Pat dry your tattoo with a clean towel or paper towel, and allow it to air-dry at least 5 minutes. Then apply as little **AQUAPHOR** ointment as needed to cover the tattoo in a light layer almost completely rubbed in. I find taking a small amount and dabbing it evenly around the tattoo first, makes it easier to rub in evenly and to use the least amount you can...

The first 2 or 3 days you will notice that your tattoo may be oozing more. This is your body trying to scab and protect this new wound, this is normal, however the purpose of the **AQUAPHOR** is to keep the ooze in a moist state so that you may remove it with washing. If your tattoo is oozing more wash it more, when it oozes less wash it less, never less than 3 times a day, but also don't wash it too much.. If the ooze dries out it will form a scab and make your tattoo take longer to heal and not heal as well as it should...

During the healing, depending on the location of your tattoo, you may need to wear looser fitting clothes or sleep more cautiously. If you take this time to take care of your tattoo it will make your investment well worth it...

Usually a tattoo can take anywhere from 3 to 7 days to fully heal. By "heal" I mean it has healed and peeled completely. If taken care of properly, your tattoo will peel a thin layer like a sunburn and look great. Though sometimes your tattoo will be dry and flaky for weeks after depending on how your body heals. Once a week has passed or there are no scabs on your tattoo, you may apply less **AQUAPHOR** or a fragrance-free lotion to ease the itch or the dry flaky skin.

Call if you have any questions about your tattoos aftercare

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