



TATTOO AFTERCARE

REMOVING THE BANDAGE & INITIAL CARE

- Between 8-24 hours after the tattoo procedure, remove the bandage. It helps to remove it in the shower, especially if a large amount of fluid has accumulated. Immediately wash your tattoo carefully with antibacterial soap and water. Pat your tattoo dry with a clean paper towel. Do not use anything abrasive or exfoliating while washing or drying your tattoo until after it has healed completely.
- Apply a thin even layer of aftercare cream. I recommend Hustle Butter, Mad Rabbit, or Aquaphor.

GENERAL AFTERCARE

- Always wash your hands before washing or applying aftercare to your tattoo.
- Wash your tattoo 2-4 times per day using a mild antibacterial soap and water. I recommend Dial Gold. Pat your tattoo dry. Follow up each wash with aftercare cream.
- Apply a thin layer of your preferred aftercare cream 3- 4 times a day, especially after cleaning your tattoo. Do not leave excess cream on your tattoo. Carefully massage the ointment into your tattoo and wipe away the excess.
- After 3-4 days, switch to an unscented, healing lotion. I recommend Eucerin Intensive Repair Lotion. You may use lotion as needed.
- Stay out of sunlight and tanning booths until the tattoo is healed completely. (14 days minimum).
- Do not soak or submerge your tattoo for prolonged periods of time; no bathing or swimming, etc, until your tattoo is healed completely. Showers are fine. Always dry your tattoo carefully by patting it with a clean towel or paper towel.
- Do not rub, pick or scratch the treated area while it is healing. Avoid touching your healing tattoo unless to clean or apply aftercare. Loss of pigment and/or infection could occur.
- Your tattoo should heal in approximately 2 weeks. Consult a physician if any signs or symptoms of infection develop. Following the above instructions carefully can help lower the risk of infection.

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