

Tattoo Aftercare

Do:

- Leave the tattoo bandaged overnight (minimum of 12 hours)
- Remove bandage. If bandage is stuck to the tattoo, gently remove it while under running water, therefore reducing the risk of damaging the tattoo.
- Once bandage is removed, using an unscented soap, wash the tattoo off well with your hand 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 towel and allow the tattoo to air dry and breathe for 2 days.
- Apply Lubriderm lotion (24 hour moisture/Fragrance free) or other unscented water-based dry skin lotion to the tattoo 1-2 times a day.
- The lotion should be applied to the tattoo for at least the first 2 weeks of healing, using a **thin layer** that absorbs quickly (too much lotion will cause your new tattoo to scab excessively).
- Somewhere between 3 and 6 days, the tattoo will start to flake off like tissue paper. Do not pick at or scratch. 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 regarding your tattoo.

Do Not:

- Re-bandage the tattoo once the bandage is completely removed.
- Allow direct sunlight on tattoo for first 2-3 weeks.
- Pick or scratch tattoo while it is peeling.
- Swim, take a bath, or enter a hot tub or sauna for one month or until the tattoo is completely healed.
- Shave or wax the area until tattoo is completely healed.
- Apply Vaseline (petroleum jelly), alcohol, healing ointments (polysporin) or sun block to 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 tattoo and be careful not to suffocate tattoo with socks or pantyhose.

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