



TATTOO AFTERCARE

■ TAKING THE BANDAGE OFF AND CLEANING YOUR TATTOO

Keep the bandage on for a minimum of 6 hours. We recommend keeping it on overnight provided the dressing feels comfortable and secure.

Make sure your hands are clean. Use unscented antibacterial soap and avoid soap with fragrance, moisture beads or scrubs.

1. Carefully remove the bandage and tape. If bandage sticks to the tattoo, wet it with lukewarm water and gently slide it off. DO NOT force it off or be rough with it.
2. Make a lather in your hands with soap and warm water. NO washcloths, bath towels, or sponges on a fresh tattoo.
3. Gently clean the tattoo until all blood, ointment and plasma are removed. Rinse the tattoo gently.
4. Pat dry with a clean towel or paper towel then allow to fully air dry. DO NOT SCRUB.
5. Once the tattoo is dry, apply a **very small amount** of Aquaphor or Bacitracin. Gently rub the ointment into your tattoo. Dab any excess off with a clean paper towel.

Clean your tattoo this way once or twice a day in the shower for the first 2-3 days.

■ YOUR DAILY TATTOO AFTERCARE ROUTINE

Apply the Aquaphor or Bacitracin 2-3 times a day (Remember, keep it light!) for the first 5-7 days or until your tattoo starts to flake/peel like a sunburn. When the peeling begins, switch to a regular FRAGRANCE FREE lotion such as Lubriderm, or any other fragrance free brand for an additional 2 weeks.

Your tattoo should be completely healed within 2-4 weeks.

Reduce the number of your daily lotion application if you notice your skin breaking out.

After the first few days, your tattoo may become itchy or begin to form flaky scabs. They will fall off on their own, so DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH AT YOUR TATTOO. Keep it moisturized and the scabs will eventually dissipate.

NO SUN, NO SWIMMING or SOAKING for 2 weeks.

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