

TATTOO AFTERCARE PROCEDURE PLEASE READ

The bandage needs to be removed and washed two hours after the tattoo is done. If a second-skin is applied then please keep it in place for 24 hours. Use lukewarm water and mild, liquid antibacterial soap to gently wash away any ointment, blood and/or plasma and to completely clean the area. Do not use a washcloth or abrasive material that will result in skin irritation. Your hand is best tool in this case.

Afterwards, pat (do not rub) the area firmly with a CLEAN towel or paper towel to get it completely dry. Follow with a VERY LIGHT application of ointment. Keep moisturizing for 14 days, applying 3-5 times a day.

BATHING, SHOWERING, HOT TUBS AND SWIMMING

Yes, you can (and should) shower with a new tattoo. It is OK to get your tattoo wet – just don't soak it. Submerging your tattoo in a bath or hot tub can cause serious damage, so you'll want to avoid those for 2-3 weeks, but showering is perfectly fine. Swimming – whether it is a pool, fresh water or salt water – should be avoided for at least 2 weeks.

SCABBING AND PEELING

After a few days, you will notice some peeling and possibly a little scabbing that is in fact normal and there is no need to panic. It will also start to itch, just like sunburn when it begins to heal. The advice here is; don't pick, and don't scratch it! If the skin itches, pat it. If the tattoo is peeling, apply lotion on it. If it is scabbing, just leave it alone. Your tattoo is almost healed and now is not the time to ruin it!

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN

Avoid sun exposure for the first 14 days of getting your tattoo. Tattoos always need to be protected from the sun's UV rays even after it is completely healed. Sun's rays can fade and damage a brilliant tattoo very fast. Before spending a lot of time in excessive heat, protect your tattoo with minimum 30SPF sunblock. This will keep your tattoo vibrant for years, and will continue to be a source of great pride!

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UNTIL IT IS FULLY HEALED**