

# Tattoo Aftercare

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**Congratulations on your fresh tattoo! Please read this information carefully to know how to take a good care of your new body art.**

Your Artist has covered your tattoo with medical-grade healing **bandage** to protect it from air-born bacteria. Your tattoo is now considered an open wound. Consult the bandage cheat-sheet on how to heal your tattoo with the bandage; proceed with regular care instructions below when the bandage stage is over.

After removing the bandage, its important to properly **wash the tattoo**. Use your clean hand, lukewarm water and unscented soap to gently remove all the blood/plasma build-up. Let it air-dry. Follow with light application of ointment. Too much is not good for your tattoo! Repeat these procedures twice a day for as long as your skin needs it.

What **ointment** to use? Use what works best for your body! We recommend using specialized unscented tattoo aftercare products that will greatly benefit your new tattoo - please inquire. Always test small amount on non-tattooed skin first to check for allergic reaction and read the ingredients on the labels.

A bit of ink loss is normal. Wear loose clean clothing on your tattoo. Some **redness** around your tattoo is completely fine, but if you happen to experience any drastic reaction or infection in the tattooed area we encourage you to please seek medical attention right away.

In around a week or so your tattoo will start **itching and scabbing**. Do not pick on it, do not scratch. Pat it if you must. At this stage your tattoo will also start looking differently. It might look lighter, wrinkly, feel bumpy. Don't worry. Line work usually heals faster than shading/full colour areas, and remember, give it 1-2 months of healing to see the final result.

**Showering** is **OK** with the new tattoo, as long as you don't soak it, hot water is not running on it or pressure-hitting it. **NO** to any **bathing, swimming** or **sun** for 2 weeks. In summertime after the scabbing is gone make sure to apply the **sunscreen**, min 30SPF to protect your new ink. Make suncreening a good habit to slow down natural fading and keep your tattoo vibrant.

**Working out?** Please avoid excessive activities and sweating the first two weeks of healing. And remember, it is natural for your tattoo to fade and change as time goes by.

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*Thank you for choosing our Studio for your new tattoo and hope to see you in for your next piece!*

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## Healing Bandage Instructions

Keep the first bandage your Artist put on for 24 hours. It will collect some blood/plasma underneath, this is completely normal. If the liquid starts dripping down just “squeeze” it off (if there happens to be too much liquid and the bandage won't stay remove the old bandage and apply the second one right away). After 24 hours peel the bandage off (see Bandage Removal below).



Then follow the next bandage application steps:

### **Bandage Application**

- 1.** Clean and air-dry the tattoo thoroughly.
- 2.** Expose the sticky side of the bandage by peeling off the backing printed with brand name.
- 3.** Holding the bandage by the ends position it over your tattoo so it covers all of the sides. Drop it down. If you can not do it with both hands please ask someone to assist you.
- 4.** Smooth the bandage over the tattoo pushing out any air bubbles.
- 5.** Remove the top clear layer by peeling from the “wavy” centreline and smoothing over skin.

Leave the second bandage on for an additional 3-5 days. You can shower in the bandage, just make sure that hot water is not directly hitting the bandage. Once you remove the bandage, keep your tattoo clean and start using aftercare healing ointments, following the rules from the front of the page.

### **Bandage Removal**

- 1.** Peel up an edge or corner of the bandage. If this is difficult, you can attach medical tape to the corner of the film to help lift it.
- 2.** Slowly pull the film off. Do not pull it straight up from the skin. Instead, pull the film back and across the skin. If it's too painful try doing so under lukewarm running water.

You may experience some redness around the tattoo where the bandage was applied to the un-tattooed skin. This is also completely normal and may occur with any type of medical adhesive. If you do develop an adverse reaction on the tattoo, discontinue use immediately.

Please **DO NOT DISREGARD** using the bandage as it will greatly improve the healed look of your tattoo, reduce ink loss & scabbing and help cut down on healing time.

Regular rates apply to **touch-ups**.