

Aftercare Tips

- Use antibacterial soap with no fragrance or deodorants (i.e. Dial). Use a triple antibiotic ointment or any other tattoo aftercare product (i.e. Tattoo Goo or H2O Foam).
- You may remove the bandage after about 2 to 3 hours. Gently lather and rinse your tattoo with cold water. Do not scrub or exfoliate the area. Do not re-bandage your tattoo.
- After washing and rinsing, let the tattoo air dry for about 5 minutes and apply an after-care ointment that is directly by your artist. Avoid advice from friends that might cause your tattoo to not heal properly.
- Gently rub the ointment in with thin layers about 5 to 7 times a day. Wash your tattoo twice daily; once before going to sleep and again whenever you wake up.
- Your tattoo will take approximately 10 to 20 days to heal if you follow these aftercare instructions carefully and do not neglect your tattoo.
- Once your tattoo stops itching, it is probably very close to being healed, but it is a good idea to continue following the aftercare directions for another 2 to 3 days.
- Take extra good care of your tattoo if you want to insure the quality of your tattoo.
- Washing your bed sheets daily during the healing process will decrease the chance of spreading bacteria or infection.
- Taking one-a-day vitamins may help your tattoo heal faster or better.
- If the outcome of a tattoo after the healing process is bad, that does not reflect on the artist or the tattoo. A tattoo is an open wound that is susceptible to germs, bacteria and infection.
- If an infection or allergic reaction occurs, consult your artist or physician immediately. Do not wait.

Do NOT...

- Do not neglect or get lazy taking care of you new tattoo! Not properly taking care of your tattoo will affect the outcome of the final tattoo once it has finished healing.
- Do not wear tight clothing on or around the tattoo during the healing process.
- Do not scratch the tattoo during the healing process. Gently slapping the tattoo is an effective way to help relieve the itching while your tattoo is healing.
- Do not soak in the bathtub or go swimming while your tattoo is healing. Swimming or soaking your tattoo will affect the final brightness and color of your tattoo!
- Do not allow direct sunlight on the tattoo during the healing process. The tattooed area is susceptible to sunburn and cause blisters or boils which are painful and can increase the risk of infection.
- Do not shave on or around the tattoo during the healing process.
- Do not touch your tattoo without washing your hands first and do not allow others to touch your tattoo. This can spread bacteria and may cause infection.
- Do not let your tattoo get dry. Keep your tattoo clean and moist by using your antibacterial ointment. This will prevent scabbing and keep your tattoo in good condition.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.
You and your tattoo are important to us!