

Thank you for choosing us to help you with your tattoo!

Please let us know if we can do anything to make your experience better.

Have a wonderful day :)

Your Tattoo Artist:

Date:

Artist Notes (if any):



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Congratulations on your new tattoo!

Basic aftercare recommendations will be outlined in this pamphlet.

Be advised: THIS IS NOT TO BE TAKEN AS MEDICAL ADVICE. If you experience a fever shortly after receiving your tattoo, or if you otherwise think your tattoo is infected, please seek medical attention immediately.

How To Care For Your Tattoo

First wash: Within a few hours of receiving your tattoo, wash your hands thoroughly, and remove the bandage. Wash your tattoo GENTLY with warm water and anti-bacterial soap. A quick wash is all that's needed to remove any ointment/ink residue. Pat dry gently with a clean, soft towel.

Apply a very thin layer of A&D ointment (as thin as you can get it) and gently blot off the excess with a clean paper towel. You only need a small amount of ointment to keep it moisturized and protected. Cover your tattoo with clean, loose-fitting cotton clothing, or don't cover it.

First 2-3 days: Wash your tattoo twice a day. Apply a very thin layer of ointment after washing your tattoo.

After the first few days: Wash your tattoo very gently only once per day. Switch to a non-scented, plain, white lotion. Use the lotion as needed to keep your tattoo moisturized. If your tattoo is getting visibly flaky, use more lotion. Remember, rub the lotion in completely, do not leave any lotion on the surface. Continue with the lotion every day for the first month.



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What Is Normal:

- Bleeding, swelling, redness, irritation, bruising, slight soreness, and itchiness are very common during the initial healing. After a few days, your tattoo will start to flake and peel. This will happen on and off for about a week or so.
- You may have some scabbing. Do not pick anything off of your tattoo. It will shed at it's own pace.

Extra Tips:

- When washing your tattoo, be gentle! You don't need to remove all of the flaking skin.
- Use clean, freshly washed towels to dry your tattoo. Wet towels harbor bacteria.

What to Look Out For:

- **Excessive pain/swelling:** Some soreness and inflammation is expected, but it should not be incredibly painful.
- **Signs of infection include:** Fever, spreading redness from the tattoo area, foul odor from the area, and excessive swelling.

We Do Not Recommend:

- Touching your tattoo with unwashed hands. Your tattoo is an open wound and should be treated carefully. Before dealing with your tattoo, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly (30 seconds with anti-bacterial soap).
- Exposing your tattoo to the sun. Sun fades out tattoos seemingly more than anything. While sun exposure is inevitable, it should be kept to a bare minimum during healing. Clean, loose-fitting cotton clothing is best.
- Submerging your tattoo in water. Over-saturation can cause irritation and color loss. Even too much water contact in the shower can be enough to negatively impact the healing process. Swimming pools should be avoided as they can put you in contact with harsh chemicals like chlorine. Natural bodies of water can expose you to bacteria, fungi, viruses, etc. that can cause infection.

**If you feel like something is wrong,
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US!
We are here to help everyday 12pm-8pm.**



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