



First Few Hours

Remove bandage within a few hours of your tattoo and wash with warm water and soap. Pat dry with a CLEAN paper towel and apply a thin layer of A&D ointment or similar. Remove any excess with a clean, dry paper towel. You may notice blood or plasma oozing from your tattoo, as well as some ink between cleanings.

Days 1 to 2

The first 24-48 hours are critical to proper care for your tattoo. When caring for your tattoo, always wash your hands first before cleaning the tattoo. Wash tattoo 2-3 times daily with an unscented, antibacterial soap and use warm water to wash. Apply a thin layer of A&D ointment or Aquaphor as needed to prevent dryness. It is fine to wash in the shower or tub, but do not allow the area to soak.

Days 3 to 7

Continue washing your tattoo as needed, then move to just applying healing ointment or cream for remainder of this period. Do not pick or scratch any scabbing, allow it to come off on its own. Scabbing usually flakes off in 7-10 days. Keep clean and continue to use A&D or fragrance-free lotion until healed. Wear clean, loose clothing to protect tattoo while healing.

Week 1- 2

Your tattoo may start to look dull or dried out, use various tattoo aftercare products or lotion for remainder of this period. This will help prevent itching and help your tattoo heal quicker. Do not pick or scratch any remaining scabbing, allow it to come off on its own. Do not itch the tattoo. Continue to wear clean, loose clothing to reduce itching during healing.

Ongoing Care

DO NOT expose healing tattoo to direct sun, swimming or public water, hot tub, unclean conditions, irritating clothing, or anything else that may hinder healing times for the first 3 - 4 weeks of having your new tattoo. Once the tattoo is healed, use high SPF sunblock when exposed to direct sunlight. Try to avoid exposing your tattoo to direct sunlight for long periods of time. Continue using tattoo lotions or other products to moisturize your tattoo and ensure it stays bright and vivid for years to come.