

TATTOO AFTERCARE

OR

HOW I LEARNED TO STOP SPREADING BACTERIA ON OPEN WOUNDS

Your new tattoo has been covered with a Saniderm bandage. Saniderm is medical grade, irritant resistant and breathable. A fresh tattoo is an open wound, and you must keep it clean and free of bacteria - be it your own or from a foreign source. We strongly suggest not going to the gym immediately after the tattoo. No soaking whatsoever. Fluid and ink will pool in the bandage, but this is normal. If you experience a rash or abnormal skin irritation discontinue and wash with mild soap.

Within 4-7 days, you may remove the bandage and wash the tattoo in a clean environment. We suggest removing the bandage in a hot shower, start at a corner and pull in the direction of hair growth. Use a mild, unscented soap like Dr. Bronners and gently massage the tattoo while washing it.

Be attentive to cleanliness after washing: air dry or use clean paper towel to gently pat your fresh tattoo dry.

At this point the bandage has helped your tattooed skin through the beginning healing process and will be less susceptible to infection. Once your tattoo begins to feel dry, or form a scab, consider applying a lotion to alleviate discomfort or itching.

We suggest using our BMT salve or Aquaphor. The lotion being applied to the skin should be a product designed specifically for tattoo aftercare. Your artist may also recommend over the counter lotions as substitutes.

Lotion should be applied sparingly, no more than three times daily.

DO NOT LET ANYTHING DIRTY TOUCH THE TATTOO
DO NOT GO SWIMMING OR SOAKING (in a pool, lake, sea, or other body of water shared with questionable flora/fauna) UNTIL YOUR TATTOO IS FULLY HEALED (circa 1.5 - 2 weeks)

If you believe there is a chance the tattoo has gotten dirty, simply wash it again using the same methods as stated earlier.

When in a situation where contamination is possible (going to bed, rubbing against another person) make sure to cover the tattooed area with a breathable bandage or freshly laundered item of clothing.

Maintain sanitary living habits, at least while your new tattoo is healing. Keep it clean.

Do not scratch or pick at the tattoo if a scab forms. The scab could pull out the layer of skin where the pigment resides and cause mild scarring. Let the scab fall off naturally.



We are not responsible for any infections, scarring, loss of ink, allergies or inability to heal your tattoo.

This aftercare sheet is not medical advice. It is a best practice for well healed tattoos.

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