

Tattoo Aftercare Instructions



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Even if you have had a tattoo before, it is important to read through the following and refamiliarise yourself with proper aftercare procedures.

After your session

We will apply a dressing, follow the instructions based on yours:

- **Second skin/ sticky dressing** - leave on for **no longer than 3 days (important: remove instantly if any itchiness or discomfort occurs)** then remove by gently peeling back along your skin. Do not rebandage again.
- **Cling wrap (if allergic to second skin)** - remove after 2 hours. You may rewrap the tattoo if necessary only on the first night, then remove the following morning and do not rebandage again.
- After removing the dressing, wash the tattoo gently using warm running water and a mild liquid soap. Rinse thoroughly and pat dry with a clean towel.
- Apply a thin layer of aftercare cream to the tattoo and gently rub into the skin until absorbed. Recommended aftercare creams are **Bepanthen First Aid** or **Savlon**, or as advised by a health care professional.

Healing usually takes around 2 weeks. During this time:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water before touching your tattoo
- Aftercare cream should continue to be applied to your tattoo twice per day, more if the skin feels dry, but do not overuse
- Do not rub, pick or scratch at your new tattoo as this will slow healing time, may lead to secondary infections, and can affect the healed appearance
- Avoid swimming or bathing, however showers are fine
- Use a barrier cream over the tattoo if frequent contact with water is unavoidable
- Do not wear tight, rough, or dirty clothing over the tattoo
- Avoid sunbathing completely for the first two weeks, and limit as much as possible for the first 6 months. After healing is complete, ensure you apply sunscreen (recommended minimum 30+), this will help to preserve the long term appearance of your tattoo
- If the tattoo or surrounding area becomes excessively irritated, itchy, red, sore, or you suspect infection, consult your doctor immediately and notify the studio

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Studio Touchup Policy - Please wait a minimum of three weeks before contacting the studio to book, to allow the tattoo to fully heal and achieve it's final appearance.

One free touchup is offered within three months of your appointment if any ink is rejected during the healing process, subject to the following: All free touchups are the responsibility of your artist, are offered as a courtesy only and will be booked solely at the discretion of your artist, and if they leave the studio you must contact them directly. Certain tattoos do not qualify, you will be advised at time of booking. A touchup will not be offered if complications occur due to lack of proper aftercare, failure to follow the above advice or any other advice given by the artist or studio. Contacting us after 3 months or failure to attend your touchup appointment will forfeit this offer and studio rates will apply thereafter.