

Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

After getting your tattoo, be sure to take proper care of the tattoo site in order to promote proper healing, prevent infection, and preserve the final appearance of the tattoo.

Black bandage:

- Wash hands thoroughly before touching a healing tattoo.
- Remove bandage no later than 12 hours of application to prevent bandage from sticking to skin. **DO NOT** re-bandage your tattoo.
- Gently wash the tattoo with a clean, bare hand. Pat dry with a clean single-use paper towel. Apply a thin layer of antibiotic ointment, such as Bacitracin Zinc Oxide, Neosporin or Vitamin A&D ointment. After 3 days, substitute ointment with a gentle fragrance-free and color-free, water based body lotion, or recommended tattoo aftercare product.
- Repeat the above washing/ointment procedure at least 3 times a day for 1-2 weeks.
- Consult with a health care provider if any signs of allergic reaction or infection appear.

Recovery Derma Shield Bandage:

- Wash hands thoroughly before touching a healing tattoo.
- Remove bandage in 3-5 days. **Do not leave it on for more than 5 days.** To remove run bandage under warm water to help release the adhesive. Peel back slowly.
- Gently wash the tattoo with a clean, bare hand. Pat dry with a clean single-use paper towel. Apply a gentle fragrance-free and color-free, water based body lotion or recommended tattoo aftercare product.
- Repeat the above washing/lotion procedure at least 3 times a day for 1-2 weeks.

In the rare occurrence that a rash or hives appear around the edge of the bandage, take off immediately and wash as directed above

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Note:

- **DO NOT pick, rub, scratch, or “ help along” the scabbing process.** Some scabbing is normal. Picking at the scabs or flakes may pull color out and can increase the chance of infection.
- **DO NOT expose the tattoo to sun or a tanning bed** until completely healed (At least 4 weeks). After your tattoo has healed, use a sun block whenever exposed to the sun.
- **DO NOT get the tattoo wet for two weeks** except for gentle washing; no baths, hot tubs, or swimming.
- **DO NOT use Hydrogen Peroxide or rubbing alcohol** on your healing tattoo.
- **DO NOT wear tight clothing or nylons** over your tattoo until healed.

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