

HEALING:

Everything you need to know

Overview

A fresh tattoo is an open wound that is constantly exposed to contaminations, such as sweat, fragrances, fabric, chemicals, and bacteria of everyday life – this is why tattoo aftercare is crucial to a healthy, long-lasting tattoo.

What to Expect:

- Following your appointment your tattoo may feel or appear tender, swollen, reddened, and warm to the touch. The effected area may begin to leak blood, plasma, and ink – all of these are completely normal.
- After the inflammation has settled, the tattoo may begin to lightly scab. Any scabs that form will remove themselves; avoiding picking or scratching the scabs is highly encouraged.
- In the instance of scabbing, the scabs may become itchy.

Potential Risks:

Being that tattoos are open wounds, improper aftercare may lead to a risk of a damaged tattoo, complication in long-term care, and/or infection.

Instructions

- Remove the bandage or covering, gently wash the tattoo with water and unscented, antibacterial soap. Pat dry with a clean paper towel.
- Apply a thin layer of ointment 2 – 3 times daily to the entire tattoo until the scabs begin to peel and flake.
- Switch to an unscented lotion and apply 2 – 3 times a day until completely healed.

Do's & Don'ts

Do:

1. Avoid exposure to sunlight & UV rays until healed.
2. Avoid petroleum based products like Vaseline, and Neosporin.
3. Pat dry with a clean paper towel after cleaning.
4. Apply 30+ SPF sunscreen once completely healed.
5. Contact your artist for any questions or concerns.

Don't:

1. Over-moisturize your tattoo.
2. Scratch, pick at, scrub, or shave the tattoo while healing.
3. Swim or submerge in any body of water.
4. Use methods or products for tanning (sunbathing, tanning oil, self-tanner, tanning bed, spray tanning).