

TATTOO AFTERCARE

There are **two** methods for aftercare based on which bandage/barrier your artist used. Please make sure you are following the correct method for you!

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS DURING THE HEALING PROCESS
PLEASE CONTACT THE SHOP IMMEDIATELY!!**

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TATTOO AFTERCARE – RECOVERY DERM/SANIDERM METHOD

Recovery Derm Shield is a sterile, breathable, waterproof, germproof adhesive barrier to protect your new tattoo. This bandage is designed to stay on for 3-5 days.

BLOOD & PLASMA MAY BUILD UP UNDER THE BANDAGE!!

This is completely normal! Remove bandage if it's leaking or if moisture can get in.



STEP 1

Wash your hands with soap and water before touching your tattoo. Remember your tattoo is an open wound. Being sterile when cleaning and applying lotion is crucial.

STEP 2

Run the bandage under warm water (not too hot) and roll a corner of the bandage and allow the water to run under the bandage while you gently roll/peel the bandage off your skin. Peel down not up.

STEP 3

Rinse tattoo with warm water and wash with anti-bacterial soap. We recommend liquid dial gold soap.

STEP 4

Use a paper towel to gently pat dry and let it air dry for a few minutes.

STEP 5

Apply non-scented lotion 2-3 times a day. Do not overly moisturize. Do not use scented lotion, scrubs, or petroleum based products. Doing so can cause irritation, rash, or your tattoo to heal improperly.

STEP 6

For the next 2 weeks avoid submerging your tattoo in baths, hot tubs, pools, oceans and avoid saunas. Keep your new tattoo covered when in the sun for at least 2 weeks.

**DO NOT TAKE ADVICE FROM FRIENDS.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE HAVING A REACTION TO THE BANDAGE
OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS CONTACT THE SHOP
DIRECTLY AT 716.844.8005**

Remember these tips after your tattoo is healed

1. Always use sunscreen to keep your tattoos looking their best
2. Lotion is your tattoos best friend to keep them looking bright and bold.

TATTOO AFTERCARE – PLASTIC WRAP/DRY-LOC METHOD



If your artist used Plastic Wrap or Dry-Loc bandage on your new tattoo, this is a temporary barrier that is not meant to stay on long term like Recovery Derm Shield. These barriers are only meant to stay on for 2-3 hours or until you get home. Please follow the below steps to ensure proper care of your new tattoo.

STEP 1

Wash your hands with soap and water before touching your tattoo. Remember your tattoo is an open wound. Being sterile when cleaning and applying lotion is crucial.

STEP 2

Remove the bandage and discard. Do not reapply bandage.
Rinse tattoo with warm water and wash with anti-bacterial soap. We recommend liquid dial gold soap.

STEP 3

Use a paper towel to gently pat dry and let it air dry for a few minutes.

STEP 4

Apply non-scented lotion 2-3 times a day. Do not overly moisturize. Do not use scented lotion, scrubs, or petroleum based products. Doing so can cause irritation, rash, or your tattoo to heal improperly.

STEP 5

Your tattoo will have dry and peeling skin as it heals. Please remember to not scratch or itch your tattoo during the healing process. As this can cause your tattoo to heal improperly.

STEP 6

For the next 2 weeks avoid submerging your tattoo in baths, hot tubs, pools, oceans and avoid saunas. Keep your new tattoo covered when in the sun for at least 2 weeks. Keep your pets away from your tattoo.

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ADDITIONAL TIPS & AFTERCARE PRODUCT INFO

Please avoid swimming, hot tubs, baths, sun exposure, gym equipment, and saunas for at least two weeks while your tattoo is healing. Please try to keep your pets away from your new tattoo. If by chance your pet touches your healing tattoo, please wash it with soap and warm water.

Don't know what products to use? Here's our favorites:

Soap: Liquid Dial Gold Antibacterial Soap

Aftercare: Redemption (Petroleum Free, Fragrance free)

Lotion: Aveeno, Eucerin (Petroleum Free, Fragrance free)

**Do not overly wash or moisturize your healing tattoo. Wash at morning and night, unless your pet or something dirty touches it. Moisturize 2-3 times a day only.

Tips for after your tattoo is healed:

When your tattoo is healed, always protect them with sunscreen, and use lotion to keep to keep them looking bright and bold!

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