

Tattoo Aftercare:

This is my recommended tattoo aftercare. About an hour or two after your ink wash it off with some warm water...and mild soap. Don't scrub or wash it hard kore like or anything. But just enough to wash off some of the body secretions/ink/blood...etc.

When done washing, use a clean towel and PAT dry don't rub or scrub or anything like that. Put on a very thin coat of A & D ointment. Do it several times a day if you need but don't drowned it. Make sure when you do put it on that it's a very THIN layer...very thin. After a few days maybe 3 you can switch to lotion which should be alcohol and fragrance free. I have no favorite lotions.

Your tattoo is going to lose some ink but it's from the top layer of your skin. So you'll see some ink, blood and natural body secretions from the healing process, so don't freak out, it's totally normal. So be careful what you sleep in that first night...trust me I learned that several times after I forgot and just went to sleep...he he he.

Soon after your tattoo you will notice a warm sensation to your skin, like a sunburn. It's normal, if you've ever touched anyone's tattoo after they get one you will notice it feels a lil warm to the touch and red...obviously. Anyhow make sure you do not touch your tattoo with dirty hands! Or let anyone else touch it! Remember this is no different than a regular wound or sunburn. When it starts to heal it will itch! Funny because you will want to scratch it...but DON'T! Pat it...that's what I do. I pat it whenever it itches. The tattoo should be completely healed in 2 weeks...some sooner. Different body parts make take longer and some heal quicker.

I've learned that people with diabetes or any heart or blood diseases should pay extra attention to healing cause this can extend the healing time. Everything will heal fine just takes longer. Should consider consulting a physician before getting a tatoo.

Sun light. Keep your tattoo out of the sun for at least 2 weeks to coincide with the healing. Sunlight can make it worse. And no baths or hot tubs or swimming pools until the tattoo is completely healed. And for the next day or so after your tattoo try and take no medication or alcohol that will make your blood thin, cause that could cause scarring because it will prolong the healing.

I can't stress it enough to always keep your hands clean and anyone who tries to touch your new tattoo. Remember a tattoo is an open wound per say. Basically anyone with dirty hands basically. Cause it is possible to get a staph infection and cause scarring or puss pockets can be formed and pop and cause scarring. Serious infections may require an antibiotic from your Dr/Physician .I'm not trying to scare anyone I'm just trying to give you the "client" as much knowledge as possible to keep yourself and the artwork safe and have a healthy healing process. This will help prolong the artwork and its quality. There will always be a slight risk of infection, as with any break/penetration in the skin so follow directions carefully to minimize the risk of infection.

I have shared all this cause once you leave after the work is done. This becomes your responsibility for the after care of your new tattoo. Other than that enjoy your new piece regardless how small or big it is. Anyhow I think I'm done writing this chapter on after care. I know some tattooist have 3-4 lines while I have a whole page ha ha

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