

TOOTH & NAIL



TATTOO AFTERCARE

- **ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS BEFORE CARING FOR YOUR TATTOO!**
- Leave bandage on for at least 1 hour, but do not exceed 2 hours. **DO NOT RE-BANDAGE.**
- After removing bandage, wash the area by hand with a soft, non-scented, antibacterial soap (such as Dial Gold or Softsoap Antibacterial). While washing, make sure to remove all excess blood, ink and fluids. Do not use a wash cloth/loofa/etc.
- After the site is clean you may apply lotion to your tattoo. We recommend using a non-scented, plain, white lotion. Good lotions include Aquaphor, Nivea Creme and Cetaphil.
- Wash and apply lotion 2-3 times a day for the next 10-14 days. Always wash tattoo **BEFORE** applying lotion. **REMEMBER** to massage small amounts of lotion completely into your tattoo to properly hydrate the site. **DO NOT** apply large, thick coats to the tattoo. The site needs to be moisturized, not suffocated.
- During the next 10-14 days do not let your tattoo soak in water. Avoid baths, pools, hot tubs, saunas, lakes, rivers, etc. Showers and regular washing is okay, soaking is not.
- Whenever your tattoo does get wet either lightly pat your tattoo dry or let it air dry. Never rub it dry during the initial heal.
- Your tattoo may itch as it heals. **NEVER** scratch or pick at your tattoo and avoid tight, restrictive clothing that may rub on the site as it heals. Any abrasion/rubbing/picking/scratching may result in ink loss and/or scarring.

It is very common that a new tattoo be sensitive, red or slightly inflamed. Most people experience some irritation a day or so after getting a new tattoo (this differs depending on the size, placement and amount of work in the tattoo). However, if these symptoms continue longer than 3 or 4 days, call your tattooist so they can advise you of your options.

Remember - your tattoo is a life-long investment. Treat your new artwork with care.

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