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TATTOO AFTERCARE

DAY 1

As soon as you get tattooed, the traditional process is to come home with plastic wrap covering the wound, however modern technology such as [Saniderm](#) have found advanced ways to help the recovery process to avoid some of the more painful and long healing time that the traditional method entails.

When you get home have a shower and remove the wrap, if your tattoo has been covered with [Saniderm](#) wait 24 hours before starting this process.

After removing the wrap, you might see leaking liquids. Don't be scared or grossed out by this, as this is normal and expected. The liquid is a mixture of plasma, blood, and the extra ink that is inadvertently in our skin. It is recommended that you wash the area of the tattooed skin first with warm water and soap, and afterwards be sure to gently pat dry with a paper towel or cloth that absorbs water and moisture. After all of the moisture is absorbed, keep the area dry for 20 to 25 minutes. As soon as your skin is dry from the wash, you should apply a very small amount of your recommended after care ointment, we recommend [After-Art](#) or [Hustle-Butter](#), which we sell instore, be sure to only apply a small amount to let the area have plenty of air and ventilation. This process is a well-known tattoo aftercare routine, and can help your skin recover faster.

DAYS 2 & 3

On your second day, you will see the colour of your tattoo becoming dull. Don't worry about the gloss. This looks dull because your skin is gradually recovering. Once the skin is fully healed, you will see that the tattoo with its normal colour in all its glory, However, you may also see scabs forming around the area of the tattooed skin. Washing in the morning and evening speeds up your recovery process. Remember to gently pat dry your skin thoroughly after washing, as this is essential. Apply your aftercare ointment three to four times a day. Do not apply excessive cream as the scab will become thick, and you will suffocate the wound. This is why it's especially important to use a specific tattoo aftercare cream to help ensure you don't clog your pores and create an overly moist area primed for infection.

DAYS 4 - 6

On your fourth day, you will see redness fade as the swollen area returns to normal. You may witness slight abrasions around your tattoo area, try your best not to pick your scab, which is very important! Picking a scab will also pull colour out, expose the tattoo to infection and can result in permanent scars. Again, if there is any weird redness or swelling arising from the area, consult your tattoo artist. Gently apply your after care once or twice a day in small amounts.

- Avoid touching the tattooed skin area
- Avoid wearing clothing that may cause excessive rubbing to the area during the recovery process
- Avoid exposure to the sun, especially in the first month after getting a new tattoo
- Avoid submerging the area of your tattooed skin in water for at least 4 weeks
- Avoid touching the area of your skin, even if it is itchy

If you're ever in doubt, please visit us in store or contact us online