

AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

Leave your bandage on for at least four hours — overnight if you received the tattoo late in the evening, (before your bedtime).

Handwash it using warm water & soap — do not use cloths or sponges. Soak the bandage while removing it, and wash it with anti bacterial soap and water.

Do not rebandage the tattoo. Wash tattoo at least twice a day while it is healing.

Apply light coats of Neosporin, or Bacitracin for the first 3 - 5 days, then switch to a moisturizing lotion (such as Lubriderm). Lotions are safest to use in warm weather, (Be careful with lotions containing excessive alcohol). Keeping the tattoo moist will speed the healing process. But, your tattoo also needs to breathe. Heavy application of petroleum based ointments can suffocate the tattoo and cause a rash. You can wet your tattoo, but don't soak it in the tub or shower for a long time while it is healing.

Try to wear loose clothing around your tattoo.

It is normal for your tattoo to flake off tiny pieces of colored skin while it is healing.

But, you don't want to force it. Do not rub or scratch or pick your tattoo!

You can smack the tattoo if it itches too much.

Do not expose your tattoo to chlorine, salt, alcohol or sun for 10 days.

Tattoos normally take 30 days to heal.

These are a good general rules of thumb, but you ever have a question or problem with your tattoo, you should call your tattoo artist immediately. They'll be able to give you further instructions for proper care.