



Aftercare

Your artist has wrapped your new tattoo, this is to stop infection, your artist will instruct you on exactly how long to keep this covering on, but the rule of thumb is 2 – 4 hours. The bandage will collect a lot of ink and blood, so be careful of your clothing when you remove the covering.

Once you have removed the bandage have a shower and gently wash the tattoo, removing the Vaseline and excess ink with warm water and a mild anti-bacterial soap (we recommend Carex).

Apply a moisturising cream, we recommend Hustle Butter. Good alternatives are Dream Cream from Lush and Bepanthen which is a nappy rash cream that works well on tattoos and is available in most supermarkets and pharmacies.

Eat some comfort food and get an early night!

What Next?

Take care of your tattoo, be sensible! For the next three weeks make sure you;

Wash the area and apply moisturising cream twice a day, don't over wash, it's not necessary.

Have showers, not baths, and avoid swimming or soaking your ink.

Avoid tight clothing.

Expect skin to be itchy and a little flaky whilst the work heals, do not pick the scabs! You can slap the area to relieve itching, or just resist it altogether.

Do not shave the tattooed area, treat it carefully, as you would a burn or scrape that is healing.

Itchiness should only last for the first few weeks or so – if your tattoo stays raised, itches uncontrollably, is red around the design, is continuously hot to the touch, or you're just concerned don't hesitate to contact us for advice. Infected tattoos are extremely rare but can happen, and it's always worth getting it checked out if you're worried about it.

Keep the artwork away from direct sunlight whilst it heals. When it's completely healed, if you do go in the sun make sure your tattoo is covered in a high SPF, or better yet, keep it covered to avoid fading.

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