

SKINS & NEEDLES

Tattoo Aftercare

Once your tattoo is complete your artist will wrap it with a dressing that you should leave on for 2-3 hours. You may notice blood or ink from the tattoo itself this is completely normal and nothing to worry about.

Do not leave your dressing on any longer than this time.

What you will need to look after your tattoo:

- Aftercare product
- Kitchen Roll
- Cling film
- Fragrance free mild antibacterial soap

Washing procedure:

- Firstly, wash your hands with the fragrance free mild antibacterial soap
- Remove the dressing carefully and dispose of it into the bin (Dressing must always be fresh and never reused)
- Wash the tattoo thoroughly with the fragrance free mild antibacterial soap and luke warm water.
Please only wash with your hands, sponges and other cleaning products could hold bacteria.
- Rinse your tattoo with cold water as this will close the pores and prevent bacteria getting into your tattoo

Drying Procedure:

- Dry your tattoo with fresh kitchen roll only to ensure its clean, a towel could potentially hold bacteria
- Pat dry gently do not rub as this can cause irritation and friction.

Aftercare Procedure:

- Your artist will recommend you an aftercare product and we strongly advise you listen to their recommendation. Recommended products tend to be, Hussle Butter, Tattoo Goo, Palmers cocoa butter/oil.
- Apply a thin layer to the tattooed area, if you can no longer see your tattoo clearly you have applied too much and it must be removed with clean kitchen roll. You must only apply a thin layer so you aren't suffocating your skin and clogging the pores. Your aftercare is there to form a protective layer.
- Your artist will recommend when to apply the cream as there are two types of healing; wet healing and dry healing. It is normally recommended to apply no cream for the first 24 hours so your body can naturally start it's own healing process and to allow your skin to breathe before applying the protective layer of the aftercare.

Repeat the process!

- Repeat this process until your tattoo is fully healed 2-3 times a day. This procedure will need to be repeated for up to 2 weeks.

DO

DO protect your tattoo with a cover if working in a dirty/dusty/greasy environment (cling film is ideal) but make sure you change the covering regularly (every 2-3 hours) and repeat the steps above.

DO wear loose clothing on the necessary area while healing.

DO allow your tattoo to fully heal before getting tattooed again in that area.

DO keep your tattoo out of the sun until it is healed (no sunbathing!)

DO apply sunblock to healed tattoos when out in the sun to prevent fading.

DON'T

DON'T pick or scratch the tattoo while it is healing.

DON'T allow anyone else to touch your tattoo.

DON'T touch your tattoo with dirty hands.

DON'T use sunbeds or swimming pools or apply products like fake tan while your tattoo is healing.

Should you require any more advice, please get in touch with us.

Your tattoo procedure was all done with sterile and disposable equipment where able. All needles and/or cartridges do not get removed from packaging until we begin to tattoo so you can witness that these needles are fresh and new. We are licensed/registered with our local council as a collective but also each artist has been licensed on a one on one basis with environmental health to ensure all procedures are done safely and correctly (this includes our residents and all of our international guest artists also).